

# EUROPE CHECKLIST

## BEFORE YOU GO

Tickets, money, passport! Your essential Europe to-do list and packing list.

### To do

- ☐ **Passport:** Is it up to date? You need to have a certain amount of validity left on your passport to enter some European countries.
- ☐ **Visa:** Have you checked whether you need one? If you don't need one, do you know how long you're allowed to stay without one?
- ☐ **Entry requirements:** Have you checked whether there are any special entry requirements for the country or countries you're visiting?
- ☐ **Vaccinations:** Are all your routine vaccinations up to date? Have you spoken to a doctor about whether you need any more?
- ☐ **Travel insurance:** Are you covered?
- ☐ **Safety:** Have you registered your travel plans with [smartraveller.com.au](https://smartraveller.com.au) and checked the latest safety advice on the region you're travelling to?
- ☐ **Money:** Have you told your bank you're going overseas and do you know how you'll be paying for things in Europe?
- ☐ **Booking:** Have you booked accommodation for at least the first night?
- ☐ **Transport:** Do you know how you'll get from the airport to your accommodation?
- ☐ **Getting around:** Do you know how you'll get around, and do you need to pre-book any tickets or car hire?
- ☐ **Driving:** If you're planning on hiring a car, have you checked whether you need an international licence and are you familiar with the road rules?
- ☐ **Phone:** Have you switched off data roaming and voicemail? If you're planning to use a local or travel SIM, is your phone unlocked?
- ☐ **Apps:** Have you downloaded offline maps, travel apps or the [CHOICE Europe travel guide](#) onto your mobile?
- ☐ **Medication:** Have you checked what the rules are for bringing medication into the countries you're visiting, including any countries you're transiting through?

### To pack

- ☐ [Tickets](#)
- ☐ [Money](#) (cash and cards)
- ☐ [Passport](#)
- ☐ A copy of your [travel insurance](#) details
- ☐ Your [Medicare card](#) (if travelling anywhere with a reciprocal health care agreement)
- ☐ A list of [emergency contacts](#) at home and in Europe
- ☐ Any regular medication in its original packaging, with prescriptions or a letter from your doctor if necessary.



**Tip: Medications** that are legal in Australia may be restricted in some European countries (for example, codeine is classed as a narcotic in Greece). Check with the embassy of the country or countries you're travelling to (or transiting through) particularly if you're taking pain killers, sleeping pills, cold and flu drugs or ADHD medications. No matter where you travel, always carry medication in its original packaging along with the original prescriptions or a note from your doctor.