

Car Trip Checklist

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MUST HAVE:

- Wallet and/or purse and cash (sometimes we forget the most obvious things)
- Credit cards and/or traveler's checks (plus list of numbers of both)
- ID or driver's license
- Car and house keys (plus duplicate sets kept in different bags)
- Eye glasses and/or contact lenses (plus lens cleaner)
- Sunglasses
- Watch
- Medical insurance cards
- Prescriptions and other medications
- Maps, directions and reservation confirmations
- Camera and film
- Books and magazines for kids and adults
- Toys, playing cards, small games
- Flashlight and batteries
- Umbrella and rain jackets
- Plastic bags for wet items
- Disposable wipes (or put damp paper towels in zippered plastic bags)
- Pocketknife
- Travel alarm
- Sewing kit
- First-aid kit (see separate packing list)
- Snacks/gum
- Water/juice boxes, no-spill cups
- Paper napkins/towels
- Cooler with beverages (water is best) and lunch items
- Paper, washable markers (crayons may melt on a hot day) and clipboard or lap desk
- Snacks (crackers, mini rice cakes, dry cereal, dried fruit or nuts and the like) in small zippered plastic bags
- Small backpack for child to carry own toys and art supplies
- Pillows
- Towels (in case of hot seats or spills)

FOR BABY:

- Car seat
- Diaper bag
- Disposable diapers
- Changing pad
- Baby powder and lotion
- Zippered plastic bags
- Wet wipes
- Nursing pads and burp pads
- Bibs
- Bottles, nipples and caps
- Formula and/or juice
- Pacifiers
- Changes of clothing
- Jacket or sweater
- Collapsible stroller with canopy or umbrella
- Front or back child-carrying pack, or sling style
- Blankets
- Waterproof sheets
- Bathing supplies
- Large plastic bags for wet clothes (can also be used as a changing pad in a pinch)

NICE TO HAVE:

- Individually wrapped small toys (new ones or old favorites) or activity bags to hand out at intervals during the trip
- Frisbee or ball for playing in grassy area at rest stop
- Music and books on tape (record your child's favorite stories yourself)
- Individual tape players and headphones
- Window screens
- Hand or finger puppets for entertaining at restaurants
- Portable playpen or crib
- Portable high chair or booster seat
- Magnetic travel games
- Laminated U.S. maps for kids to mark off license plates