

Border-Proof Checklist

A practical “grab-and-go” list of what border officials most often ask you to prove. Keep everything easy to open on your phone, and carry a backup copy.

1) Quick Grab (keep in one folder)

- One folder on your phone: “BORDER” (offline-available)
- Key items as PDFs + screenshots (not only in apps)
- Backups: email to yourself + cloud link + one printed page (optional)

2) Onward Travel Proof

What to have ready

- Confirmed onward ticket (flight / bus / train / ferry) out of the country
- Booking confirmation showing: your full name, date, route, booking reference
- Screenshot + PDF copy saved offline
- If your onward plan is flexible: a fully refundable booking OR a changeable ticket

Quick checks before you reach the counter

- Name on ticket matches passport exactly (spelling + middle names)
- Departure date fits your allowed stay window
- You can open it in 10 seconds (no logging in / no weak signal needed)

Notes

Onward booking ref: _____

Departure date/time: _____

Carrier / route: _____

3) Proof of Funds

Common acceptable evidence (bring 2–3 options)

- Recent bank statement(s) or transaction history (last 30–90 days)
- Current balance screenshot (with date/time visible if possible)
- Credit card(s) + proof of available limit (app screen or statement)
- Cash on hand (only if you’re comfortable carrying it)
- If sponsored: sponsor letter + sponsor ID + sponsor bank proof (if applicable)

Make it easy for them to trust

- Show a reasonable buffer (not 'just enough')
- Have the numbers ready in the currency you'll be asked about (or a quick conversion app)
- Never present altered documents (instant refusal risk)

Notes

Current balance: _____

Cards carried (last 4 digits): _____

Backup access (bank app / email / printed): _____

4) Travel Insurance Proof

What to have ready

- Insurance certificate / policy schedule (PDF)
- Coverage dates that include your entry + entire stay
- Geographic coverage includes the country/region you're entering
- Emergency phone numbers + how to file a claim
- Proof of payment (receipt) if your insurer provides it

If your destination has special requirements

- Some regions require specific minimum medical coverage or wording — check your destination's entry rules before you fly

Notes

Insurer: _____

Policy number: _____

Emergency number: _____

5) Proof of Stays (Accommodation)

What usually works

- First-night (or first few nights) booking confirmation
- Full address + contact phone number for the property/host
- If staying with friends/family: invitation letter + address + host contact details
- Basic itinerary note (where you'll be / for how long) if asked

Quick checks

- Address is complete (street + city + postal code) — not just the property name
- You can show it without logging into multiple platforms

Notes

First stay name: _____

Address: _____

Host/property contact: _____

6) 60-Second Counter Readiness Sweep

- Passport + visa (if needed) + entry form completed (if applicable)
- You can explain your trip in one calm sentence (purpose + where you're going + when you leave)
- Phone charged + screenshots saved offline
- Backup plan if asked for extra proof (second ticket option / extra statement / alternate stay)

Tip: If you're ever unsure what a specific country requires, check the official government entry rules before departure and update this folder the night before you fly.