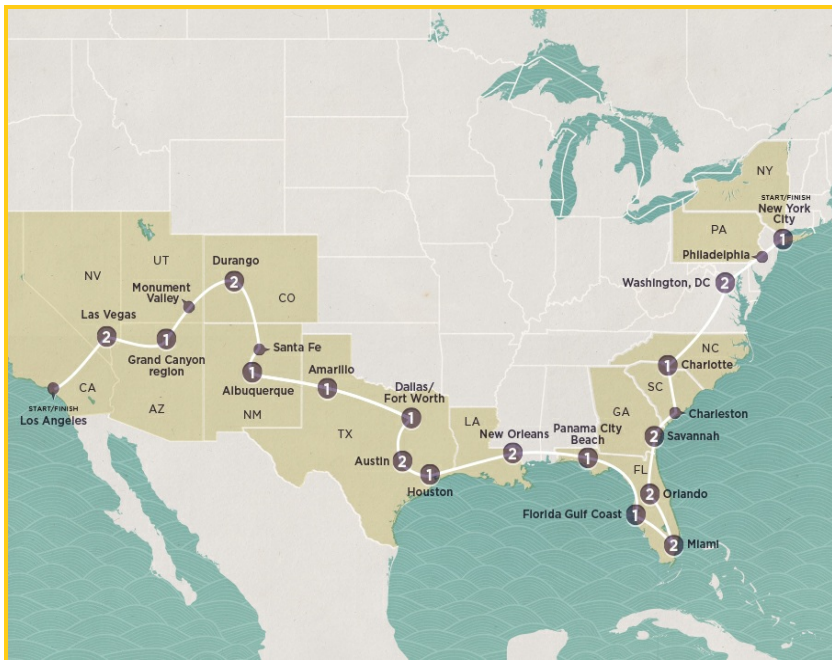




ROAD TRIP USA







TRIP CODE:
UHRTNL-1

TOPDECKER, meet North America

Is this trip for you? **ENERGETIC. ICONIC. UNFORGETTABLE.**

Life is a highway. So, grab it by the balls and tackle this 26-day all-American adventure head-on. From the iconic capitals of the big screen to the culture-infused cities everyone's raving about: this is one SUPERSized roadie. Get to know the big guns of the East, uncover the hidden gems of the South and lose yourself the otherworldly landscapes of the West – with plenty of sick AF inclusions thrown in the mix. If you really want to do the USA, this trip is it.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

	
Hotel	Nights
	
Android/iPhone app download info	This is a principal package.

Hi, and thanks for choosing to holiday with Topdeck

You can rest assured that we'll pull out all the stops to make your trip unforgettable.

Now it's time to get excited about your holiday...

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs – including where to meet and what to bring. We recommend that you read these notes thoroughly so you know what to expect on your trip of a lifetime. Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can bring it with you when you travel.

Please bear in mind that some points should be taken as a guide only – after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary from one person to the next, so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much!

PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Party bus, Las Vegas
- + Day trip to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Navajo Jeep tour, Monument Valley
- + Ranch visit, Durango
- + Cadillac Ranch, Amarillo
- + Historic Stockyards, Fort Worth
- + Sixth Floor Museum, Dallas
- + Airboat experience, Everglades
- + Night illumination tour, Washington, DC
- + Driving tour of Miami
- + Driving tour of Austin
- + Spray paint Cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch
- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Everglades airboat experience
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- + Vegas Party bus

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

New York City
United States

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Los Angeles
United States

TRIP CURRENCIES

- + United States - USD

YOUR ITINERARY



AWESOME
TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Life is a highway, and we're going to ride it all night long. Meet us in the Big Apple and learn the who's who of the group at tonight's included dinner. Syced?



MEALS:

+ Dinner

DAY 2 | NEW YORK CITY TO WASHINGTON, DC VIA PHILADELPHIA

Hitting the road bright and early, we're heading to the OG of American politics. But first: Philly. The home of Rocky and the Declaration of Independence - this place is crawling with colonial history and culture. Get the lowdown on a driving tour before we go hunting for the city's best cheesesteak. We'll arrive in DC just in time to see the Lincoln Memorial, the National Mall, the Whitehouse and Capitol Hill lit up like Christmas on an illumination tour. Dinner tonight is on us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

