

USA Road Trip Checklist

Decide the shape of your trip

- Confirm your dates for United States; keep one backup date if possible.
- Make a realistic 10-day route, including arrival and departure time.
- Pick your two must-do experiences and leave some free time.

Book and verify

- Compare the final price and total travel time from your origin to United States.
- Use the exact ID or passport name on every transport booking.
- Check cancellation and refund rules before paying.

Documents and money

- Check every travellers government ID or passport before booking.
- Save offline copies of IDs, tickets, insurance and bookings.
- Carry a paper copy of emergency contacts and the first stay address.

Health, safety and communication

- Check current health and weather advice for the destination.
- Pack prescription medicines in original packaging, with extra for delays.
- Carry a small first-aid kit suited to your activities.

Pack for the actual itinerary

- Choose clothing by day and activity; remove duplicate just in case items.
- Pack comfortable footwear you have already worn.
- Carry suitable protection from sun, rain or cold.

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Transport-day checks

Check tyres, spare wheel, brakes, battery, lights, fluids and wipers.

Carry licence, registration, insurance, emission certificate and roadside assistance det...

Download the route and mark fuel, charging, food, toilets and safe rest stops.

Traveller-specific preparation

Agree on trip pace, shared budget and individual must-do activities.

Keep copies of bookings accessible to both travellers.

Plan some independent time instead of making every activity compulsory.

India and USA travel checks

Check the current TSA list of accepted ID before a US domestic flight.

If entering the USA, verify ESTA or visa and I-94 details on official government websites.

Allow for sales tax and tipping when setting the daily budget.

Activities and destination checks

Calculate driving hours using realistic road conditions rather than map distance alone.

Inspect tyres, brakes, battery, fluids, lights, wipers and spare wheel.

Carry vehicle papers, insurance and roadside assistance information.

Final 24-hour check

Recheck live transport status, weather alerts and provider messages.

Charge devices and power banks; download tickets, maps and entertainment.

Confirm documents, medicines, wallet, keys and essential hand baggage.