

ROAD TRIP SURVIVAL CHECKLIST



It is time to get ready to hit the road with the family. Make sure you are prepared for the trip with my handy checklist.

by Quinn Caudill www.dadwhats4dinner.com

BRING LOTS OF SNACKS

Road trips mean snacks and lots of drinks. Make sure to bring some fruit and nuts along with the unhealthy snacks. Frozen grapes work great. Bananas are a bad choice. Keep the cooler where the kids can reach it to eliminate stopping each time they want a drink or snack.



GET THE RIGHT APPS

Make sure you have addresses and phone numbers entered into your phone and GPS. Get traffic and driving apps like Gas Buddy to find the cheapest gas and Waze to navigate around traffic jams.

GADGETS AND CHARGERS

Make sure you have all smartphones and tablets charged up and ready to go. Be sure the kids know where to plug in the car chargers.



EXTRA KEYS

Bring a second set of car and house keys kept in a safe place just in case you get locked out at the rest stop.

FIRST AID KIT AND MEDICINE

A well stocked first aid kit should be kept in your car at all times. Bring enough prescriptions medicine for each family member. It is good to bring at least three extra days worth of medicine in case plans change or flights are delayed.



CASH AND CREDIT

Credit cards are the safest way to travel but be sure to have enough cash on hand for emergencies. If necessary let your bank and credit card companies know where you will be traveling especially if out of the country.

ROAD TOOLS

Check your repair kit and supplies in your trunk. A complete roadside emergency kit should have a flashlight, jumper cables, Lethermen all purpose tool, small air compressor and tire changing kit. Be sure to bring fresh batteries for all gadgets and radios along with a wine knife or bottle opener.



WELL PACKED DOPP KIT

To make for a smooth trip be sure to pack a complete toiletry bag including your new Gillette® Mach3® Signature Edition razor, contact lens case and solution, baby powder, toothbrush and toothpaste, haircare products, soap and shampoo if needed. Fingernail clippers and tweezers are not a bad choice to bring along.

PAPER PRODUCTS/TRASH BAGS

Bring paper towels and trash bags for the car. It is also a good idea to bring toilet paper, a box of tissues, and some wet wipes. Best to be prepared for the unexpected bathroom stop or kid getting car sick.

STOP THE MAIL, FEED THE CAT

Stop your mail or have a neighbor pick it up daily. Newspapers on the driveway are a sure sign the house is empty. Hire someone to feed the pets and look after the house. It is also a good idea to shut the water off, turn down the thermostat and leave a few lights on.