+ Included today:-Driving tour
of Philadelphia

+ Washington, DC Night
Illumination Tour

DAY 3 | WASHINGTON, DC

You've got 24 hours. Your undercover mission, should you choose to accept it...ok, you get the gist. Our suggestion? Get yourself a set of wheels on a Segway or bike tour. Then, hit up the array of FREE museums. From the National Museum of American History to the National Air and Space Museum, and the International Spy Museum - there's something for literally everyone. Washington FTW! Tonight, find a local haunt for dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Bike or segway tour of
Washington, DC: from \$40
USD

DAY 4 | WASHINGTON, DC TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Wave goodbye to ol' Lincoln - North Carolina is calling. A city with a tagline like "Charlotte's Got A Lot" is just begging to be proven wrong. But with urban forests, specialty museums, the NoDa art scene and not one, but two brewery districts - we'd have to agree, this city has a lot going on. Not to mention the revved up optional tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway - where you can learn the illustrious history behind America's Home of Racing.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Speedway tour: from \$25
USD

DAY 5 | CHARLOTTE TO SAVANNAH VIA CHARLESTON

Swap north for south today with a quick stop at historic Charleston. Spot Fort Sumter off the coast - the sea fort where the Civil War began - and grab some lunch along King Street, before we make tracks for Savannah. After an included dinner with the gang, check out the crazy-good nightlife here. From historic dive bars to the famous Tree House - this is the perfect spot for a bar crawl. Trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 6 | SAVANNAH

Get a taste of that Southern hospitality with your free day today. One of the few cities that survived the Civil War - think: manicured parks, elegant mansions, cobblestoned squares and oak trees covered in Spanish moss. You'd think you'd just walked onto the set of Forrest Gump (actually, you did - find his bench). Later, give those legs (and drinking arms) a workout with an optional Slow Ride Pub Crawl. 100% pedal powered pub crawl. What could possibly go wrong?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast included
today:



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Slow Ride pub crawl: from
\$35 USD

DAY 7 | SAVANNAH TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Shake off last night's antics - today, we're trading character for cartoons. Orlando: home to year-round sunshine and one rich AF mouse. Dump your stuff at the hotel and get exploring. There's more here than Minnie Mouse headbands and sugar-crazed children. Trust us.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 8 | ORLANDO

Right, this is your day - your way. But if you need some suggestions, we've got a few optional activities lined up. Disney Land or Universal: your pick. Or take one small step for man at the Kennedy Space Centre. Rather delve a bit deeper? Check out the eateries Downtown. Home to Orlando's largest Vietnamese population - the pho here is pretty bloody good. Later, you could hit up one of the city's underground jazz bars with the gang or take a picnic to Lake Eola Park.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Visit Walt Disney World: from \$100 USD
- + Visit Universal Studios: from \$100 USD
- + Visit the Kennedy Space Center: from \$100 USD

DAY 9 | ORLANDO TO MIAMI

Ever seen Swamp People? Today's Everglades airboat experience isn't the same - but it's pretty darn close. Spot the 'gators as we zip around the wetlands of Florida. Then: Miami. Practice your Baywatch pose on a driving tour - making a mental note of the must-sees for tomorrow, before getting a taste of the city's Latin influences at dinner. Later, there's plenty of fluro-lit bars to channel our inner hip-shaker at.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Everglades airboat experience
- + Driving tour of Miami

DAY 10 | MIAMI

Today is 100% up to you so, make the most of it. Take a trip to Little Havana to people-watch from a local café. Dodge the Speedo-clad skaters at South Beach. Or take an optional speed boat ride. This is Miami after all. Tonight, take your pick of authentic Cuban restaurants or head to Wynwood (the hipster art district) for something a bit different. Ready for round two? There's a reason they rave about the nightlife here.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Speedboat ride: from \$35 USD

DAY 11 | MIAMI TO FLORIDA GULF COAST

Sunkissed and sufficiently stuffed with Cuban food - we're off to Tampa today. We'll get a bit of time to check out the 3-mile stretch of Clearwater Beach, before heading to our hotel for the night.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 12 | FLORIDA GULF COAST TO PANAMA CITY BEACH

Today is brought to you by the white-sandy beaches and aquamarine waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Sit back and soak it all in as we follow the bay to our final destination: Panama City Beach. Ready for a dip? You'll have plenty of time to frolic amongst the waves before our included dinner tonight.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 13 | PANAMA CITY BEACH TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

