

TRAVEL TOOLS

Handy 25-Point

ROAD TRIP *Checklist*

WITH PRE-TRIP TIMELINES

A PRINTABLE PLANNING CHECKLIST



Ready to Hit the Road?

An epic road trip can be a great adventure and a wonderful site-seeing journey! You'll discover incredible stops along the way to your ultimate destination.

While there's a certain amount of freedom to hitting the road, it's important to do some essential planning, too.

That's where this handy checklist comes in.

You can print it out and then sequentially complete and check off each one before your road trip.

And, it's conveniently sectioned by timelines, ranging from a few months before you leave to right up to the day of your embarkment.

(If your road trip is fast approaching, just condense the timeline in the checklist.)

Each of these 25 steps will help ensure your road trip goes as smoothly as possible so your road trip experience will be awesome!

The more experience you gain by taking well-planned road trips, the better you will become at it. Once you become an experienced road-tripper, you might even get comfortable throwing a pin in the map and hitting the road without a plan.

But until then, you can refer to this easy checklist to guide your road tripping adventures!

Buckle up and let's go!



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“It's not the destination that matters - it's the journey.”

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DIRECTIONS: Use this checklist to organize and plan out your road trip. Adjust the timeline as needed.

Pre-Travel Timeline

2-4 MONTHS AHEAD

- Research places to road trip - make a bucket list
- Find out more about these places via blogs, magazines, etc.
- Check out past reviews on social media, Google, TripAdvisor. etc.
- Research travel costs, availability, seasons, cost of things, etc. & decide on destination

1-2 MONTHS AHEAD

- Get maps, brochures, and driving apps
- Plan routes and stops
- Research entry requirements, health requirements, insurance, etc., esp. if international
- Book Accommodations

2-4 WEEKS AHEAD

- Ask someone to take care of your house, plants, pets, etc. before you leave
- Research your destination further and make an eat, see, do and experience list

1-2 WEEKS AHEAD

- Shop for all the necessities and luggage to take with
- Create a master packing list
- Confirm and finalize all travel and accommodation details
- Make sure car is ready for trip or book rental car

WEEK BEFORE LEAVING

- Pack everything + do final shopping
- Get souvenir wish list from family and friends (if your budget allows for it)
- Give spare keys to person responsible while you're away
- On the night before leaving, double check packing list, pamper yourself, get some rest!

ON THE DAY

- Dress comfortably for your road trip
- Double check reservations, weather, and money situation
- Pack up car
- Stop for gas and last minute snacks
- Enjoy your trip!



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- Going off the beaten path
- Floating peacefully in crystal clear water
- Enjoying local, wholesome flavors and regional drinks
- Chasing the sunset with my camera.

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Warmly,
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