

# Pre-Trip Check List

## Four to Six Months

Call The Educational Tourist for trip planning: hotel, sights, transportation, etc.

## Two Months

Reserve: House sitter  
Pet sitter or kennel  
Need records? Need shots?

Check passport dates.

Make copies of passports.

Check medical insurance coverage for destination.

Check vehicle insurance coverage for destination if driving.

Ask a friend to drive you to the airport and pick you up.

## One Month

Check weather for destination for clothes planning.

Plans to cancel/reschedule house maintenance: maid, yard work.

Start exercise walking program.

## Two Weeks Before

Check RX medicines: enough for the entire trip? If not, contact dr.

Make sure lawn water sprinkler is set correctly.

Store valuables – hide/put in safety deposit box.

Call Credit Card company to inform of trip dates and destination.

## One Week Before

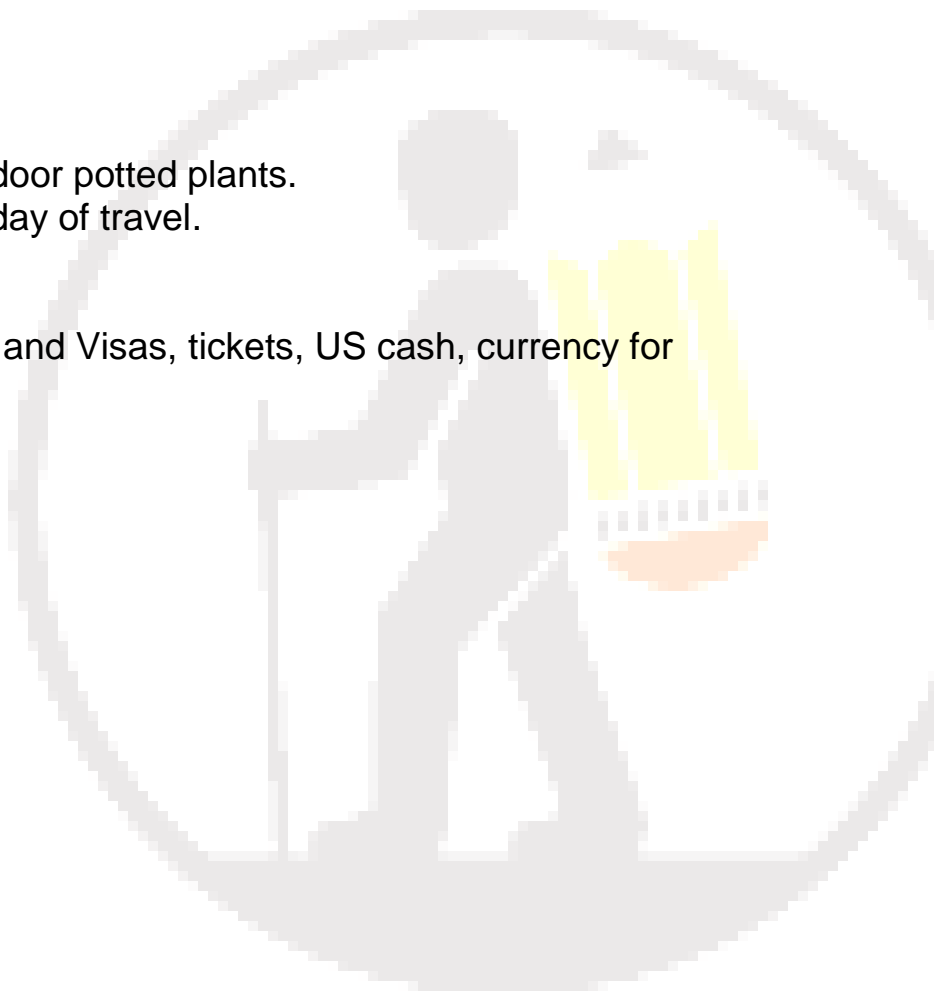
Put inside lamps on timers.  
Plan meals for the next week to empty fridge of things that will spoil.  
Rotate waking/bedtime schedule by 1-2 hours to prevent jet lag.  
Order cash from bank in destination currency.  
Pack carry-on bags.  
Pack suitcases.  
Paint nails.  
Cut/Color hair.

## Three Days Before

Give contact information to trusted neighbor/friend/relative.  
Touch base with friend who is taking you to airport.  
Use phone to take photos of passports.  
Order and print E-books from The Educational Tourist.

## Two days before

Fill car with gas.  
Water houseplants and outdoor potted plants.  
Lay out clothes to wear on day of travel.  
Charge all electronics.  
Pack money belt:  
\* Copies of passports and Visas, tickets, US cash, currency for destination



## Day Before

Take pets to kennel.

Bring leash, food, bed, medicine, toy, and blanket.

Put note in mailbox for postmaster to have mail held.

Check in online 24 hours ahead of flight. Print boarding passes.

Take out trash – and anything in the fridge that will grow legs while you are gone!

Give key to house sitter.

## Day of Travel

Power down/unplug computers.

Get ready, lock the door and take off!

