

# HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEXT TRIP GO AS SMOOTHLY AS POSSIBLE



A little proactive planning can help you avoid the hiccups and hassles that can go along with travel.

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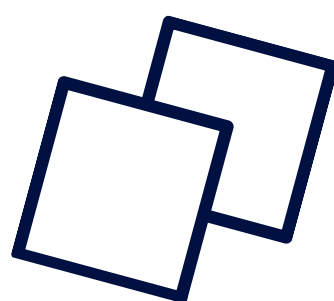
## 1 USE PACKING CUBES

Packing cubes help keep your clothes and gear organized, save precious suitcase space, and allow you to pack more efficiently.



## 2 TAKE PHOTOS OR MAKE COPIES OF YOUR IDS & CREDIT CARDS

On the off chance that your passport or credit cards are stolen or lost during your travels, having a photo or copy of your IDs and credit cards will make the replacement process faster and easier. If you make copies, hide them in a safe place in your luggage, separate from your actual cards and documents.



## 3 CHECK YOUR PASSPORT

If your passport has less than 7 months validity, you may get turned away from the airport. Make sure to check your passport's expiration with enough time to be able to get it renewed.



## 4 COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR BANKS

In order to avoid a freeze on your funds while traveling, notify your bank and credit card companies that you will be traveling.



## 5 GET TRAVEL INSURANCE

Life is unpredictable and there are plenty of reasons why you might miss your next trip - bad weather, bad health, or unexpected last minute events. Purchasing travel insurance can protect you and keep you from losing the entire cost of a trip not taken.



## 6 CONSIDER GLOBAL ENTRY / TSA PRE-CHECK

If you plan on traveling internationally more than twice in the next two years, consider applying for Global Entry and/or TSA Pre-Check. It will save you time and hassle when going through U.S. security and customs.



## 7 SET UP INTERNATIONAL CELL PLAN

Most cell phone carriers offer an option to add an International Plan to your phone for a set period of time. It comes in handy to be able to make an occasional phone call, send and receive texts, use navigation apps, look up places to visit, check your email or update social media. It's cheaper to do it ahead of time rather than run over your data limit.



## 8 REMEMBER EAR PLUGS

Don't underestimate the value of a good pair of ear plugs. Sleep is precious and sometimes you have to try and do so in a noisy hotel or airplane.

