

* **Check your passport expiration;** you may be denied entry into certain European countries if your passport is due to expire within three months of your ticketed date of return. Allow six weeks to renew
* Make a copy of your credit cards, medical cards, and passports. Leave a copy at home with someone just in case anything is lost. Bring a copy of your passport and keep it in a safe place away from the originals. No need for a driver’s license unless you plan on driving.
* Pack light. Think layers. Bring one jacket for the rinks or in the mountains. Bring a small umbrella. Bring small water bottles to fill up while out walking. Wear shoes that are comfortable and look good.
* Check with your airlines to find out size and weight limits for hockey bags and sticks.
	+ Delta Airlines: Hockey and Lacrosse equipment will be allowed as checked baggage only. Standard baggage fees and policies apply. One item of hockey/lacrosse equipment is defined as one equipment bag plus two hockey or lacrosse sticks (taped together). If the total weight of the equipment is over 50 lbs. and/or over 80 linear inches (203 cm), fees will apply.
	+ To avoid extra fees, players should check hockey equipment and bring carry-on luggage.
* Bring an ATM Card and at least one credit card. Visa and MasterCard are more widely accepted so have at least one of these brands. Take out Euros from the ATM for small and mid-level priced items. Set a limit for how much can be withdrawn each day just in case your card is lost. Only take money out of ATM Machines that are associated with or at a bank. **Do not need to get Euros before arrival**.
* Call your debit and credit card companies to let them know the countries you’ll be visiting, to ask about their fees, and more. Get your bank’s emergency phone number in the US (not 800 number).
* Do your homework if you want to buy [**travel insurance**](http://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/trip-planning/travel-insurance). Check whether your existing insurance (health, homeowner’s, or renter’s) covers you and your possessions overseas. [Allianz](https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com/) offers several types.
* If you’re bringing kids, make sure you have the right paperwork, including a passport for each, a letter of consent if only one parent is traveling, and documentation for adopted children.
* If you plan to use your **US** mobile phone **or**smartphone in Europe, contact your provider to enable international calling or to “unlock” your phone. Consider signing up for an international calling, text, and/or data plan, and be sure to confirm voice- and data-roaming fees.
* You need electric converter plugs or adaptors if you need to plug anything into a European socket. Buy before you go. Converters for curling/flat irons or hair dryers. Adaptors for all other uses.
* Download any apps you might want to use on the road, such as translators, maps, schedules.
* Take care of any **medical needs.** If you use prescription drugs, stock up before your trip. Pack along the prescription, plus one for contact lens or glasses if you wear them.
* Attend to your **household needs.** Cancel your newspapers, hold mail delivery, and prepay your bills.
* Make a **list of valuables** that you’re bringing (such as electronics). Include serial numbers, makes, and models, and take photos of your items to serve as a record for the police and your insurance company should anything be stolen. Leave your expense jewelry and items at home.
* If you have any questions, you may contact eurotravelpro@gmail.com
* Full itinerary is distributed in June and a basic overview is on the website now.
* The hotels are near everything, and no excursions or meals are mandatory.
* You will be given contact numbers for your lead guide upon arrival in Europe.
* Do a little research on the areas and towns we will visit.
* This is going to be an incredible family and hockey tour/tournament. **Safe travels!!!!**
* [www.europeansportstravel.com](http://www.europeansportstravel.com)

**Traveling - it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller. ...** Ibbn Buttata

**“Better to see something once than hear about it a thousand times” -** Asian Proverb