

ROAD TRIP ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

Here is everything you need to stay safe, be comfortable and have fun.



BEFORE YOU GO

CAR INSPECTION

- Headlights and taillights
- Oil level and filter
- Fluid levels, including transmission, windshield wiper and brake
- The heater and air conditioner
- The air filter
- Windshield wiper blades
- Turn signals
- The horn
- The brake pads
- Battery performance and visible corrosion
- Identify and correct all dashboard warning lights

CLEANING YOUR CAR

- Wash all windows and the windshield with window cleaner
- Dust and wipe down the dash
- Remove trash from the console, glove compartment and under the seats
- Wipe down interior and exterior door handles
- Wash floor mats
- Vacuum all seats and floorboards
- Wash and polish the outside of the car at home or in a car wash
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SAFETY

EMERGENCY ITEMS

- Jumper cables
- A flashlight with spare batteries
- Insect repellent
- A travel-sized fire extinguisher
- A non-combustible can of tire inflator
- Car oil
- Antifreeze
- A spare tire
- A car jack
- An emergency blanket
- Nonperishable emergency food
- A folded plastic tarp
- An empty, spill-proof gas can
- Sunglasses
- High SPF sunscreen
- Contact information for a towing company and insurance company
- A multi-tool pocket knife
- Windshield wiper fluid
- Brake fluid
- A plastic funnel
- Tire chains
- Bottled water
- Sand or cat litter for traction on icy roadways
- A snow shovel
- An ice scraper and snow brush
- A windshield cleaning squeegee
- A spare set of car keys, just in case

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ROADSIDE EMERGENCY KIT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Road flares | <input type="checkbox"/> A standard tool kit with flat head and Phillips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A tow strap | head screwdrivers, cutting pliers and wheel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Work gloves | wrench |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A disposable rain poncho | <input type="checkbox"/> A reflective vest to wear during inclement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A tire pressure gauge | weather or low light |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A window breaking devices | <input type="checkbox"/> Bungee cords |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A seatbelt cutter | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratchet straps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

TRAVEL FIRST-AID KIT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your health insurance information | <input type="checkbox"/> An oral thermometer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A list of all known allergies for each passenger | <input type="checkbox"/> Tweezers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive bandages | <input type="checkbox"/> A first-aid kit instruction manual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Over-the-counter medications, including pain relievers, antacids and antihistamines | <input type="checkbox"/> Eyewash solution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sterile wipes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen peroxide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gauze | <input type="checkbox"/> Anti-diarrhea medication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finger splints | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotic ointment | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough drops |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A pair of non-latex gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> An EpiPen |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Any prescription medications |
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TRAVEL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Your driver's license | <input type="checkbox"/> A roll of toilet paper and plastic bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The car's registration information | <input type="checkbox"/> A car mount for your cell phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your proof of insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> A cell phone with hands-free optimization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A paper map | <input type="checkbox"/> A roll of paper towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A GPS | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A car phone charger | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel tote bags to hold supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money for toll booths | <input type="checkbox"/> A keychain or lanyard to keep track of your keys while out of the car |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spare cash | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash bags or a car trash can |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your wallet with credit and debit cards | <input type="checkbox"/> A mini vacuum cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A stain-removal laundry pen | <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of each lodging reservation confirmation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A travel-sized umbrella | <input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle owner's manual |
| <input type="checkbox"/> An air freshener that is not too overpowering | |

COMFORT

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand and body lotion | <input type="checkbox"/> A sunshade for your windshield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby wipes to stay clean | <input type="checkbox"/> A toiletry bag with eye rewetting drops, tissues, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lip balm with SPF | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable clothes for long trips, like leggings, sweat pants and light layers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair ties to keep your hair from blowing in the wind | <input type="checkbox"/> A soft sweater or hoodie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A travel pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Slip-on shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat cushions | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear, including a rain jacket with a hood and slip-on boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat warmers | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter clothing, including an insulated coat, hat, gloves and scarf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Window shades | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motion sickness bags | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A towel to dry off in case you get caught in the rain | |

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RECREATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> An external car rack for bicycles, kayaks or luggage | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel games, such as cards or travel bingo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A water-resistant picnic blanket and basket for rest stops | <input type="checkbox"/> A playlist, CDs or satellite radio subscription |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A tablet to watch movies on-the-go | <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones or earbuds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A book or e-reader | <input type="checkbox"/> A travel journal and pen to record your memories from each stop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> A daypack for exploring stopping points |
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SNACKS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granola | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy bars |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chips or crackers | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef jerky | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn or kettle corn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veggies and dip | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-made salads with dressing on the side |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apples | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack cakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh fruit cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Gum or mints |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts and seeds | <input type="checkbox"/> A spill-proof snack container |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches | <input type="checkbox"/> A travel mug or thermos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy bars | <input type="checkbox"/> An insulated, refillable water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruit or gummies | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

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IF TRAVELING WITH KIDS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kid-friendly tablets with their favorite movies or cartoons | <input type="checkbox"/> Plenty of diapers, baby wipes and baby food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your child's favorite stuffed toy | <input type="checkbox"/> Board books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A coloring book and crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> Your child's favorite music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activity books | <input type="checkbox"/> A car seat mirror so you can keep an eye on your baby while traveling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A change of clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> An over-the-seat organizer to keep everything sorted and within reach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A portable diaper changing station | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefilled bottles or a jug of water for filling bottles on-the-go | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

IF TRAVELING WITH PETS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A pet bed or plenty of blankets and pillows | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet ID tags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seat covers | <input type="checkbox"/> Up-to-date vaccination records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A pet seatbelt | <input type="checkbox"/> A pet first-aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A small animal carrier, if applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet waste bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A jug of water and a spill-proof water bowl | <input type="checkbox"/> A leash and harness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treats | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion sickness or travel anxiety medication, if prescribed by a vet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chew toys | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |