

## The essential road trip checklist

If you're going on a road trip and you're not sure what to pack, help is at hand with our comprehensive checklist of everything you'll need to carry. Happy road-tripping!

### How to pack your car for a road trip

- ☐ Borrow or buy a roof box
- ☐ Distribute weight evenly throughout car
- ☐ Put heavy stuff toward the middle
- ☐ Don't pack above your headrests
- ☐ Use soft luggage
- ☐ Roll your clothes – don't fold clothes
- ☐ Vacuum-pack clothes
- ☐ Pack every cubby hole available
- ☐ Put items you need in easy reach

### Car checks

- ☐ Spare car keys
- ☐ Tyres adjusted to extra weight
- ☐ Oil – make sure you check this
- ☐ Check lights and indicators
- ☐ Wipers – replace blades if necessary
- ☐ Washer fluid filled to the max
- ☐ Brakes – handbrake included and brake fluid
- ☐ Duct tape – always keep in your car
- ☐ Fuel – fill up before you pack

### Emergency car kit you should keep in the boot

- ☐ A head torch
- ☐ Spare tyre, plus instructions
- ☐ Tyre pressure gauge
- ☐ Spare headlight bulbs
- ☐ Jump leads
- ☐ Silicon gloves
- ☐ Warning triangle
- ☐ Bungee cord
- ☐ Empty fuel can
- ☐ Owner's manual
- ☐ High vis jackets

### Car documentation

- ☐ Insurance (and any named drivers)
- ☐ MOT certificate
- ☐ Road tax
- ☐ Breakdown cover
- ☐ Driver's licence/s

### Electronics to make the trip more enjoyable

- ☐ Sat nav or mobile phone app
- ☐ Phone or tablet mount
- ☐ Phone chargers and cables
- ☐ Power bank
- ☐ Bluetooth/hands free kit
- ☐ Road trip playlist
- ☐ Audio books and podcast downloads

### Medication

- ☐ Any medication you need to take regularly
- ☐ Car sickness tablets
- ☐ Pain killers
- ☐ Insect bites cream
- ☐ Insect repellent spray
- ☐ Hay fever tablets
- ☐ First aid kit

### Food to pack for a road trip

- ☐ Cool box and ice packs
- ☐ Wooden cutlery
- ☐ Plastic plates
- ☐ Chewing gum, travel mints, travel sweets
- ☐ Granola bars
- ☐ Crisps, popcorn etc
- ☐ Water in reusable water bottles

### Cold climate road trips

- ☐ Ice scraper and/or de-icer
- ☐ Powerful torch or standing lamp
- ☐ Food and a warm drink in a vacuum flask
- ☐ Sunglasses to protect from snow-glare
- ☐ Mobile phone charger/power bank
- ☐ Shovel in case of deep snow
- ☐ Spare warm clothes, coats, and blankets

### Personal stuff to make you comfortable

- ☐ Coins and cash
- ☐ Notebook and pen
- ☐ A hoodie
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Travel blankets
- ☐ Flip-flops or sliders
- ☐ Travel mug
- ☐ Hats are a must
- ☐ Mints/chewing gum
- ☐ Sleeping scarf
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Re-usable shopping bags or tote bag
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Tissues/wet wipes
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Soap, shampoo, and conditioner
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Hand sanitiser
- ☐ Hairbrush/ties
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Zip-lock bags
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Toothbrush and paste

### For children on a road trip

- ☐ Back seat rubbish bin/bag
- ☐ Head torches
- ☐ Audiobooks
- ☐ Movies or music
- ☐ Headphones
- ☐ Travel bands
- ☐ Sick bag
- ☐ Passenger window sunshade

### Dogs on road trips

- ☐ Ball or toy
- ☐ Travel rug
- ☐ Water bowls
- ☐ Food
- ☐ Treats
- ☐ Towel
- ☐ Travel crate
- ☐ Seat harness

### And finally...

- ☐ Our award-winning comprehensive car insurance is highly rated. Plus, with a selection of optional extras, such as RAC breakdown cover, it's the perfect way to begin your amazing journey, both on the road and with MORE THAN insurance.