



TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Grandes Villas de France helps you prepare for departure by offering this travel checklist with 1.001 thing to remember.

This travel checklist includes:

- What you need to check before leaving (home, vehicle, insurance)
- The essential documentation
- The contents of your luggage
- A basic travel medication pack
- Indispensable equipment

Before departure

- Make a list of valuables (computer, jewellery, ...). Take a picture of them and send them to your e-mail address.
- Let your neighbours/friends/family know about your departure. Leave them a key so they can gather the mail, open the shutters, water your plants.
- Organise care of your pets if you're not taking them with you.
- Insurances: Request your travel and breakdown insurance sufficiently in advance; check the validity of your green card (vehicle)
- When travelling by car: provide for a complete car maintenance; check the highway code of your country of destination (triangles, safety vests, ...)

Day of departure

- Take out the dustbins
- Turn off the gas
- Water the plants
- Disconnect the electricity plugs and switch off all electrical appliances

Documentation

- Valid identity card or passport
- If you're travelling with children: the kids-ID or authorisation for children for whom you are not the parent or legal guardian (to be validated by your district's local government offices)
- Visas, authorisation to leave the territory
- Driving licence
- Vehicle documents, if you're travelling by car (green card or other insurance document, ...)
- Transport tickets: tickets for plane, train, ferries, ...
- Accommodation: rental documents for a villa or apartment, hotel reservation
- Telephone number of your insurance and assistance firm

Make photocopies of all these documents and pack them in a piece of luggage different from the originals. You can also scan them and send them to your own e-mail address. In the event of loss or theft you can easily perform the necessary procedures.

Means of payment

- Check that you have means of payment accepted in the country.
- It's the best to have several options, f.e. a card with Maestro logo, a credit card and cash
- If you think you will need it, request a temporary increase to your credit card spending limit.

Your luggage contents

- Clothes a.o. shirts, blouses, t-shirts, sweatshirts, pullovers, tops, shorts, trousers, dresses, skirts, undergarments, socks, shoes, sandals, jacket, raincoat, belts, pyjamas, caps, hats, swimwear, ...
- Toiletry bag: hairbrushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, shower gel, razor, aftershave, deodorant, parfum, make-up, make-up remover, cotton wool pads, cotton wool buds, sun cream, aftersun, nail clippers, tweezers, towels (if not provided at your accommodation), spare glasses, contact lenses, ...

A toiletry bag can quickly become bulky. You can buy some products once arrived at destination, helping you save room and reduce the risks of accident (f.e. opening up in the luggage during transport).

- Travel medication pack: disinfectant, eosin, bandages, anti-haematoma gel, painkillers and antipyretics, antiseptic wipes, anti-allergens: antihistamines and anti-itching ointment, thermometer, ointment for insect bites, diarrhoea medication, rehydration products, your own medication, ...

Indispensable equipment

For leisure:

- Something for listening to music (radio, MP3, cd's, ...)
- Magazines or books
- Regional travel guide
- Photographic equipment and charger
- Laptop + charger
- ...

Miscellaneous:

- Sunglasses
- Mobile phone + charger
- Universal adapter (if required)
- ...

For the children

- Colouring equipment
- Small beach games
- Books, magazines
- Small board games and puzzles
- Portable DVD-player
- ...

For babies up to 18 months old

- 2 baby comfort blankets (in case one is lost)
- Flexible cutlery
- Baby bottles and sterilisation tablets
- Milk dispenser for excursions
- Baby snuggler
- Pacifiers
- Diapers and wipes
- Anti-uv-canopy
- Water spray bottle, to soothe in the heat
- Pushchair with sun shade or baby carrier
- Travel bed
- Booster seat
- ...

For your animals

- Vaccination card
- Dog food
- Cover, basket
- Leash, muzzle
- Medication
- ...

Emergency numbers

- Consulate:
- Credit and bank card block: Card Stop +32 2 70 344 344
- Travel and breakdown insurance:
- Airline company:
- Grandes Villas de France: 0032 11 96 04 94
- Property manager:
- Other: