Pre-departure timeline

Start where you are. Deal with long-lead tasks first, then work through the rest without a last-minute administrative circus.

These are suggested planning windows, not processing guarantees. Passport, visa, vaccination and permit lead times can be longer. Check early for your route.

When	What to do	My deadline / done
As soon as possible	Check passport, entry permissions, transit rules and any long-lead appointments.	
Early planning	Arrange home responsibilities; check insurance timing and health preparation with a clinician.	
Once dates are clear	Confirm a realistic budget, backup payment and key bookings.	
Several weeks out	Test shoes, bag and equipment. Set up secure document copies and account recovery.	
Before departure week	Plan first arrival, connection, accommodation access and a backup.	
Final week	Review entry information, medicine permissions, carrier rules and booking changes.	
Final day	Charge devices; download tickets and maps; pack essential medicines and documents accessibly.	

My priority list

Task	Deadline	Done

The task most likely to delay departure

The person or organisation I need to contact