

THE HONEYMOON & TRAVEL PLANNING CHECKLIST

A Seamless Guide to Post-Wedding Travel, Bookings, & Destination Packing

A Note from Chris:

After months of wedding planning, your honeymoon should feel like an absolute breeze! The trick to a stress-free trip is taking care of legal details, travel insurance, and booking timelines early so you can switch directly into relaxation mode right after the big day.

**Warmly,
Chris**

1. Passport, Visa & Travel Insurance Verification

DESTINATION(S)	TRAVEL DATES
e.g., Amalfi Coast & Rome, Italy	e.g., Oct 15 - Oct 28
PASSPORT EXPIRY CHECK	TRAVEL INSURANCE POLICY #
e.g., Must be valid 6+ months past travel	e.g., Alliance Global #987654

LEGAL & DOCUMENTATION PROTOCOL:

- ☐ **Name Matching Rule:** Ensure flight ticket names match your current valid passport name (use maiden name if legal change is pending).
- ☐ Confirm passports have at least 6 months of validity remaining beyond your planned return date.
- ☐ Check tourist visa requirements, entry authorizations (e.g., ETIAS, ESTA), or arrival tax forms.
- ☐ Purchase comprehensive travel insurance covering flight delays, lost baggage, and medical emergencies.
- ☐ Check recommended/required vaccinations or medical clearance needed for your target destination.

PASSPORT, VISA & INSURANCE NOTES

2. Flight & Accommodation Booking Timelines

PRIMARY AIRLINE	MAIN HOTEL/RESORT
e.g., Delta / Flight #DL412	e.g., Belmond Hotel Caruso
SEAT SELECTION / LOYALTY #	HONEYMOON NOTATED
e.g., 12A / 12B - SkyMiles	e.g., Noted on resort & flight bookings

BOOKING & LOGISTICS TIMELINE CHECKLIST:

- ☐ **6–9 Months Before:** Book long-haul flights, luxury resorts, and high-demand boutique accommodations.
- ☐ **3–4 Months Before:** Book local transport (inter-city trains, rental cars, or island ferry transfers).
- ☐ **1–2 Months Before:** Reserve fine dining dinners, spa packages, and bucket-list guided tours.
- ☐ Notify hotels and airlines that you are celebrating your honeymoon for potential complimentary upgrades.
- ☐ Set up international cell service roaming plans or purchase local eSIMs prior to departure.

BOOKING & RESERVATION NOTES

Write notes on reservation confirmation numbers, transfer pickup times, rental car details...

3. Destination-Specific Packing Checklists

A. TROPICAL / BEACH RESORT ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Reef-safe sunscreen, aloe vera gel, wide-brim hat, UV sunglasses, and dry bag for boat excursions.
- ☐ 3–4 swimwear options, cover-ups, beach tote, sandals/flip-flops, and resort-casual dinner attire.

B. ADVENTURE & OUTDOOR EXCURSION ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Broken-in hiking boots, moisture-wicking layers, lightweight rain jacket, and compact daypack.
- ☐ Reusable insulated water bottles, insect repellent, portable power bank, and multi-tool/flashlight.

C. EUROPEAN CITY & CULTURAL SIGHTSEEING ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Ultra-comfortable stylish walking shoes, anti-theft crossbody bag, and modest attire for visiting historic sites.
- ☐ Universal plug adapters, local currency/cash for small markets, and contact cards/transport passes.

PACKING & LUGGAGE NOTES

Write specific wardrobe choices, carry-on essentials, medication lists, weather contingencies...

4. Emergency Contact & Travel Document Backup Sheet

US EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME	EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE
e.g., Parent / Maid of Honor	e.g., +1 (555) 019-2834
NEAREST US EMBASSY CONTACT	BANK TRAVEL NOTIFICATION
e.g., Rome Embassy +39 06 46741	e.g., Chase & Amex Notified

SAFETY & BACKUP PROTOCOL CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Photocopy passports, IDs, visas, and insurance cards (leave 1 set at home; keep 1 physical set in luggage).
- ☐ Upload digital copies of all travel documents to a secure cloud drive accessible offline on your phones.
- ☐ Notify credit card companies of travel dates and international locations to prevent card freezes.
- ☐ Register international travel plans with the State Department (e.g., STEP program) for safety alerts.
- ☐ Share full itinerary, hotel contact numbers, and flight confirmation details with family/emergency contact.

EMERGENCY & MEDICAL NOTES

List prescription details, allergy information, emergency numbers, credit card customer service lines...

5. Final Departure Day Checklist

HOUSE/PET SITTER CONTACT	FLIGHT CHECK-IN WINDOW
e.g., Neighbor / Boarding Service	e.g., 24 Hours Prior (App)
AIRPORT PICKUP / RIDESHARE	VALUABLES & GIFTS SECURED
e.g., Taxi scheduled for 6:00 AM	e.g., Wedding gifts in house safe

24-HOUR DEPARTURE COUNTDOWN:

- ☐ Complete airline online check-in 24 hours prior and download digital boarding passes.
- ☐ Confirm home security systems, hold mail delivery, and lock all doors/windows before leaving.
- ☐ Pack all essentials, electronics, chargers, medications, and original passports in CARRY-ON bags only.

DEPARTURE DAY REMINDERS

Write last-minute departure notes, house key location for sitters, plant watering...