FREE FAMILY CHECKLIST

Countdown to Departure

Your family travel checklist, from two months out to the day you leave

Trip _____ **We fly on** _____

1 **2 months** Fill the gaps
2 **1 month** Gear up
3 **1 week** The big pack
4 **The day before** Nearly there
5 **Travel day** Off you go!

1 Two months to go

Time to fill the gaps and start getting excited.

- [ ] Review what's booked and list what's still left to arrange
- [ ] Check every passport is valid for your whole trip, and for any extra months your destination requires
- [ ] Check entry requirements and any visas or travel authorisations (such as an ESTA for the USA) on GOV.UK foreign travel advice
- [ ] Book tours and activities you don't want to miss
- [ ] Check whether you need any vaccinations
- [ ] Get in the mood with films, books or a trip playlist

Our extras

2 One month to go

Gear up and get organised.

- [ ] Start a packing list based on the weather and what you've got planned
- [ ] Check travel gear and clothes still fit and work, and buy anything missing
- [ ] Book any restaurants you'd love to try
- [ ] Make backup copies of key documents: a printed folder, cloud storage, or both
- [ ] Share cloud access to your documents with someone you trust at home
- [ ] Check your GHIC is in date if you're travelling in Europe

Our extras

3 One week to go

The big pack begins.

- [ ] Confirm baggage allowances with each airline
- [ ] Gather passports, visas, driving licences and any vaccination proof
- [ ] Buy or check your travel insurance
- [ ] Sort electronics: cables, plug adapters and a power bank
- [ ] Cancel regular deliveries and any subscriptions you won't need
- [ ] Pack main luggage, splitting essentials between cases
- [ ] Choose hand luggage and pack a spare set of clothes in it
- [ ] Order local currency early, as some currencies need ordering in
- [ ] Download offline maps and your booking confirmations
- [ ] Plan how you'll get from the airport or station to your accommodation

Our extras

4 The day before

Nearly there.

- [ ] Check in online and save or print boarding passes
- [ ] Weigh packed bags with luggage scales
- [ ] Leave a spare key with someone who can help in an emergency
- [ ] Charge all devices
- [ ] Arrange care for any pets

Our extras

5 Travel day

Last checks, then off you go.

- [ ] Turn off bedside alarms
- [ ] Pack last-minute items: toiletries, phone and charger
- [ ] Water the plants one last time
- [ ] Lock up, set the alarm and close the curtains
- [ ] Final passport and visa check before you leave the house

Our extras

Lucy's tip: Split essentials across your cases, so if one bag goes missing nobody is left without the basics.