

FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD TOOLKIT: 12-MONTH PLANNING TIMELINE AND PACKING LIST

12 MONTHS

- > Make a list of your **personal goals**
- > Research **programs** that interest you
- > Work out **your budget**, when you can go, and **plan your courseload**

11 MONTHS

- > Focus more on **specific goals**
- > Link programs to your **studies/career interests**
- > **Chat with high school academic advisor**
- > Share the great news with your fam and get their two cents

8 MONTHS

- > **Research** your host country
- > **Read a book** and watch a movie or documentary
- > Consider **starting your own blog**

10 MONTHS

- > **Finalize your courseload** for the remaining semesters
- > Start a crowdfunding campaign (early bird gets the worm!)

9 MONTHS

- > Brush up on your **foreign language skills**
- > Start following the **local news**

7 MONTHS

- > Check in on your goals
- > Map your **strengths and weaknesses**
- > Figure out credit and ATM cards w/your parents

6 MONTHS - HALFWAY THERE!

- > **Apply for your program** as soon as applications open!
- > Apply for **scholarships**

4 MONTHS

- > Seriously, **apply!**
- > Never. Stop. Reading
- > Check up on that **crowdfunding campaign**

5 MONTHS

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

3 MONTHS

- > **Book your flight & travel insurance!**
- > Confirm international housing
- > Reach out to **program coordinators** for any last minute questions

2 MONTHS

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

1 MONTH - TIME TO GO!

- > **Get packing!**
- > Speak to your advisors 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. Sunscreen
7. Favorite shoes
8. Headphones
9. Cash on hand & debit card
10. Phone, tablet, & camera
11. Any necessary medications
12. Journal

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13. External battery pack
14. Emergency numbers and contact info
15. A durable backpack or luggage to pack it all in!