You've heard the hype. Now it's time to experience it for yourself. Welcome to New Orleans. Call yourself a foodie? Put that to the test at tonight's included dinner. Between gumbo and po-boys, jambalaya and muffulettas, beignets and bananas foster - it's safer to try them all. Your pants are elasticated, right? Later, the legendary party vibes of Bourbon Street await. Arm yourself with a Hand Grenade cocktail and get those toes tapping.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 14 | NEW ORLEANS

A city exploding with culture, history and seriously good food - you've got 24hrs of freedom, so don't muck about. Check out the open-air gallery in Jackson Square. Hit up the French Market for shopping. Uncover your love for jazz along Frenchman street. And get amongst the mayhem on Bourbon Street. Want more? Board an optional swamp tour for more 'gator spotting or learn to cook like a local at an optional cooking demonstration. That'll impress the Tinder dates back home. Whatever you choose, you won't be bored.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL

ACTIVITIES:

- + Cooking demonstration: from \$340USD
- + Swamp tour: from \$22 USD

DAY 15 | NEW ORLEANS TO HOUSTON, TEXAS

We're not going to lie - today's a big drive day. So, warm up those vocal cords and get ready to bust out some bangers with the gang. Who's on the AUX cord? Later, we'll roll into the home of NASA and the Queen Bey herself. Houstonians take their food SUPER seriously, so you know tonight's included dinner is gonna' be good.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 16 | HOUSTON TO AUSTIN

This morning, you've got some free time to live out your Space Camp dreams at the Houston Space Centre or go brunch-ing at a hipster cafe (complete with morning-appropriate-cocktails). Then, we'll roll on to the hat-wearin', BBQ-eatin', two-steppin' capital of Texas. Check out the main sights on a driving tour before we tuck paper napkins into our collars and dig into a Texan BBQ feast. Bellies full and belts a tad tighter - it's time to hit up 6th Street for a night of boot-scooting.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Austin

DAY 17 | AUSTIN

"Keep Austin Weird" - a city that lives by a motto is one we can 100% get around. And today you're free to do exactly that. Go thrift shopping. Check out the Cathedral of Junk. Food-truck-hop your way into a food coma. Then, head to Rainey Street - a street lined with old craftsman houses converted into some of the hippest bars you've sunk a pint in. Before the day is done, don't miss getting your lips around a Voodoo donut. So. Worth. It.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 18 | AUSTIN TO DALLAS VIA FORT WORTH

Prepare yourself - we're heading to the wild, wild west with a visit to the Fort Worth Historic Stockyards. Lasso your way around the original brick walkways and wooden corrals of 'Cowtown' before we make tracks to Dallas. Tonight is totally up to you. Our suggestion? Get the crew together and head to Billy Bob's Texas - the World's Largest Honky Tonk. 30 bars. Live music. Bull riding. It's like real-life Footloose



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Fort Worth Historic Stockyards

DAY 19 | DALLAS TO AMARILLO

First up: we'll pay a visit to The Sixth Floor Museum - detailing the history of the JFK assassination. Then we'll get our kicks on Route 66. Don't be fooled, Amarillo is a 'go big or go home' kinda place. Think you can eat a 72 ounce steak plus side in under an hour? Tonight's included dinner at The Big Texan is your chance to try. We're rooting for you (but will laugh if you throw up).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + 6th Floor Museum, Dallas

DAY 20 | AMARILLO TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Ready for something a bit...different? On Route 66 we'll check out the quirky art installation at the Cadillac Ranch before channelling our inner delinquent - spray can in hand. After admiring our handiwork, it's time to hit the road to Albuquerque.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Spray paint Cadillacs at Cadillac Ranch

DAY 21 | ALBUQUERQUE TO DURANGO VIA SANTA FE

From a desert storm to the arty markets of Santa Fe - stop for lunch and a wander around the historic heart of the city. Then: glue your face to the window as we weave through the rugged Colorado mountains. Tonight, we're bunking down at a real-life ranch - complete with delicious home cooking and wide-open spaces just waiting to be explored.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 22 | DURANGO

Today delve a bit deeper into life on a ranch. Head out on horseback with an optional riding experience. Or take in alllll the views from the Durango Silverton steam train. You can even go ziplining if that's more your style. And if road trip life has got you craving a bit of me-time - there's plenty of wide-open-spaces to do that too. Tonight's dinner is up to you, but we hear the burgers here are bloody good.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Horse riding excursion in Durango, Colorado (summer only): from \$95 USD

