

TRAVEL PLANNING TIMELINE

TO BEST PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR
UPCOMING TRIP

6 months to 1 year before trip

1. Research your travel destinations (magazine articles, blogs, Pinterest, talk to people who have visited those places for advice)
2. Decide on your travel location(s)
3. Sign up for some airfare notifications to get the best deals for your destination (Skyscanner, Scotts Cheap Flights, Kayak, etc)
4. Create your travel budget (use my FREE resource [Travel Budget & Tracking Tool](#))
5. Create a **monthly savings plan** based on your average budgeted cost (i.e. [Travel Budget & Tracking Tool](#))
6. Make sure your Passport is **valid up to 90 days after your trip start date** (or beyond the planned date of departure). This is the requirement for travel within the Schengen Area.
7. Research Visa requirements for the countries you are visiting
8. Purchase international flights

3 - 6 months before trip

1. Create an Itinerary blueprint
2. Purchase flights w/in Europe
3. Apply for any Visas you need
4. Research hotels and homestay options
5. Make hotel or homestay reservations
6. Research day trip opportunities
7. Research & book private tours and experiences
8. Research Travel Insurance
9. Purchase Travel Insurance
10. If booking private tours for the Eiffel Tower, Day Trips or others, book these now

30 - 90 days before trip

1. Buy train/bus tickets for day trip and/or travel to and from other cities
2. Research museum exhibitions occurring during your travel dates and buy skip-the-line tickets online
3. Buy your skip-the-line tickets to the Eiffel Tower & other tours/museums online
4. Make your dinner reservations at restaurants that are hard to book for like Michelin Star restaurants

14 - 30 days before trip

1. Reserve car transfers from the airport
2. Download the [offline Google Maps of the cities](#) you will be traveling to
3. Download any travel apps you may need
4. Get any medication refills you will need before your trip
5. Start packing your bags 48 hours before your trip (it gives you enough time to remember if you've forgotten anything!)
6. Pack your Passport and any required Visas

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CONGRATULATIONS! TIME FOR YOUR TRIP!