

Preparing for your trip

Packing your bags

CampingCar-Online/Ramble Campervans would like to suggest a few things to remember in preparation for your motorhome trip. You'll find advice on the type of luggage to take and a list of important documents not to forget.

Type of luggage

If you are doing a one-way trip, collecting and returning your motorhome in different cities, it is best to use **soft, flexible bags or backpacks**. These types of bags can be folded and more easily stored away in the motorhome once you have unpacked. **Hard suitcases will waste space** in the vehicle. If you are doing a round trip, collecting and returning your motorhome in the same city, you can **leave your empty bags in a storage area** at the local rental agency where you collect your motorhome.

It is also a good idea to keep a **small day bag** available so that you can carry valuables with you when you leave the motorhome to site see.

Important documents

- Passports: biometric or electronic. For visa information please consult the relevant embassy websites.
- National and international drivers licences
- Plane tickets
- Vouchers for collecting your motorhome, hotel and ferry bookings/tickets/vouchers etc.
- Credit card (inform your bank of your trip so that your card is not blocked). Make sure you know your credit card's daily/monthly withdrawal limits
- Travel insurance information

Advice: Leave copies of your important travel documents with family or friends so that they can be faxed to you in case of emergency.

General/Additional list

- Mobile phone (make sure you know the costs involved in using your phone in another country)
- Medical prescriptions, reading glasses, contact lenses
- Sun glasses
- Travel guides
- Address book
- Phone, computer, camera chargers, etc.
- CDs for the road
- iPod/Mp3, chargers, speakers, earphones
- Camera (take extra memory cards)
- Plug adapters
- Penknife
- Torch
- Books (you can swap books at some of the local motorhome rental companies)
- Watch with alarm
- Playing cards and other games

Necessary toiletries

Suncream (minimum SPF 30) and a basic first aid kit (bandaids, bandages, aspirin, antihistamines, antiseptic solution,

scissors, etc).

Clothes

Pack light clothing in summer. Take some warmer clothes, such as sweaters/jerseys, as the air conditioning can be cool, as well as the weather in the region around Seattle.

In winter, take warm clothing and a raincoat and rain boots.

The southern states and Florida are exceptions and light clothing can be worn throughout the year. a raincoat and rain boots are necessary even in summer.