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Car essentials:

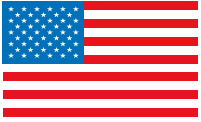
- Your license and registration or proof of insurance and registration if it's a rental.
- A copy of your car insurance policy and the relevant contact numbers.
- An international license.
- Your car's manual.
- A spare tire or tire repair kit.
- A roadside emergency kit: A battery booster cables, two light sticks, a reflective vest, an emergency rain poncho, a warning triangle, a whistle, a tire pressure gauge, a window breaker and gas.
- A screwdriver, some pliers and a wrench.
- An aux cable to connect your phone to your audio system.
- A USB cord to connect your phone to a power bank or the car.
- Either paper maps or a good GPS.

Luggage:

- A pair of sunglasses.
- An extra sweater or wrap and a blanket.
- A towel and swimwear.
- A versatile jacket.
- Shoes for different kinds of weather.

Comfort kit:

- Some insect spray.
- A few large water bottles.
- Some toilet paper.
- A camping chair.
- A reusable water bottle.
- A UV window shade.
- Some hand sanitizer.
- Painkillers/Anti-Inflammatory medication for emergencies.
- Some sunscreen (at least SPF 30).
- A reusable shopping bag.
- A medium-sized backpack for day trips.
- An umbrella.
- A credit card.



- A phone charger or a an adapter for your phone.
- A power bank.
- Your insurance card for emergencies.
- A bluetooth/wireless hands-free kit for your cell phone.
- An adapter.
- An ice box with dry ice.

Entertainment & Connection:

- Your favorite camera and USB chargers.
- An electronic battery pack to recharge your phone on the way.
- Travel games or fun apps.
- A soccer ball/badminton rackets/frisbee etc.

Before you go: Whether you'll be using your own car or a rental, you should always check if your car is in **working order**.

Look to see if

- the tire pressure is at the optimum level.
- if you have enough oil.
- whether all the lights are still working.

This not only decreases the risk of your car simply breaking down in the middle of your trip, but also of having an accident. Nevertheless, you should program an **emergency roadside service number** into your phone in case you do. You can reach the American Automobile Association 24/7 by dialing 1 800 222 4357.

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