

Holiday Eve* Guide

The 'Holiday Eve' Guide by Premier Inn is to ensure you maximise on your holiday and have as stress-free a trip as possible.

*a night in a hotel before you start your hols



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Annual leave is so precious and we want to make the most of it – but it can be hard to switch off.



It’s been fun helping create a guide to help those heading away on holiday to make life that little bit easier so there’s less of the stress.”

– *Victoria Philpott, Travel Expert*

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You've dreamt about it, researched it and booked it. Now comes the stress as you prepare for your all important holiday. Check out our handy Holiday Eve guide in partnership with travel expert Victoria Philpott (@VickyFlipFlop) for tips on how to make the most of your trip and settle into holiday mode as quickly as possible.



In the weeks before you go:

- Check your passport is in date and apply for all relevant VISAs and travel documents.
- Make sure you buy your travel insurance **as soon as you've booked** that holiday.
- Check if you need any jobs and make sure you have any medication required for the trip as repeat prescriptions can often take time!
- Start that list! Making a to-do list based on what you need to buy and do in the run-up to your holiday is essential to ensure things are not forgotten. I suggest splitting this by “to buy” and “to do”. I also like to look online for packing lists for your destination, for the time of year you're visiting.



- Begin your pre-holiday shopping early. Sun cream, toiletries, new undies.... Whatever you need make sure you're not leaving things until the last minute. I like to do a bit of a holiday wardrobe audit too a couple of weeks before to make sure I don't need anything and everything still fits!
- Book in those beauty appointments – try not to leave everything until the last day.
- Arrange airport transfers, enabling you time to shop around for the best deal. If transfers are proving costly, airport hotels that offer parking can be a great option!
- If you require car hire book it now to get better deals.

- Leaving early? Consider booking a Holiday Eve stay at a Premier Inn location near your departure airport, port or station to eliminate travel stress. This will allow you to relax and enjoy food on site, eliminate travel stress and maximise sleep.
- Make sure your pet care is sorted – the last thing you want is to be desperately trying to find a kennel/cattery space days before you travel.



The week before...

- Get that suitcase out! You should aim to have the majority of your case packed two days before you travel.
- Make sure your holiday wardrobe is washed and ironed.
- Ensure the house is sorted for your stay away; deliveries cancelled, someone arranged to water plants etc. Make sure any selling sites you have listings on are set to 'holiday' as well.
- I like to ensure I have a food shop delivery booked for my return to make sure I won't have to run out for milk as soon as I'm back and can keep-up the holiday relaxation for as long as possible.

The day before

- If needed, don't forget the out of office and voicemail – the last thing you want is being contacted when on annual leave.
- Why not download any movies, books or apps you may need for your travels and holiday to save using any data abroad or relying on WiFi in airports/ hotels
- Pack all the charging cables and plugs you may need - checking you have the correct adapters for the country you are travelling to.
- Some airports and airlines let you check your bag in the night before – always a nice option if you have a holiday eve booked, so you can spend a little longer in bed!
- Hopefully if you have followed this guide you'll have little to do pre-holiday except slip into Holiday Mode and enjoy your Holiday Eve. Safe Travels!

