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CHECK IN

Please ensure that you are at the International departure airport at least 3 hours prior for all international flights and at least 1 hour prior for any domestic flights. This ensures a stress free start to your travel plans.

AIRLINE RECONFIRMATION

Is stated by many airlines as not being required, however, Airlines reserve the right to change flight schedules at any time, and if we, or the airline cannot reach you, you will not know that there has been a change.

We strongly recommend that you contact the airline at least 24 hours prior to your departure to re-confirm your flights scheduled departure. (THIS IS RELATED TO YOUR ONGOING FLIGHTS, NOT YOUR DEPARTURE FLIGHT FROM AUSTRALIA.) You can find the airline contact details on the internet, at the rear of in-flight magazines, in hotel information booklets or via local telephone directories.

When reconfirming, it is also a good idea to check with your airline that your frequent flyer numbers, seating, meals and other special requirements are in order.

CREDIT CARDS

When you are traveling overseas you are required to inform your bank where you will be traveling so that they can be aware of any unusual transactions in case your card is being used without authority!

FOR THE LATEST TRAVEL ADVICE PLEASE CONTACT FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON:

[www.dfat.gov.au/travel/1300 555 135](http://www.dfat.gov.au/travel/1300_555_135) or [www.smartraveller.gov.au/1300 139 281](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au/1300_139_281)

URGENT OVERSEAS CONTACT

Please leave an overseas contact with us or ensure you keep in contact with the airlines as schedule changes can occur.

MEDICATION

If you are travelling overseas and require the use of medication, we recommend that you carry both a letter from your GP and a copy of your prescription.

All medication must be kept in its original box/packaging. Remember, what is legal in this country, may be illegal in others.

For current medical travel advice, we recommend that you contact the Travellers Medical & Vaccination Clinic by calling 1300 369 359, or contact your local doctor.

PASSPORTS

All Australia Citizens must hold a valid Australia Passport with a minimum of 6 months validity from date of return to Australia.

British Passport holders must have a valid re-entry visa for Australia. If travelling on a foreign passport you must have a valid re-entry visa for Australia.



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Top 15 Travel Tips

- 1) Take out comprehensive travel insurance and ensure it covers you for the places you plan to visit and the things you plan to do.
- 2) Make copies of your passport details, insurance policy, travellers cheques, visas and credit card numbers. Carry one copy in a separate place to the originals and leave a copy with someone at home. For extra precaution email yourself a copy that way it is accessible anywhere in the world from an internet-linked computer.
- 3) Make sure your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to Australia. Carry extra passport photos in case your passport is lost or stolen and you need to replace it while you're away.
- 4) Check with health professionals for information on recommended vaccinations and other health precautions. Remember that vaccinations can be an entry requirement for some countries. Also find out about taking medication overseas - certain medicines aren't allowed in some countries and may need a doctors certificate.
- 5) Make sure that you have the right visas for the countries you are visiting or transiting and check any other entry or exit requirements.
- 6) If traveling with a companion, pack half of your suitcase content in their bag, if in the case your bag gets misplaced you wont have lost all of your belongings.
- 7) Take note of the contact details and address for your local embassy, you never know when you might need it.
- 8) Research all the current scams and warnings that are currently operating in your travel destinations, making sure you are informed is the best way to stay safe and have an enjoyable trip.
- 9) Keep in contact with friends and family back home and give them a copy of your itinerary so they know where you are in case of an emergency.
- 10) Don't keep your bank cards and money in one spot, if robbed you will need some money to get to the embassy and to survive on till emergency money is sent.
- 11) Learn key words in the local language, this can help you in a sticky situation or even help you make new friends. Some helpful words to learn are; hello, yes please, no thank you, help and goodbye.
- 12) Check if you can drink the tap water, which includes brushing your teeth, ice in cocktails and drinking water in the shower. Most hotels will provide free filtered water bottles in your room daily if you can't.
- 13) Get an interchangeable power adapter that can plug into foreign sockets, that way you only need to worry about one instead of one per country.
- 14) Inform your bank of your travel destinations and dates, if your bank sees foreign charges with no notice that you're abroad, they might freeze your cards, which can be quite annoying if you're in a shop or trying to pay for dinner.
- 15) Take your hotel's business card and put it in your wallet or purse. In the event that you get lost while wondering about, this info will help you find your way when using a taxi or other service. If in a destination which speaks another language, get hotel staff to write the name and address in the native language on the card.

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