

# Preparing for Your Dive Trip

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## PLANNING:

- Pay trip deposits
- Buy [trip insurance](#)
- Place an [alert](#) on the airfare and purchase tickets ASAP
- Book your [pet sitter](#)

## 60 DAYS BEFORE:

- Pay all outstanding trip balances
- Confirm your airfare
- Let the U.S. State Dept. know about international travel - [State Dept STEP](#)
- Inform your credit card company and banks that you're leaving the country
  - o Plan to bring a card with no international fees, like Capital One
  - o Plan to bring the airline card used to purchase the flight (AA/Delta/United)
- If you are renting a vehicle, call your insurance company to see if you are covered. If not, check if your trip insurance covers rental cars.
- Check medical requirements - Do you need to have a doctor sign a dive form? Do you need shots prior to the trip? [CDC \(Center for Disease Control\)](#)
- Put your mail and package deliveries on hold:
  - o [USPS Mail Hold](#)
  - o [UPS Package Hold](#)
  - o [FedEx Package Hold](#) (Click **My Profile** at the top of the page. Go to **FedEx Delivery Manager**, and then edit the delivery address to add a vacation hold.)
- Review your packing list and order items that you need ([Amazon Prime](#) includes free 2-day shipping)
- Service any dive equipment that needs maintenance

## ONE WEEK BEFORE:

- Withdraw cash from the bank
- Print (or save PDF to your phone) copies of the following:
  - o Passport
  - o Drivers license
  - o Credit cards
  - o Dive cards / Dive insurance
  - o The last page from your dive log book
- Print and fill out early registration or dive forms for your resort (Check the resort website) For example: <http://www.buddydive.com/blankslate/save-time-on-check-in/>
- Check that you have enough prescription and OTC meds for the trip
- Download movies or Audible/Kindle books for vacation
- Back up and delete photos on your phone/tablet/computer to make room for new ones
- Clear camera memory cards
- Test/charge the battery for your dive computer (and backup computer)
- Prepare for service people that come while you're gone (trash, plants, lawncare, housekeeper)
- Confirm your pet sitter arrangements
- Check the weather for your destination and plan your clothes accordingly
- Begin packing, or at least gather everything on the list to find last-minute missing items

## THE NIGHT BEFORE:

- Recheck your packing list and make sure that you have everything packed
- Pre-charge all batteries (cameras, dive computers, phones, laptops, tablets)