

Before you go checklist

- Read the travel advice on Smartraveller, subscribe for updates and follow us on Facebook and Twitter.
- Check your passport is valid for 6 months from when you plan your trip to end.
- Get the right visa for the countries you're visiting or transiting through.
- Get comprehensive travel insurance to cover you and your gear.
- Have a health check-up and get vaccinated - 8 weeks before you go.
- Check if your medication is legal in the places you're going.
- Tell your bank you're travelling and check your cards will work overseas.
- Check if you'll need an International Driving Permit.
- Research the local laws of the countries you plan to visit. If you are a dual national, check if this will have any implications for your trip.
- Share your itinerary and contact details with friends or family. Stay in touch.
- Know what to do if there's a crisis when you are overseas.