## **Travel Checklist**

Ready Credit Cards for Travel:	
	Tell card issuers about upcoming trips so that activity will not trigger fraud alerts.  Pay down balances beforehand to keep within credit limits.  Carry a backup card.  Bring along toll-free customer service numbers.
Loss-proof your luggage:	
	Before leaving for the airport, put local contact information or your cell phone number inside bags.  Attach bright colored tape or other distinctive markings to the outside.  If you check bags, verify the destination code on your receipts.  Look up Airport codes at: <a href="https://airportcod.es/">https://airportcod.es/</a>
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Preso	criptions or Other Medications:
	Pack enough to last your entire trip, including some extra in case you are unexpectedly delayed.  Carry your medications in their original labeled containers, and pack them in your carry-on bag since checked baggage is occasionally lost or delayed.  Ask your pharmacy or physician for the generic equivalent name of your prescriptions in case you need to purchase additional medication abroad.  Get a letter from your physician in case you are questioned about your carry-on medication; some countries have strict restrictions on bringing prescriptions or even non-prescription medications into the country without proper medical documentation.
Handle Money:	
	Check and understand the exchange rate before you travel.  Before you leave, notify your bank, credit card company, or other financial institutions that you are going overseas.  Avoid carrying cash and consider using traveler's checks or major credit cards instead (but make sure they are accepted at your destination before departing on your trip).  Change traveler's checks only as you need them.  Do not flash large amounts of money when paying a bill.
Pack Smart:	
	Pack light so you can move more quickly and have a free hand when you need it.  Carry a minimum number of valuables and plan places to conceal them.  Check your bags, clothing, and vehicle to make sure you are not carrying any banned items or substances, such as weapons or ammunition, into your destination country.
	Use covered luggage tags to avoid casual observation of your identity and nationality.  Avoid packing IDs, tickets and other vital documents in backpacks or other locations you won't be able to see at all times.

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