



Get on the road quickly

'pack-and-go' checklist

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If you search around online, you'll find a number of checklists to use for your campervan journeys. At Revolution, we thought we'd make the list a bit more practical for those who like to pack-up and get on the road fairly quickly. Certainly, it pays to be prepared ahead-of-time - but the items on this checklist are ordered by priority to help you get moving faster.

Remember, with a campervan you don't need to bring everything. Focus on versions of these items that are smaller and lighter. Very often, a shorter journey can actually be more enjoyable because you haven't overpacked.



Essential electronics

The smartphone has been around so long that most people nearly take it for granted. But just pause for a moment to realise how many other things you don't have to pack due to the apps and functionality of your smartphone. Now, we understand that mobile phone signals can be a bit iffy in some places, so don't depend on it entirely. But it's quite useful to get all your travel apps sorted out well before you head out on the road. The rest of these items are essential for various other reasons. Remember, power bars and extension leads can serve as your power lifeline when mains electricity is available at the campsites you visit.

- Mobile smartphone with useful travel apps
- Smartphone charging lead
- Back-up battery pack
- Additional batteries
- Camera & charger
- Extra USB cables
- Extension block
- Extension leads
- Travel adapters

Optional electronics

- Navigation system & charging lead
- Portable USB speaker
- Laptop & charger
- iPad/Tablet & charger
- Earphones/headphones
- Portable radio

Essential documents and cards

For a number of these items, you'll need to have originals. But it's also prudent to make paper copies of your driving license, passport, registration, and other important documents just in case something goes missing. If you can save images or PDF versions of those documents on your smartphone, computer, or USB thumb drive, all the better.

- Driving license
- V5 Registration certificate
- Passport
- Insurance details
- Vaccination card
- Paper maps (as a backup to digital apps)
- Credit card
- Debit card
- Some cash (in local currency if going abroad)

Optional documents and cards

- Concert or event tickets or passes
- List of any important health conditions and/or allergies
- Proof-of-vaccination card

Essential personal care items

Most of us don't need reminding about these items, but it's always nice to just make sure they're checked off the list as you pack. Based on experience, we have also weighted sunscreen and insect repellent as important items near the very top of the list. Sometimes, when you're too preoccupied with having a great adventure you can forget to apply sunscreen - and depending on where you are and what time it is, dealing with unwanted insects will almost surely spoil your fun. So, don't forget these!

- Glasses/contact lenses
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Medicine/vitamins
- First aid kit (including pain relievers like paracetamol)
- Pain relieving lotions (for sore muscles)
- After-sun care
- Toilet paper
- Tissues
- Towels
- Lip balm
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dry or travel size shampoo
- Make-up
- Deodorant
- Earplugs

Optional personal care items

- Hair conditioner
- Razor & shaving gel
- Nail clippers & emery boards
- Wet wipes
- Hairbrush
- Hairdryer

Essential personal supplies

While none of the items on this list are likely to surprise you, we would like to put in a quick word for lightweight microfibre towels. These are so worth getting as they are far lighter and smaller than conventional towels, generally work just as well, and also dry much more quickly. These are a win-win-win!

- One good pair of all-around, closed-toe shoes/trainers
- Several pairs of comfortable socks
- Sunglasses
- Microfibre towels (for swimming & washing)
- Backpack
- Handbag
- Pyjamas
- Sweatpants and warm socks for the evening

- Wet weather clothing
- Travel-sized umbrella

Optional personal supplies

- Swimsuit
- Light hoodie or zip-up sweatshirt
- Sandals, slip-ons, or flip-flops for warm-weather, beach or showering
- Boots if winter
- Reading glasses

Essential campervan equipment

Depending on your own preferences and priorities, a few of the items on the optional list below may very well be essential, so give it a quick look. You might think that paper-based maps are passé - but if you ever get lost and without a reliable mobile phone signal they should come right in handy. And, even when you don't have more than one driver, it's advisable to have a spare set of keys tucked away somewhere.

- Keys and spare keys
- Fire extinguisher
- Oil and coolant
- Battery jump cables
- Maps

Optional campervan equipment

- Levelling blocks/ramps
- Wheel clamp
- Disposable gloves and hand gel

- De-icer spray and/or windscreen cover
- Ice scraper
- Campervan heater
- Spare light bulbs
- Fleece blanket
- Lip balm
- Backpack
- Ski supplies
- Snow tires/snow chains
- Toolkit
- Warning triangle

Essential camping equipment

Your list of essential camping gear may differ based on the destination, the season, or your intended activities - but this is a good starting point. Although relegated to the optional list, take a good look at drive-away awnings that can be set up right next to your camper van. Not only would one provide great shade and shelter, but since it can be stand-alone, it can save your camping spot if you ever want to take a short drive somewhere and return to the same pitch.

