

First American Bank

Financial Preparations

- Don't leave home without activating your online banking and bill pay options.
- If you plan to use your debit card while traveling, alert your local First American banker prior to departure for security purposes.
- Always carry an alternate payment method. Having multiple options for payment at all times is a wise idea, especially when traveling.
- Get cash. Purchase traveler's checks if desired. Important note: many places, even some banks, are no longer accepting traveler's checks.
- Keep a list of credit and debit cards you're carrying, with phone numbers for reporting lost or stolen cards; also list any traveler's check numbers. Keep the list separate from cards and checks.
- Pay upcoming bills that can't wait. Remember with Bill Pay Service you can easily schedule future payments.

Packing Essentials and Tips

- Tickets, confirmation printout for reservations (airline, car, hotel), itineraries, maps, directions
- Passport, if needed
- Keys (house and car) with duplicates stored in a different bag
- Eyeglasses, contacts, lens case and solution
- Insurance cards
- Prescriptions; other medications
- Camera, film, memory cards, batteries. (Hint: if leaving the U.S., proof of purchase for expensive camera equipment can avoid customs issues)
- Complete change of clothes for each day; bag for dirty laundry
- Remove non-essentials from wallet and purse

Toiletries (remember 3 oz. rule for carry-ons)

- Bath wash or soap
- Shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer, styling tools
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss
- Anti-perspirant
- Nail clippers, tweezers
- Razor, shaving cream
- Combs, brushes, mirrors
- Tissues, cotton balls/swabs

Important Tasks

- Organize passports, visas, notarized birth certificates; if you are a divorced or single parent taking a child abroad, you may need a notarized authorization letter from the other parent.
- Check to see if any inoculations are required.
- Get prescriptions refilled. Remember 3 oz rule for liquid carry-ons. Alert your pharmacist. Replace expired prescriptions and medication, including sun-block. Most SPF lotions lose potency over time.
- Buy any new clothes shoes or accessories. Break in new shoes; make sure walking or climbing gear is comfortable.
- Insurances: verify your health insurance is adequate. Look into travel insurance. Check to see if your auto insurance will cover that rental car—you may not need the supplemental insurance offered by the rental company.
- Arrange for pet care or boarding. Don't forget your plants.
- Make arrangements to hold incoming mail and newspapers. If no one is checking in, request a vacation stop.
- Tune up car: check tires, battery, major fluids, brakes, etc. or arrange trip to airport (taxi, bus, limo, friend).
- Mow lawn just before leaving.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Turn off/or down heat or air conditioner.
- Purge the refrigerator of any perishables. Remove trash from home before departure.
- Close curtains and blinds.
- Place lights on automatic timers.
- Check locks on windows and doors; turn on alarm if applicable, lock door as leaving.

First Aid Kit

- Sunscreen; aloe vera gel
- Insect repellent; lotion for insect bites
- Antibacterial hand soap; moist towelettes
- Motion sickness pills
- Over-the-counter medications: e.g. aspirin, cold medicine
- Band-aids, gauze, adhesive strips
- Birth control pills

