

Pre-Vacation Checklist



Everything you need to do before you leave home on vacation

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6+ months out (general travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize travel dates, decide where you want to stay, and make your resort reservation OR contact a travel agent to help with the process
<input type="checkbox"/>	If flying, find the best flights for your trip by starting to check flight prices and options. Set up alerts so you'll know the best time to book.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If renting a car, start monitoring car rental prices so you can book when they are at their lowest (or use a free service like AutoSlash to help with that)
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6+ months out (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create your My Disney Experience account and link any friends and family you'll be traveling with
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decide where you will want to be each day and make your daily plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize dining selections
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exactly 6 months out (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying onsite? At exactly 180 days from when you check-in, book your dining reservations (as well as any special Disney World tours or experiences like Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Staying offsite? At exactly 180 days from when you want a reservation, book your dining reservations (as well as any special Disney World tours or experiences like Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Between 1-4 months out (general travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule boarding for your pets
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase shoes (if you are planning on buying some before your trip) so you'll have time to break them in
<input type="checkbox"/>	Order groceries for your resort room
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review your stroller options for your destination and, if needed, reserve one
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reserve a scooter or ECV
<input type="checkbox"/>	Keep monitoring rental car prices for price drops and re-book if needed
<input type="checkbox"/>	If flying, decide how you'll get from the airport to your resort or hotel
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Between 1-4 months out (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review touring plan options and plan your park days
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-order Memory Maker (pre-ordering saves you money)
<input type="checkbox"/>	To keep your feet happy on your trip, begin adding some extra walking into your daily routine
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book Magical Express
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize your MagicBand order
<input type="checkbox"/>	If staying onsite, check-in online
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exactly 60 days out (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If staying on-site, make FastPass+ reservations for your whole trip
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exactly 30 days out (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If staying off-site, make your Fastpass+ reservations 30 days before each day you'll be in the parks
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 week to 2 days before you leave (general travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Refill any necessary prescriptions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Put a hold on your mail and newspaper delivery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule bills that might need to be paid while you are gone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Share your itinerary and contact information with friends and/or family
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange transportation to the airport. Driving to the airport and parking? Check to see if you can reserve your spot ahead of time. Some offsite parking locations even offer a discount if you pre-book it.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a security system, notify the monitoring service to them know you'll be gone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify your police department (lots of departments now offer forms online to let them know you'll be gone on vacation)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use the Ultimate Packing List to help you pack your bags
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 week to 2 days before you leave (Disney World travel)
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you plan to drive around Walt Disney World, review how parking works and what other things you can expect when using a car there
<input type="checkbox"/>	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The day before you leave
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charge all your devices, including your external battery
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prep your phone for the trip, including downloading any travel apps you might need
<input type="checkbox"/>	Download any movies, podcasts (like our favorite, WDW Prep to Go), or music you'll need for the trip
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean out the fridge and get rid of anything that might spoil while you are gone
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check-in for your flight and print your boarding passes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Notify your bank(s) and credit card companies that you will be traveling
<input type="checkbox"/>	Get any necessary cash for the trip (including small bills if you will need to tip anybody)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm all reservations (hotel, rental car, etc.) and print off or save reservation information to your phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you're a first-time flyer, review the TSA guidelines
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you're leaving your house empty, consider getting some timers for both indoor and exterior lights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water plants
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set up and turn on your email auto-response
<input type="checkbox"/>	Run the dishwasher one last time and wash any dishes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan ahead for the first couple of meals after you return so you don't have to run to the store as soon as you get back (freezer meals are great for this!)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consider turning off the water, especially to your washing machine

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The day before you leave (cont'd)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photograph any important travel documents, prescription information, etc., and save it to your phone or even better, to a cloud-based service
<input type="checkbox"/>	Put clean sheets on your bed so that it is ready for your return
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Morning of departure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take out the trash
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set or program your thermostat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double check that all doors and windows are locked
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unplug any electronics that won't be used (saves money and keeps any electronics not plugged into surge protectors safe from power surges or lightning storms)
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Final check items - make sure you have these in hand before you walk out the door
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identification (drivers license or passport)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash and debit credit cards
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phone and phone charger
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prescription meds
<input type="checkbox"/>	

You can find additional planning resources at:

<https://wdwprepschool.com/pre-vacation-checklist-everything-you-need-to-do-before-you-leave-home>