- Outside lighting
- Torch
- Pocket knife
- Picnic blanket
- Portable/foldable camping chairs
- Mosquito repeller lamp
- Portable/foldable camping table
- Camping mallet

Optional camping equipment

- Drive-away awning for more living space and shade

- Portable cooler
- Portable camping toilet
- Portable camping shower
- Barbecue (and related tools like tongs)
- Camping gas
- Firepit & starter wood
- Hammock
- Dustpan and brush
- Tablecloth
- Laundry basket
- Washline & clothes pegs

Sleeping essentials

On most occasions, the combination of an active day plus the sounds of nature are plenty enough to help you sleep at night. But, there's nothing quite like the cool breeze and white noise of a travel fan to push you into lala land that much faster when you're out in your campervan.

- Sheets
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Spare blanket
- Anti-snoring devices
- Foam earplugs
- Travel fan

Essential kitchen supplies

Certainly, here also, what's essential to you may depend on your preferences and the agenda for your trip. But here's a list to consider.

- Cups/mugs
- Plates
- Bowls
- Basic cutlery
- Water bottle
- Cutting board
- Rubbish bags
- Tin can opener
- Corkscrew/bottle opener

- Scissors
- Matches
- Stove/grill lighter
- Coffee maker with filters (if required)
- Camping kettle
- Pot with clear lid
- Pan with clear lid
- Wooden spoon
- Spatula
- Resealable plastic containers
- Dish soap
- Fresh sponges
- Hand towel
- Plastic zip-up bags
- Cling film

Essential food supplies

If you plan to cook with the kitchen appliances, camper stove, or barbeque, you may want to pack some fresh vegetables, meats, and condiments on ice. But there are loads of dry goods that come in very useful to have on-hand for almost any kind of trip.

- Bottled water
- Power bars/granola bars
- Nuts and/or dried fruit
- Coffee and/or tea
- Sugar
- Milk or non-dairy creamer
- Salt, pepper, herbs
- Any other dry snacks that don't spoil easily

- Aluminium foil
- Paper towels
- Salt, pepper, herbs

Optional kitchen supplies

- Thermos
- Collapsible bucket
- Teapot
- Tea towel
- Rubbish bin
- Measuring cup
- Measuring spoons
- Drying rack
- Scrub brush
- Scouring pads

Essential driving supplies

Though many of these items are mentioned already, above, you may want to have some of these easily accessible in the front compartment while you're driving.

- Sunglasses
- Smartphone with useful apps (including maps & directions)
- Battery jump leads
- Maps
- Water bottles or other drinks
- Accessible snacks
- Music/podcasts/audiobooks

Essential cold weather supplies

When packing clothes for cold weather trips – that might include skiing, ice-skating or snowboarding – it pays to think in terms of layers.

- Jacket (shell)
- Long-sleeve t-shirts
- Zip-up fleece
- Gloves
- Hat/beanie
- Scarf
- Wool socks

Optional cold weather supplies

- Sweaters
- Raincoat
- Thermal underwear
- Boots

Essential warm weather supplies

Warm weather trips allow you to pack lighter clothes with less layers, but you should also be a bit more prepared to shield yourself from harmful sun exposure and/or insect bites.

- Insect repellent
- Mosquito net
- Swimsuit
- Travel fan

Optional warm weather supplies

- Hat
- Floatation aids (for boating/SUP/kayaking)
- Tick remover
- Flip flops
- Ice cube tray
- Handheld fan

Optional downtime/recreational items

Most people who own campervans are all about getting out into nature to enjoy it. But on those occasions when you might get penned in by rain or other bad weather, it's great to have other diversions to keep you occupied.

- Music & movies
- Board games
- Playing cards
- Bikes
- Fishing gear
- Binoculars (for bird & wildlife watching)
- Football
- Volleyball
- Frisbee
- Kite
- Game console
- Books or an e-reader
- Swimming pool floats for children
- Magazines/newspapers
- Sketchbooks & pens/pencils
- Journal

Enjoy your next adventure!

We hope you get great use out of this checklist we've created for you. We'd love to hear more about your personal experiences with packing. Are there any other items you'd recommend for our essential lists? Is there an item you'd assign more priority to? Let us know!





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