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| Pre-Travel Preparations |
| * Determine visa requirements.Contact the OGH in case of any visa-related issues.
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| * Confirm sufficient validity and blank pages in your passport for pending international travel. At least two blank pages and six months validity are required in most countries.
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| * Ensure that you have local and OGH emergency contact information. Program all numbers into your phone.
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| * Determine whether your US phone will work in country. It is wise to enable your phone for global roaming (~$10/month plus calling charges) to ensure that you have access to a working phone en route. Consider bringing an unlocked phone and purchasing a local SIM. Review this helpful guidance from the University of Nebraska re: International IT Best Practices: [**http://its.unl.edu/bestpractices/international-travel**](http://its.unl.edu/bestpractices/international-travel) **.**
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| * Confirm/update personal contact information (including Skype address) and emergency contacts with your Department and OGH.
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| * Register with the US State Department STEP program to receive alerts for your destination countries
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| * As necessary, make appointment with travel clinic, ideally at least 2 weeks prior to your departure date. Inform the clinician of the country/countries to which you will travel in advance.
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| * Review the CDC’s Country-specific guidance to determine recommended and routine vaccinations, prevalent diseases and need for malaria prophylaxis. [**https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list**](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list)
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| * Be familiar with emergency assistance support available through AXA/ACE. Download a copy of the card here: [**https://www.umassp.edu/sites/umassp.edu/files/content/UMass%20Travel%20Card.pdf**](https://www.umassp.edu/sites/umassp.edu/files/content/UMass%20Travel%20Card.pdf)
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| * Procure all necessary prescription and OTC medications and confirm none are beyond expiration date.
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| * Prepare and pack your personal travel medical kit (see example below).
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| * Carry personal prescription medications and copies of all prescriptions (inclusive of the applicable generic name/equivalent) in your carry-on bag while traveling (ideally in original packaging).
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| Day before you Fly |
| * Confirm your flight times/connections with your airline and the SPP.
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| * Confirm arrangements for local transportation upon arrival. Ensure that you have local contact info.
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| * Ensure that you have all relevant visa paperwork and any documentation needed for work permits.
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| * Carry the address and phone numbers for CHAI contacts, hotels, etc.
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| * Make sure that you have sufficient quantities of an accepted currency (including any visa payments)
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| Upon Arrival |
| * Confirm your safe arrival with your local contact, your US emergency contact and your Advisor/Dept.
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| * As applicable, secure a local phone connection and relay your contact information to the above contacts.
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| * Program all local emergency contact phone numbers into your phone.
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| **Travel Medical Kit – Suggested Contents**  |  |
| * Anti-Diarrheal medication
 | * Mild laxative and an antacid
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| * Antibiotics (e.g., Ciprofloxacin for self-treatment of moderate to severe diarrhea)
 | * Anti-fungal/anti-bacterial cream and 1% hydrocortisone cream
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| * Antihistamine and decongestant
 | * Sunscreen (15 SPF or higher) and aloe gels
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| * Acetaminophen, aspirin, Ibuprofen, sleep aid
 | * Insect repellant containing DEET (up to 35%)
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| * Digital thermometer
 | * Antibacterial hand wipes or hand sanitizer
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| * oral rehydration solution packets
 | * Bandages, small scissors, tweezers, nail clippers
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