	BOOKING TRAVEL	BEFORE YOU LEAVE	HOME PREPARATION
0 00 0 0	traveling with children (usually at no extra cost) Reserve flight and purchase airline tickets; make sure to have seat numbers in advance Make a train or bus reservation Arrange transportation from the airport to the hotel if flying (rent a car or book a transfer) Rent a car or prepare own vehicle for traveling Check for visa and passport requirement if traveling outside the US Research activities, tours, and events; depending on destination, it can	Reconfirm flights with the airline 24- 48 hours before you leave Reconfirm hotel reservation Print out and take with you all reservations you made and have confirmation numbers Exchange currency before you leave or at the airport (the rates are usually better at the local banks, not airport) Also Pay all the bills that might be due while you are gone DO NOT stop mail or newspaper delivery, but rather ask a trusted person to pick it up every couple days. Intruders are more attracted by vacant houses.	Arrange for a pet sitter or book a pet hotel Secure the home: close and lock windows & doors Shut off water (if not freezing) Adjust the temperature inside the home (turn down or turn off thermostat) Turn off the lights Remove valuables from the yard Take out trash Unplug small kitchen and other appliances Water plants Empty refrigerator
	cheaper to buy tickets before you go or at your destination	Inform family members or friends that you trust about your trip	BEFORE START PACKING
0	Check on electricity, voltage, and outlet/plug types, if traveling outside the US Find out telephone service and dialing codes to your country	 Leave and hide a key outside the house 	 Check with airlines on luggage weight limit and measurements for carry on and checked luggage Pack luggage so you can carry it
	TRAVEL NECESSITIES	TRAVEL PACKING CHECKLIST OTHER TRAVEL ITEMS	ELECTRONICS / TECHNOLOGY
		□ Pleasure reading	□ Voltage adapter / converter
	itineraries Hotel reservation confirmation	☐ Food/ snacks ☐ Water bottle	 □ Hair accessories (dryer, iron, rollers) □ Laptop computer / charger/ cords