

Military Travel Checklist

Here's a Military Travel Checklist tailored to help service members, veterans, and their families prepare for stress-free trips:

✓ Before You Book

- Check for military travel discounts (flights, hotels, cruises, rental cars)
- Verify eligibility for Space-A (Space-Available) travel
- Review leave and duty requirements (if active duty)
- Obtain approval for travel during deployment windows (if applicable)
- Check passport expiration dates (must be valid for at least 6 months)
- Research destination-specific travel restrictions and entry requirements

✓ Booking & Reservations

- Book flights and accommodations early to secure military rates
- Reserve rental cars with military discounts
- Secure lodging on military bases (use DoD lodging resources)
- Confirm pet policies (if traveling with pets)
- Purchase travel insurance (ensure it covers military-related cancellations)

✓ Documents to Carry

- Military ID card
- Copy of orders (if traveling on duty)
- Passports and visas (for international travel)
- Medical and vaccination records
- Emergency contact list
- Travel itinerary (with confirmation numbers)

✓ Packing Essentials

- Uniform (if required for duty travel)
- Civilian clothing suitable for destination and activities
- Medications and prescriptions (in original packaging)
- Copies of important documents (stored separately from originals)
- Portable chargers and adapters (for international trips)
- Toiletries and personal care items



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✓ Day of Travel

- Arrive at the airport/base terminal early (especially for Space-A flights)
- Double-check baggage restrictions and allowances
- Keep documents and valuables in carry-on luggage
- Hydrate and bring snacks for long trips

✓ Extras (If Traveling with Family)

- Entertainment for kids (games, books, devices)
- Car seats or booster seats (if renting a car)
- Snacks and baby supplies (if traveling with infants)
- Family passports and IDs

✓ Upon Arrival

- Locate nearest military support center (if needed)
- Confirm transportation arrangements
- Keep emergency contacts accessible

