

# Checklist: Vacation in a van

## Preparations before the journey

- Check: immigration laws, customs laws, traffic laws, laws regarding pets
- Check that passports/identity documents are valid; apply for a visa, if necessary
- Store copies/backups of your identification and other important documents on the cloud/on a USB stick or give them to friends
- Vaccinations
- Check your travel insurance and other insurance policies (travel cancellation, legal insurance, vehicle insurance, etc.)
- Note the travel information
- School holiday dates and public holidays in the country
- Prepare the route: toll roads, ferry routes, camping grounds, workshops, maps
- Check the green insurance card coverage in the destination country or take out the necessary additional insurance or comprehensive travel insurance coverage, if necessary
- Check the refueling options in the country
- Vehicle check and maintenance, vehicle inspection and exhaust certificates OK
- Check indicators, brake lines, lights, tire condition, windscreen wipers
- Check gas, refrigerator, freshwater hose
- Check the use-by date of the first aid kit

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- Check: permitted gross vehicle weight/axle load
- Check the starter battery
- Check the oil
- Check the fire extinguisher
- Check the coolant
- Check the windscreen wiper fluid/antifreeze
- Check the tire pressure (including the spare wheel)
- Gas check
- Empty the waste water tank
- Refill the freshwater, secure the canisters
- Close the windows/skylight
- Lock the sliding doors
- Lower the tables and secure with padding
- Stow any loose objects
- Switch the refrigerator to 12 V
- Shut off the gas bottle
- Disconnect the power cable
- Stowe any heavy objects between or close to the axles

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## Travel papers/important documents

- Passports, identification and visa, if necessary
- Spare passport photo
- Vaccination certificates
- International health coverage/European health insurance certificate  
any other necessary insurance documents
- Drivers licenses (possibly international driver's license)
- Vehicle documents Insurance documents for the vehicle
- For Europe: "European accident report" template
- Accident and breakdown cover
- Parking disc
- Vignette, toll card, emissions sticker for environmental zones
- Cash, travelers' cheques, debit card, credit cards
- Tickets/reservation confirmations for bookings
- Emergency numbers for the destination country and hotline numbers  
(numbers for locking credit cards, etc., insurance companies, automobile club)
- Travel guide, hiking map, language guide
- Navigation system and corresponding maps
- Instruction manuals for technical equipment
- Spare key

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## Spare parts and repair material 1/3

- Vehicle tools/other tools
- Work gloves
- Spare bulbs (mandatory in some countries)
- Spare fuses
- Spare immersion pump
- Gas filling adapter
- Gas bottle
- Gas hose
- Spark plugs
- Spare fuel canister
- Jump leads
- Towing rope
- V-belt
- Air foot pump

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## Spare parts and repair material 2/3

- Spare canister of engine oil
- Spare bottle of windscreen wiper fluid (and antifreeze in winter)
- Lubricating grease
- Adhesive
- Fuel funnel
- Circuit tester
- Universal pliers
- Compressor
- Lustre terminals
- Rings
- Hose adapters
- Hose clamps
- Multimeter
- Tensioning belts
- Tire pressure measurer

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## Spare parts and repair material 3/3

- Snow chains, if necessary
- Electricity/gas adapter (CEE adapter/adapter socket)
- Extension cord/cable drum
- Multi-plug
- Spare wheel
- Vehicle jack
- Chocks
- Flashlight, batteries
- Cord, wire, washing line
- Cable ties
- Insulating tape
- Spirit level
- Contact spray/lubricant such as WD40 spray
- Candles
- Matches/lighter
- First aid kit, warning triangle, warning vests
- Folding spade



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## Kitchen articles and cleaning equipment 1/2

- Cutlery and crockery
- Pots and pans
- Folding canister
- Cutting board
- Bread knife/cooking knives
- Coffee machine/espresso pot
- Thermos flask
- Cheese grater
- Sieve
- Peeler
- Can opener
- Bottle opener
- Corkscrew, pocketknife, scissors
- Fresh storage boxes
- Aluminum foil/plastic wrap
- Tea towels and dishwashing sponges
- Paper towels, toilet paper, paper tissues

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## Kitchen articles and cleaning equipment 2/2

- Rubbish bags, rubbish bag frame
- Detergent
- Washing basin
- Cleaning agents
- Sponge, cleaning cloths, dishtowels
- Brush and shovel
- Bucket
- Laundry detergent
- Washing pegs
- Sewing kit
- Cool bag
- Camping table and chairs
- Candles/storm lamps
- Cooker
- Barbecue equipment (gas or coal barbecue, fire starters, tongs etc.)
- Food (basics: salt, pepper, sugar, vinegar, oil, coffee, tea)
- Beverages



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## Other

- First aid kit and travel medication (insect repellent, sunscreen, medications)
- Hygiene articles
- Hairdryer
- Sunglasses, spare glasses, contact lenses
- Clothing, hats/scarves
- Backpack
- Rain clothing
- Hobbies, games, sporting equipment, swimming gear, musical instruments, Books, music, camera, writing equipment, binoculars
- Mobile phone, charger, headphones, AUX cable
- Hammock
- Sunshades/stand
- Tarpaulin, awning, awning carpet, pegs, cables
- Bedding (sleeping, pillow, sheets), towels

**No claim to completeness!**