

RV Readiness Checklist

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Trip Name/Destination _____ Date of trip _____ Duration _____ Days / _____ Nights

Selecting an RV / trailer

Decide what type of RV / trailer will best suit your needs. Consider:

- ☐ The number of people traveling
- ☐ The size of RV you are comfortable with handling
- ☐ If using a trailer, confirm the tow weight of your vehicle
- ☐ Where you will be going
- ☐ The weather conditions where you will be traveling
- ☐ The kind of cooking you will be doing
- ☐ What other vehicle you might be towing (e.g., boat, bicycles, car)

Booking an RV

- ☐ Call several rental agencies to compare prices
- ☐ Find out if your roadside service covers service calls for RVs
- ☐ Ask what extra charges there may be for things like additional drivers, cleaning, and tank dumping
- ☐ If you'd like special items for your trip, ask if they rent them and the cost
- ☐ Check with your insurance company to know what coverage you have when renting an RV

When you pick up the RV

- ☐ What to do if the RV breaks down or you are in an accident
- ☐ What to do if you lose the RV key
- ☐ If you need to return the RV in certain way (e.g., full tank of gas)
- ☐ Be sure to have with you current driver's license for all drivers and insurance documents
- ☐ What the RV return process is
- ☐ What the daily mileage limit is, if any

Before you drive off

Have the agent do a complete run-through with you of all the features and how to use them :

- ☐ Appliances in the kitchen, bathroom, and elsewhere
- ☐ How to reconfigure the furniture for sleeping
- ☐ Lights, light switches, and outlets
- ☐ How to refuel and what type of fuel to use
- ☐ When and how to operate the generator
- ☐ Location of spare tires and tools
- ☐ Location of propane tanks, how to turn them on, what they power
- ☐ Leveling jacks and other equipment needed to level and stabilize the RV
- ☐ Location of RV registration and owner's manual
- ☐ How and when to use the awning
- ☐ Water, waste, and power hookups and how to use the equipment required for each
- ☐ How to dump the tanks and the equipment needed to do so
- ☐ Slide outs, if RV has them

Test drive the RV

- ☐ Notice any unusual sounds or smells
- ☐ Inspect the inside and outside of the RV for any damage
- ☐ Make sure you know how to use all the controls and check that they are all working

Notes – include comments on damage on interior/exterior, appliance use, tips and tricks

 Take photos or a video of any damage prior to departure

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Packing list

Linens & sleeping

- ☐ Bed linens, sheets, blankets, or sleeping bags
- ☐ Pillows
- ☐ Small fan for white noise
- ☐ Bath towels
- ☐ Earplugs

Setting up camp

- ☐ Outdoor rug and/or mat
- ☐ Camping chairs
- ☐ Camping table
- ☐ Outdoor rug and/or mat
- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Canopy
- ☐ Fire starter / wood
- ☐ Lighter / matches
- ☐ Outdoor blankets
- ☐ Hatchet / axe
- ☐ Hammock
- ☐ Table cloth
- ☐ Fire pit

For the kitchen

- ☐ Cooking utensils
- ☐ Pots & pans
- ☐ Whisk / spatula
- ☐ Coffee pot
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Griddle
- ☐ Measuing cups / spoons
- ☐ Dishes, cups, plates
- ☐ Bottle opener / corkscrew
- ☐ Pot holder / oven mits
- ☐ Cooking oil / spray
- ☐ Cleaning supplies
- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ Paper towels
- ☐ Skillet
- ☐ Spices
- ☐ Salt & pepper
- ☐ Coffee mugs
- ☐ Mixing bowls
- ☐ Wash basin
- ☐ Drying rack
- ☐ Aluminum foil
- ☐ Trash bags
- ☐ Food storage
- ☐ Dish towels
- ☐ Cutting board
- ☐ Knives
- ☐ Grilling tools
- ☐ Dish soap
- ☐ Dish towels
- ☐ Sponges

RV Information

Rental company :	Phone number :	Roadside assistance phone number :
Make :	Model :	
RV color :	License plate:	

Fuel type and level

- ☐ Gas/Petrol
- ☐ Diesel
- ☐ Natural Gas
- ☐ Electric



CHECK THE FUEL LEVEL:

Draw a line showing the position of the fuel gauge at the trip start.

Mileage

Before trip :	miles/km	After trip :	miles/km
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Returning the RV

- ☐ Follow the rental agency's return process
- ☐ Make a note of the gas level and mileage (take a photo)
- ☐ Make sure you have all your belongings
- ☐ Get a receipt, if possible; if not, take a photo of the RV in its parking space