



# The Ultimate Road Trip Checklist

## Planning

- Give yourself a budget
- Make a list of top priorities for the trip
- Create a rough outline of your route
- Calculate estimated fuel prices
- Choose if you will boondock (free/wild camping) or stay in campgrounds
- Plan your food: making your own or eating in restaurants
- Check your budget & re-prioritize if needed
- Reserve any campgrounds (*for summer months, reserve a few months ahead of time!*)

## Packing

- Personal
  - Clothes
  - Cosmetics (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)
  - Swimwear
  - Jacket
  - Hiking Shoes
  - Flip Flops
  - Sun Hat
- Linens
  - Sleeping Bags / Sheets & Blankets
  - Pillows
  - Bath Towels
  - Beach Towels
- Kitchen
  - Plates
  - Cups
  - Silverware
  - Mugs
  - Frying Pans
  - Spatula / Cooking Spoons
  - Tea Kettle or Pot for Boiling Water
  - Coffee Maker (ie, French Press)
  - Dish Pan
- Dish Soap
- Drying Rack/Tea towels



Food & Beverages

- Water
- Coffee/Tea
- Cream & Sugar
- Other Beverages
- Breakfast Items
- Meats
- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Breads
- Snacks
- Desserts

Camping

- Flashlight(s)
- Toilet Paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Knife
- Firewood
- Shovel

Sprays & Injuries

- Sun Block
- After Sun
- Bug Spray
- First Aid Kit
  - Absorbent Compress Dressings
  - Adhesive Bandages (band-aids)
  - Adhesive Cloth Tape
  - Antibiotic Ointment
  - Antiseptic Wipes
  - Aspirin
  - Blanket
  - Instant Cold Compress
  - Gloves
  - Scissors

- Roller Bandages
- Sterile Gauze Pads
- Thermometer
- Tweezers

**In the Car/Vehicle**

- Directions/Attractions
- GPS
- Road Maps
- Park/Attraction Brochures
- Campground/Reservation Info
- Water
- Snacks
- Entertainment
  - Music
  - Games
  - Movies
- Camera



### Vehicle Maintenance & Safety

- Check Before Trip
  - Tire Tread
  - Air Pressure
  - Oil Levels
  - Coolant Level
  - Brake Fluid
  - Service Log
- Keep in Vehicle at All Times
  - For Tires
    - Jack
    - Tire Iron
    - Spare Tire
    - Tire Repair Kit (including plugs)
    - 12-volt Air Pump
    - Tire Pressure Gauge
  - For Battery
    - Jumper Cables
  - Extra Fluids
    - 1 quart of oil
    - 1 gallon of coolant
    - 1-3 gallons of extra fuel