+ Durango ziplining (summer only): from \$130 USD

+ Snowmobile Tour, Durango (winter only)

DAY 23 | DURANGO TO GRAND CANYON REGION, ARIZONA VIA MONUMENT VALLEY

Arizona - this state is made for road trips. Stretches of endless sky. Expanses of red desert. Centuries-old history. And some pretty famous rock formations. Today's first stop: Monument Valley. Say hi to our local Navajo guide, climb into the Jeep and get totally lost (not literally) amongst the buttes and mesas of this magical place. After lunch, we're headed to the home of the Grand Canyon. Dinner is included tonight, so tuck in - you're going to need the energy for tomorrow.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Lunch

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Entry to Monument Valley Tribal Park

+ Monument Valley Navajo Jeep tour

DAY 24 | GRAND CANYON TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

One word: iconic. The only way to see one of the world's most incredible natural wonders in its entirety, is from the sky. Lucky for you we've organised an optional heli-tour. After you've filled your SD card, it's time to turn our attention to the strip. The Vegas Strip. This place is so OTT it hurts to look at. But we'll do just that on a driving tour - before donning our sequin bowties and stilettos for a night on the town (featuring our very own party bus). Welcome to Vegas, baby!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Grand Canyon National Park
- + Driving tour of the Las Vegas Strip
- + Vegas Party bus



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Heli-tour over the Grand Canyon: from \$290 USD

DAY 25 | LAS VEGAS

Anything goes in Vegas and you've got a full day to make the most of it. Our suggestions? Take an optional heli-tour over The Strip. Or catch a ride on the High Roller Observation Wheel. You can even check out a shooting range, if that's your thing. There's plenty of time to flash some plastic at the mall or hit up a Vegas-style pool party. Just save some energy for later cos' we've got one last group dinner together - and we've got one big-crazy-ride to toast to!



MEALS:

- + Dinner



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Heli-tour over the Las Vegas Strip: from \$130 USD
- + Ride the High Roller Observation Wheel in Las Vegas: from \$40 USD
- + Visit a Las Vegas shooting range: from \$100 USD

DAY 26 | LAS VEGAS TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Wipe away the last traces of glitter and confetti - we'll make tracks for our final stop after breakfast. You've got the whole coach ride to plan next year's reunion trip. Get cracking.

MEALS

Your included meals are detailed in the 'Included Essentials' section of this document.

Breakfasts (usually continental breakfasts) are included every day, except on the first morning of your trip. A typical continental breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yogurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, and cheese – with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast, though on some occasions some hot food may be available.

Included meals will be provided in a mixture of local restaurants and places in which we stay. In most cases, table water is provided with meals. If you wish to purchase additional drinks, you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements, we'll make every effort to cater to your needs – as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book. You can also make a note of dietary requirements in the Topdeck app when you check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Although we'll do everything in our power to cater to your needs, we cannot guarantee this will be possible in every restaurant we visit. We also cannot cater to tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

TIPPING

Your Topdeck Trip Leaders and Drivers never expect tips, and they won't ask for any either. We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead – spoil yourself with the money you save travelling with us (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

TIPPING CULTURE IN NORTH AMERICA

In North America, tipping is customary. Please bear in mind that you will be expected to leave a tip for optional meals and activities, as well as during nights out.

TOPDECK TRAVEL APP

Our app is available to download before you travel. With a range of cool features including a currency converter, budget planner, check-in tool and group chat, it'll help you plan your trip like a pro. Think of it as your very own Topdeck Trip Leader in the palm of your hand.

TRIP GROUP CHAT

Connect with your fellow Topdeckers before you depart and begin your magical friendship in the flash of a winking face emoji.

ITINERARY VIEWER

Get the lowdown on where you'll be going and what activities you'll be doing on each day of your trip with this handy little tool.

CHECK-IN

Plug in all your vital deets and we'll keep them safe for when you really need them. Making your life easier, one swipe at a time.

BUDGET TRACKER

Keep an eye on your holiday spending, leaving you with more FUN-ds to play with. Think: elaborate Spanish feasts (not questionable supermarket sandwiches).

MAPS

Navigate your way to meeting points and lesser-known local gems using pins dropped by your Trip Leader, seek out your own bucket list sites and take to the streets like a pro.

