Travel Wise

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10 Travel Tips

Excited about your upcoming trip? Proper preparation is a simple way to feel ready and confident for your travels. Here are 10 practical pre-travel tips to consider.

1. **Prepare your travel documents.**
   Ensure you have the appropriate documents, visas and passport validity before departure. Travellers frequently require travel authorizations and/or specific visas depending on the their destination. In several countries, your passport should still be valid six months after your travel date. Always check the entry and exit requirements for all of the countries you're going to visit.

2. **Check travel advisories.**
   Understand the risk level associated with travel to a particular destination by checking the Government of Canada Travel Advice and Advisories website: **travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories**

3. **Prepare your health essentials.**
   Speak to your physician to ensure you're up to date with needed travel vaccines and have them prescribe enough medication for the length of your trip.

4. **Consider travel insurance when booking.**
   To lock in the best protection for yourself and trip investment, purchase your travel insurance at the same time you book your trip.

5. **Know the cancellation policies.**
   Make sure you understand any key dates related to cancellation and changes, this includes accommodation, flights, car rentals, tours and cruises.

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6. **Arrive early.**

   CAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international departures.

7. **Check credit card limits or restrictions.**

   If you're relying on travel insurance through your credit card, review your coverage carefully as benefits, eligibility and coverage limits can vary.

8. **Stay connected.**

   Stay informed by checking Government of Canada travel updates, registering with Canadians Abroad and sharing your itinerary with a trusted friend or family member.

9. **Have emergency contacts handy.**

   Keep important phone numbers easily accessible. Save important emergency contacts on your phone. Keep a backup copy of your travel insurance assistance number.

10. **Protect your IDs.**

    Keep digital and printed copies of important travel documents, including your passport, travel insurance wallet card, tickets and confirmations, in case they're lost or stolen.

A little preparation before you travel can go a long way. These simple steps can help you spend less time dealing with unexpected issues and more time enjoying your trip with confidence.



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