

TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Thank you for choosing Gerken Getaways!
Please review the following check list prior to travel:

- Be sure that your passport is valid **at least 6 months past your return date.**

BANKING, MAIL & DELIVERIES

- Purchase enough **local currency** from your bank to get you to your destination and to an ATM
- Notify your **bank and credit cards** of your travel plans.
- Stop your mail** and other expected deliveries.
- Have a neighbor check for things** left on your front porch.

CELL PHONE INFORMATION

- Does your carrier have an **international calling plan?**
- If not, you might want to **purchase SIM card in-country.** If you go this route, your phone needs to be unlocked. If travelling in Europe, you may need a different SIM per country visited.
- For local calls,** purchase a throw-away local phone with minutes at your destination
- For international calls:** Use the Wi-Fi on your phone and a calling app, such as What's App, Skype, Facetime, etc. Make sure the person you are contacting is using the same application and service.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- First, try the **local representative** if applicable.
- I am always available through email, Facebook messenger or Skype (**gerkentk – Kathryn Gerken**).
- You can also contact the supplier's emergency line. It is provided in your documents.

PACKING TIPS

- I always suggest **packing light** (many incidentals and toiletries can be purchased in-country).
- Don't travel with anything expensive** that you will regret being lost or stolen.
- Use a money belt.**
- Have a **copy of your passport** inside your luggage in case your original is lost or stolen.
- Have an **electronic copy of your passport** stored on the cloud.
- Try to **blend-in with the locals** and not stand out (especially in Europe). Leave baseball caps, printed t-shirts and sweatshirts at home. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do you need **power adapters or converters** for your destination?
- Will you do any **laundry** in the sink?
 - Clothes line, clothes pins, powdered detergent or bar soap.
 - Wrap wet clothes in a dry towel and wring tightly before hanging.
- Pack an **extra carry-on for souvenirs** if you have space and baggage allowance.

FLIGHTS

- Check-in online for flights **24 hours prior to departure.** Your hotel can help you with printing boarding passes.
- You will be provided with an **interactive itinerary** that will have flight alerts for notifications if your flights are changes, canceled or delayed.



Enjoy your destination and try to experience the culture and atmosphere of the areas in which you travel! — Kathryn Gerken