



START THE HOLIDAY COUNTDOWN GET READY TO GO

Many people look to their holidays as a welcome change from their everyday lives. Good weather, special moments and fresh inspiration are what you need most to ensure you come back relaxed to your daily routine. But a busy calendar before your holiday often means preparations turn into a stressful affair. Imagine, for example, that you still need to apply for travel documents, your child falls ill a few days before departure, and so on and so on. To make sure the best weeks of the year remain

a happy memory and you don't need a "holiday to recover from your holiday", start off relaxed and keep a cool head in the face of holiday stress, even in record-breaking temperatures.

Before packing ...

Make use of our checklist (holiday countdown) which you can utilise preparing for the key aspects of your holiday:



Is your destination fixed?

- Do you know which travel documents you need for your destination?
- Checked travel documents of family members/fellow travellers?
- Renewed/applied for passports/IDs?

Tip Makes copies of all documents now and keep them in a safe place!

Insurance for fellow travellers and vehicle

- Are you in possession of the required health insurance (you can find out what you need, for example, from your health insurance provider or automobile association)?
- Are you and your vehicle insured in the event of a breakdown/accident (return transport, repairs etc.)?
- Get in touch now with your automobile association/your insurance consultant.

Tip An international health insurance policy is often very cheap and provides indispensable assistance in case of an emergency!

Pets

- Are the border formalities and vaccination papers for your pets complete?
- Is a secure carrying facility available in vehicle?

Tip If needed, book a place in a boarding establishment



Return home in good health

- Checked your first-aid kit?
- Sunscreen and suitable clothing packed?
- List of medication for fellow travellers completed and obtained in good time?

Tip Even if only travelling within Europe, you should never forget to check your vaccinations in good time!



Holiday check-up at your specialist garage and planning your itinerary

- Obtain up-to-date street maps and guides? (free route planners can also be found on the internet)
- Travel dictionary purchased?
- Find out about travel money and motorway vignettes/toll charges, as well as any unfamiliar aspects of the highway code at your destination.

Tip Arrange an appointment for a holiday check-up at your specialist garage.



Travel safe, arrive safe

Don't leave the safety of your vehicle to chance:

- Did you have your vehicle inspected at the holiday check-up?
- Luggage screen/net available?
- Luggage and cooler box OK?
- Equipment checked (hiking clothes, sports equipment, etc.)?

All set?



- Have you given someone you know and trust a set of spare keys?
- Unplugged everything at home (PC, TV, etc.)?
- All travel documents, insurance policies, motorway vignettes etc. safely packed?
- Road maps and planned itinerary with alternative routes prepared?
- Healthy food and drink for the journey packed?

Tip Unwanted visitors in your absence impair the enjoyment of your holiday: only tell the most important people you know and trust where you're going and exactly when!