

Making travel safe again

Coronavirus travel checklist

Use our handy COVID-19 holiday planner and packing checklist to make sure you're ready to go.

Important coronavirus checks

Check the FCDO website below for the latest travel advice including restrictions and entry requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Have you checked the 'Traffic Light System' for the rules you must follow to re-enter the UK?

Guidance for England:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

Guidance for Wales:

<https://gov.wales/rules-foreign-travel-and-wales-coronavirus-covid-19-html>

Guidance for Northern Ireland:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-advice>

Guidance for Scotland:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-international-travel-quarantine/pages/red-amber-and-green-list-countries>



As soon as you book



Buy travel insurance

Check your travel insurance includes enhanced COVID-19 cover. Make sure you have declared all medical conditions and have considered any optional extras.



Check your passport

Your passport needs to be in date with most countries requiring it to have **6 months still to run** before the expiry date when you arrive at your destination.



Check visa requirements

Check whether **you need a visa** or something similar - some countries such as Canada, the USA and Turkey may require electronic travel authorisations.



Make sure you have a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)

Should you have a medical emergency abroad, the GHIC scheme will provide you with free or reduced-cost state-provided healthcare during a temporary visit to EU countries and some non-EU countries. However, you can not solely rely on the scheme; comprehensive travel insurance remains essential. For information on where you can use your card and how to apply, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card>



Make arrangements for your pets

Make arrangements for your pets to be cared for whilst you are away.



Check for any required vaccinations

Speak to your doctor about any vaccinations as soon as possible. Some vaccinations need to be administered over the course of several months before you travel. Visit: [fitfortravel.nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk/fitfortravel) for info.



Sort your medication

Speak to a medical professional about any medications you're taking and get a prescription to cover your trip. Research the regulations for the country you're visiting and arrange any licences you may need to take your medication with you. Keep all drugs in your original packaging and take a copy of your prescription.



Before you go



Check in online

Due to COVID-19, you should check in online where possible, and avoid long queues on arrival.



Complete the passenger locator form

You must complete this form online before you arrive in the UK from any country. It might take you longer to enter the UK, if you do not complete the form. For more info visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>



Check hygiene measures and social distancing rules

Check with your travel agent or travel company ahead of planned travel what precautionary measures they have implemented including:

- **Physical distancing**
- **Face coverings**
- **Additional hygiene measures**



Buy holiday money

Due to COVID-19, many countries are requiring you to make card or contactless payments. Check if this is the case for your chosen destination.



Talk to your bank

Tell your bank and credit providers where and when you'll be travelling and find out if there are any charges for using your card overseas.



Call your mobile phone provider

Check if your mobile phone provider will charge you for using your phone abroad and whether or not you'll get a signal abroad.



Weigh your luggage

Luggage allowance varies so it's important to find out how many bags you're allowed as well as the weight allowance and dimensions for your checked suitcase and hand luggage.





Leave contact details

Provide a family member or trusted friend with your contact number abroad, your hotel information as well as a copy of your travel insurance documents.



Buy essentials

Buy essentials including; insect repellent, luggage labels, adapters, and suncream



Make a note of important numbers

Make a list of important numbers including your hotel number, flight number and the 24Hour emergency medical helpline of your travel insurance



Prepare your entertainment

Buy or download any films, books or music you plan to entertain yourself with while travelling.



Start packing!

Here's our packing checklist so you don't forget anything

Essentials

- ✓ Passport (plus a photocopy)
- ✓ Face mask or covering
- ✓ Hand sanitiser
- ✓ Travel insurance details plus EHIC card
- ✓ Travel tickets
- ✓ Visas
- ✓ Accommodation booking details
- ✓ Car hire reservation and driving license
- ✓ Pre-booked tickets for transport and activities
- ✓ Cash, credit and foreign currency cards
- ✓ Negative Covid-19 PCR test result where required for entry

Hand luggage

- ✓ Gadgets
- ✓ All valuables such as jewellery
- ✓ Medication for your entire trip (subject to airline restrictions)
- ✓ Books or E-reader

Main suitcase

- ✓ Luggage labels with contact details and flight numbers, one outside and one inside
- ✓ Plug adapters, chargers and leads
- ✓ Toiletries/washbag
- ✓ Nightwear
- ✓ Swimwear
- ✓ Clothes
- ✓ Sun protection