

Road Trip Essentials Checklist

For when you fly in and hire a car. Pack the small things from home, shop on day one, and check the car before you drive away.

Pack from home

- ☐ Driving licence (hand luggage)
- ☐ Hire booking and insurance details
- ☐ Emergency numbers, written down
- ☐ International Driving Permit, if needed
- ☐ Offline maps downloaded
- ☐ Printed road map
- ☐ Charging cables (keep up front)
- ☐ Power bank (check airline rules)
- ☐ 12V USB car adapter
- ☐ Phone mount
- ☐ Compact first aid kit
- ☐ Head torch

Buy when you land

- ☐ Water, more than you think
- ☐ Snacks for the car
- ☐ Local snacks for the glovebox
- ☐ Toilet roll and wet wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitiser
- ☐ A cheap cool box
- ☐ Small amount of local cash
- ☐ Blanket, if heading somewhere cold
- ☐ Ice scraper (winter)
- ☐ De-icer (winter)

Check at the hire desk

- ☐ Spare tyre and jack
- ☐ How to change a tyre, or who to call
- ☐ Breakdown number saved
- ☐ Warning triangle / hi-vis, if required
- ☐ Fuel type
- ☐ Full tank
- ☐ Damage photographed
- ☐ Winter tyres or snow chains
- ☐ Boot fits all your bags
- ☐ Sat nav or phone connection works

In the car before every long drive: your car emergency kit

- ☐ Water and food for everyone
- ☐ First aid kit in the glovebox
- ☐ Charged power bank and cables
- ☐ Head torch
- ☐ Warm layers or a blanket
- ☐ Printed map
- ☐ Breakdown and emergency numbers
- ☐ A full tank