Once the trip is over, you'll need the app to give us feedback about your trip experience. We love to hear what you thought about your trip, as it helps to give us an idea of the things we're doing well and the things we could be doing better.

PLEASE NOTE: The Topdeck Travel App should only be downloaded once you have booked your trip. You will not be able to log in unless you have a Topdeck booking reference number.

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PASSENGER SAFETY

NIGHTS OUT

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

RESPECTING FELLOW PASSENGERS

Here at Topdeck, we're all about inclusivity. We want to make sure that everyone has a great time on our trips, and that everyone feels like they're part of one happy Topdeck family.

What we're not about is excluding people or making them feel like they don't belong – that's just not what families do. That's why we always encourage Topdeckers to be kind and courteous to their fellow passengers. The golden rules? Always remember to respect each other's space, be mindful of causing excessive noise in shared accommodation and treat others how you'd wish to be treated yourself. Easy!

DRUG USE

Topdeck has a strict zero-tolerance drug policy. Passengers should not bring any illegal substances onto the Topdeck coach or into any of the accommodation we stay in on our trips. This includes marijuana, even if it is legal in some of the states your trip passes through. If you are found in possession of drugs, you will be removed from the trip. All instances of drug possession will be reported to Topdeck Head Office, who may consider alerting the relevant authorities.

REMEMBER – if you are found in possession of drugs, not only could you risk getting in trouble with the local police, but our Driver will also be held responsible if drugs are found on the Topdeck coach. Trust us, you wouldn't want that to happen to any of our Drivers – they're awesome.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Culture shock, homesickness, random periods of feeling down – these things happen and are totally normal. You can rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Topdeck crew will do their utmost to cheer you up again.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- + Call home. Sometimes it's nice to hear a familiar voice and have a good old-fashioned catch up with your loved ones
- + Eat well. Never underestimate the power of a good, wholesome meal. Nobody feels at their best when they're hungry!
- + Drink responsibly. Not only will you swerve the dreaded hangover, but by keeping an eye on what you drink, you

could also avoid getting into any potentially uncomfortable situations

- + Talk to your Trip Leader. Don't forget, they're probably far from home, too – so they're sure to know of some tried-and-tested ways to beat the blues
- + Integrate with your fellow Topdeckers. This one is key! The more fun you're having on your trip, the less likely you are to feel homesick (trust us).

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER

Responsible travel isn't difficult to achieve. With a little conscious thought and preparation, you can have an awesome holiday AND have a positive impact on the places you visit. Sweet!

Here are five things you can do to ensure you're travelling responsibly:

- + Conserve water. You know the drill – reuse your hotel towels, take short showers and remember to turn off the tap when you're brushing your teeth
- + Reduce your waste. Ditch the plastic bag, refuse unnecessary packaging, dispose of your waste responsibly and recycle as much as possible
- + Go local. Hunt down locally owned and operated restaurants and bars, shop in local markets and book tours and activities run by local guides
- + Consider the wildlife. Avoid any attractions that involve closely engaging with wild animals
- + Respect local people and culture. Obeying local laws is a given – but also remember to dress and behave in a manner appropriate to the community. Be polite and keep an open mind!

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

Before your trip departs, it's compulsory for all passengers to take out comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical expenses (including repatriation), loss or damage to baggage and personal belongings, money and personal liability.

World Nomads provides comprehensive travel insurance for people from over 140 countries. For more information, visit www.topdeck.travel/travel-insurance.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Please make sure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your trip. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your trip departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

PLEASE NOTE: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure, as requirements do change periodically.

WHAT TO BRING

Based on our experience, these items are key. Everyone's different though – so if you want to bring more or less, go for it (as long as you don't exceed your 20kg allowance, that is!)

Heading on our Namaste India trip? Your luggage is capped at 15kg, so maybe leave the hairdryer at home.

- + 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes
- + 1 pair of smart casual shoes
- + 1 pair of thongs/jandals/flip-flops
- + 2 pairs of jeans/trousers
- + 2 pairs of shorts/skirts
- + 4 shirts/T-shirts
- + 2 sweaters/jumpers
- + Smart casual evening wear
- + 1 rainproof jacket
- + 1 warm jacket
- + Underwear and socks
- + Swimwear
- + Towel
- + Toiletries
- + Hat and sunscreen
- + Basic medical kit (including plasters, aspirin etc)
- + Insect repellent
- + Conversion plug
- + Reusable water bottle
- + Snow gear



THAT'S IT!