

# BEST EVER TRAVEL hecklist

# **DOCUMENTS & PAPERWORK**

- ☐ Cash (necessary for tipping)
- ☐ Airline Flight confirmation code
- ☐ Passport/ Visas
- ☐ 1-2 Extra Passport photos (required for some visa permits)
- ☐ Driver's license
- ☐ Credit Cards (notify banks & credit card companies of travel plans for security)
- ☐ Important Health/immunization records
- ☐ Prescription drug permissions
- ☐ Travel Insurance card/Info
- □ ICE In Case of Emergency contact Info (on paper, in luggage)
- ☐ Travel itinerary for people at home (with each destination contact information)

#### WHEN TRAVELING WITH MINORS:

- □ Notarized, parental permission from non-traveling parent when traveling with minors without one or both parents (check specific country rules for each destination)
- ☐ 2 Photocopies of essential documents (kept separately from originals)
- ☐ Transparent resealable document holders for all above (aka Gallon Ziplocs)



# **CLOTHING & FOOTGEAR** ☐ Basic undergarments/socks ☐ T-shirts/shorts ☐ Long-sleeved shirt/long pants ☐ Belt/fanny pack; both with hidden area for money MT KILIMANJARO 346 ☐ Boots/shoes/flip-flops/sandals ☐ Sundress/casual dining clothes DAR ES SALAAM 821 ☐ Sweater/jacket ☐ Windbreaker/raincoat/poncho NAIROBI 148 ☐ Sarong or lightweight body wrap LAKE ELMENTAITA 28 ON ☐ Scarf or bandanna / YORK MOMBASA □ Swimsuit/trunks 579 ☐ Sunhat/baseball cap ANSTON ABERDARES 72 □ Sunglasses MT. KENYA 138 □ Walking stick (packable) **TOILETRIES & ACCESSORIES** ☐ Lightweight Daypack □ Cellphone/cord/charger/ ☐ International Universal Plug/Outlet Adapter □ Universal Bath Plug ☐ Flashlight/headlamp/penlight/booklight ☐ Travel candle for hotel room ☐ Lighter/Matches ☐ Small personal fan (if preferred for hotels) ☐ Laundry bag for soiled clothes ☐ Plastic trash bag for soiled shoes ☐ Ziplock bags for storage and dry keeping FIRST AID & HYGIENE ☐ Toothbrush/paste for in-flight freshen ☐ Contraception/prescription medications (keep in original bottles) ☐ Loperamide/Pepto Bismol (in case of diarrhea)/rehydration salt ☐ Hand sanitizer & sanitizing wipes ☐ Eye wash/Visine type lubricant ☐ Bandages, tape, gauze, elastic wraps ☐ Aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen ☐ Scissors, tweezers, nail clippers, razor ☐ Tissues, toilet paper (remove cardboard and smash for packing)

- □ Bar soap/shampoo/conditioner□ Face/body lotion/hair products
- ☐ Toothbrush/paste/rinse/floss
- ☐ Antibiotic wipes, hydrogen peroxide, cotton balls/Q-tips
- ☐ Insect repellent, bug spray
- □ DEET for tropical mosquitos
- ☐ Antiseptic cream
- ☐ Sunscreen, sunburn ointment, lip balm

### **FOOD**

- ☐ Portable snacks-granola, raisins, almonds, jerky, crackers, dried fruit for plane rides
- ☐ Empty water bottle (fill in airport post security check)
- ☐ Baggies w/wipes or napkins
- ☐ Breath freshener/mints



#### **BUSINESS TRIP CHECKLIST**

#### PREPARING THE OFFICE

- ☐ If traveling internationally, obtain all necessary paperwork and vaccinations
- Organize all docs necessary for meetings; book appointments and meeting rooms
- ☐ Print out hard copies of presentations, agendas, and important documents
- ☐ Confirm appointments, schedules, reservations, etc
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with local business customs specific to your destination
  Tie up any loose ends at the office finish up projects; set up out-of-office
- replies; notify coworkers about your absence and give necessary travel info to a trusted colleague

#### PREPARING THE HOME

- ☐ Arrange early for child, pet, and plant care and re-confirm commitments early-on; communicate needs and schedules
- ☐ Pause routine deliveries including a hold on US Postal Mail
- ☐ Make your home seem lived-in while away by putting lights and TV on timers
- ☐ Turn down thermostat and turn off water if in a freezing zone so pipes don't burst
- ☐ Leave house & car keys, and your complete itinerary, with a trusted friend
- ☐ Arrange for neighbor to "watch" your home
- ☐ Lock windows, garages, and doors.



Print several copies of this checklist and share with your colleagues. Save a copy on your computer for planning your next trip, and add your own updates as you discover other ideas or efficiencies!

Bon Voyage!



#### WHEN PACKING FOR A BUSINESS TRIP

- ☐ Layout and review specific items of clothing & accessories you'll need to suit the various functions you'll attend
- ☐ Try to pack everything you need in a carry-on bag to avoid the challenges of lost luggage
- ☐ If you check your bag, along with necessary documents, pack a second set of business clothes and toiletries in a carry-on bag, in case of lost luggage.
- ☐ Pack an empty water bottle to fill with filtered water at airport bottle fills (post security) for your comfort in flight

# PREPARING FAMILY AND CAREGIVERS AT HOME

- ☐ Leave all contact information—including the names, address & phone of hotels, with a family member
- ☐ Print your travel itinerary on bright paper so it's easy to spot and reassures children of your return time!
- ☐ List important contact info for your spouse and/or caregivers (school/daycare, doctor/hospital, vet, pharmacy, mechanic, helpful friends/neighbors, non-emergency police & alarm company)
- ☐ Cash for groceries, entertainment and emergencies
- ☐ Consent for medical treatment forms and insurance cards for minor children – have these notarized to be safe