

Countdown Checklist for Travel to Europe

POSSIBLE PURCHASES (SPACE THEM OUT IF YOU CAN)

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| ☐ Adapters & portable phone charger | ☐ Fanny pack or travel purse |
| ☐ Comfortable walking shoes | ☐ Lightweight carry-on bag/backpack |
| ☐ Lightweight, rolling suitcase (medium) | ☐ Compression socks |

9-12 MONTHS OUT

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| ☐ Book your hotel | ☐ Book your flights |
| ☐ Check passport & driver's license exp. dates | ☐ Start learning about your destination |
| ☐ Check on travel requirements like ETIAS, etc. | ☐ Apply for TSA Pre-Check (Global Entry - optional) |

6-9 MONTHS OUT

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| ☐ Begin a draft itinerary | ☐ Start regularly walking & stair-climbing |
| ☐ Begin booking tours, tickets | ☐ Kegels if necessary |
| ☐ Review your credit cards' international plans | ☐ Schedule/reschedule medical appts |

2-5 MONTHS OUT

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| ☐ Start making your basic packing list | ☐ Clear up phone memory for photos |
| ☐ Start breaking in all shoes you will take | ☐ Arrange for pet/house sitter |
| ☐ Schedule pre-travel hair/nail appointments | ☐ Download helpful phone apps (& delete unused apps) |
| ☐ Start list of lawn/pool to-do's, etc. | ☐ Review your phone's international plan |

1 MONTH OUT

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| ☐ Get foreign currency | ☐ Get prescriptions re-filled |
| ☐ Review/refine your packing list | ☐ Arrange for mail while you're away |
| ☐ Review and finalize itinerary | ☐ Notify your alarm company |

2 WEEKS OUT

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| ☐ Notify credit card companies of travel | ☐ Inventory your travel-size toiletries |
| ☐ Confirm all bookings, tours, sitters, etc. | ☐ Create online folder of travel docs |
| ☐ Give a copy your passport, cr. card, & itinerary to someone staying home | ☐ Does anyone need a key to your house? |
| ☐ Schedule payment of bills that will come due | ☐ Save phone #'s for credit cards in phone |
| | ☐ Other: _____ |

1 WEEK OUT

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| ☐ Start emptying fridge of perishables | ☐ <u>Finalize</u> your detailed packing list |
| ☐ Check weather at destination | ☐ Arrange ride to airport |
| ☐ Start taking allergy meds, if necessary | ☐ Set up & schedule "I'm away" automated email |

1 DAY BEFORE

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| ☐ Empty purse or wallet of unnecessary items | ☐ <u>Totally</u> pack suitcase and carry-ons, including passport |
| ☐ Make a last-minute heading-out-the-door checklist (passport, lights, tickets, keys, etc.) | ☐ Double-check your detailed packing list |
| ☐ Confirm your ride to the airport, etc. | ☐ Water plants, take pet to sitter |
| | ☐ Double-check your detailed packing list |

The only things you should leave for your actual travel day: Get yourself ready and get to the airport!