

FOR YOUR LANGUAGE SCHOOLS ABROAD TOOLKIT:

12-MONTH PLANNING TIMELINE AND PACKING LIST

12 MONTHS

- > Make a list of your **personal goals**
- > Research **locations & languages** that interest you
- > Work out **your budget, when you can go,** and **classroom size preference**

11 MONTHS

- > Focus more on **specific goals**
- > **Chat with a program advisor**
- > Share the great news with your **fam** and get their two cents
- > **Research language school** extensively to avoid any scam

10 MONTHS

- > **Research** your host country
- > Start a **crowdfunding campaign** (early bird gets the worm!)

9 MONTHS

- > Get a head start, brush up on your **foreign language skills** (maybe download Duolingo or Babbel)
- > Start following the **local news**

7 MONTHS

- > **Apply for your program** as soon as applications open!
- > Map your **strengths and weaknesses**

6 MONTHS - HALFWAY THERE!

- > **Seriously, apply!**
- > Never. Stop. Reading
- > **Apply for a travel rewards credit card**

5 MONTHS

- > **Organize all your travel documents** and copies
- > Start scouring for the **best travel tips**

3 MONTHS

- > **Coordinate housing** abroad (preferably a homestay)
- > **Reach out to program advisors** for any questions
- > **Pay off any course registration fees**

2 MONTHS

- > Register with **STEP**
- > **Alert your bank** about your travel plans
- > Download **ALL THE APPS**
- > Order any needed **coursebooks**
- > You should have almost all your \$\$\$

1 MONTH - TIME TO GO!

- > **Get packing!**
- > Speak to a program advisor one last time
- > Finish any **last minute school/work**
- > **Buy a journal** to record your travels
- > **Say au revoir** to friends and fam!

WHAT TO PACK

1. Your Passport!
2. Light jacket
3. Waterbottle
4. Sunglasses
5. Hat
6. Old language coursebooks
7. Appropriate shoes
8. Camera
9. Cash on hand & debit card
10. Phone or tablet
11. Any necessary medications
12. Lots of notebooks & pens
13. A good book
14. Emergency numbers and contact info
15. A durable backpack or luggage to pack it all in!

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8 MONTHS

- > **Notify school/employers**
- > **Read a book** and watch a movie or documentary
- > Consider **starting your own blog**
- > Find out where **placement exams** will be held

4 MONTHS

- > **Book your flight & travel insurance!**
- > Check in on your goals
- > Check up on that **crowdfunding campaign**