

Travel checklist

1 year to go

- Start saving.
- Research your trip. Read Guide books, speak to returned travellers, surf the internet.
- Attend a YHA Traveller's Information Night or Travel Expo talk.

6 months to go

- Research your options for working overseas. Prepare resumes and copies of documents you may need, e.g. curriculum vitae, birth certificate.
- Apply for an Australian passport.
- See YHA Travel to book your airfares, transport, tours and buy insurance.
- Book and confirm all flights and additional travel arrangements.

3 months to go

- Check the visa requirements for the countries you are planning to visit.
- Contact the embassies direct.
- Organise credit/debit cards.
- Purchase your luggage and clothing.
- Make an appointment with a travel health specialist to get the required vaccinations, medication, medical kit and vaccination card.

2 months to go

- Finalise all your travel dates and arrangements. Make sure all your tickets agree with your itinerary, all coupons are intact, departure and arrival times are compatible with any connecting flights/transfers. Remember, YHA Membership and Travel can arrange all your travel needs.
- Get your international drivers permit.

1 month to go

- Set up a worldwide email account and send your address to friends and family.
- Make photocopies of your documents, tickets, credit card details birth certificate, airline tickets, travel insurance documents and credit cards. Leave a set of copies with someone at home, and take a copy with you but keep them separate from the originals while you are travelling.
- Duty free shopping.
- See your dentist and doctor – don't forget prescriptions
- Leave a copy of your itinerary with your contact addresses for family and friends.

2 weeks to go

- Organise your will.
- Organise your money – exchange some cash and get some traveller's cheques or foreign currency cash card. Record travellers cheques' serial numbers and keep a copy at home.

1 week to go

- Cancel power, paper, phone, re-direct mail.
- Pack your bags.
- Find out what can't be brought back to Australia.

On the day

- Check you have all your travel documents – passport, ticket, credit card, foreign currency.
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Arrive at the airport at least two hours before your flight is due to depart.