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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 important 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 and good walking shoes.

**Comfort kit:**

- A few large water bottles.
- A reusable water bottle with a filter.
- Some toilet paper.
- A camping chair.
- A reusable water bottle with a filter.
- Some hand sanitizer.
- Painkillers/Anti-Inflammatory medication for emergencies.
- A reusable shopping bag.
- A medium-sized backpack for day trips.
- An umbrella.
- A credit card and cash.
- A phone charger or 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.

**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.

**Southern Europe:**

- A UV window shade.
- Some sunscreen (at least SPF 30.)
- An ice box with dry ice.

**Northern Europe:**

- Long underwear.
- Warm coat.
- Effective insect spray.

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. The number **112** calls the police or an emergency medical team and works in all EU countries.

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