Pre-trip & Packing Checklist

Bali · Vietnam · Philippines – print it, tick it off.

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Documents & entry

- [ ] Passport valid long enough for your destination's rules (check the official site)
- [ ] Visa / e-Visa if your passport needs one – official sites only:
  Indonesia evisa.imigrasi.go.id · Vietnam evisa.gov.vn · Philippines etravel.gov.ph
- [ ] Arrival forms: All Indonesia (allindonesia.imigrasi.go.id) / Philippines eTravel
- [ ] Bali tourist levy paid (lovebali.baliprov.go.id)
- [ ] Copies of passport, insurance and bookings (phone + paper)
- [ ] Registered with your government's travel advice service (e.g. Smartraveller)

Money & phone

- [ ] Card with low foreign fees + a back-up card
- [ ] Some local cash for arrival (IDR / VND / PHP)
- [ ] eSIM bought or plan to buy a local SIM (bring passport to register)
- [ ] Grab (and Gojek in Bali) installed
- [ ] Offline maps downloaded
- [ ] This guide added to your home screen (works offline)

Health & safety

- [ ] Travel insurance – covers motorbikes/diving if you'll do them
- [ ] Prescription medicines in original packaging + script
- [ ] Travel vaccinations discussed with your GP
- [ ] Insect repellent, sunscreen, hat
- [ ] Basic first-aid: plasters, rehydration salts, antiseptic
- [ ] Emergency numbers saved (see Translator → Emergency)

Packing

- [ ] Power adapter – check the plug types for each country you visit
- [ ] Light rain jacket (wet season)
- [ ] Reef shoes / water shoes for boat trips
- [ ] Dry bag for island hopping
- [ ] Modest cover-up / sarong for temples
- [ ] Refillable water bottle
- [ ] Power bank (carry-on only)

Travelling with kids

- [ ] Kids' passports + any consent letters required
- [ ] Car-seat / carrier plan (taxis rarely have seats)
- [ ] Swim nappies, rash vests, sun hats
- [ ] Snacks + downloads for flights
- [ ] Child dose medicines (fever, allergy)

Before you leave home

- [ ] Tell your bank you're travelling
- [ ] Check baggage allowance on every flight
- [ ] Save hotel addresses in the local language
- [ ] Mail held / pets & plants sorted
- [ ] Trip plan exported from My Trip (JSON backup)

Plug types: check the official power-plug guide for each country before buying an adapter. This checklist is general guidance only.