



*STEP BY STEP*

# EUROPE TRIP PLANNER

CREATED BY HAPPY TO WANDER

## INTRODUCTION

# HELLO!

**IF YOU'RE READING THIS, I ASSUME YOU'RE A LUCKY HUMAN WHO IS PLANNING A TRIP TO EUROPE!**

IF NOT, I HOPE YOU LIKE PRETENDING :)

THE FOLLOWING WORKBOOK WAS CRAFTED WITH LOVE BY ME, CHRISTINA, AKA THE STRANGE LAPTOP GOBLIN BEHIND [HAPPYTOWANDER.COM](http://HAPPYTOWANDER.COM).

IN THE NEXT FEW PAGES, YOU'LL FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO HELP YOU PLAN A EUROPE TRIP, STEP BY STEP.

FROM HELPFUL RESOURCES AND EXPLANATIONS TO WORKSHEETS AND TEMPLATES TO HELP YOU NAIL EVERY STEP OF THE TRIP PLANNING PROCESS, I HOPE YOU FIND THIS WORKBOOK USEFUL.

READY? LET'S GO PLAN YOU THE TRIP OF YOUR DREAMS!



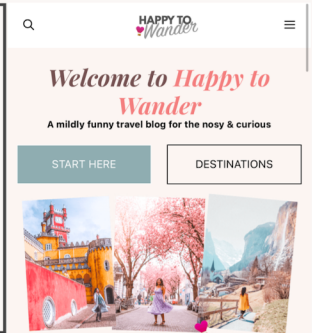
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# RESOURCES

## MY WEBSITE

[HAPPYTOWANDER.COM](https://happytowander.com)

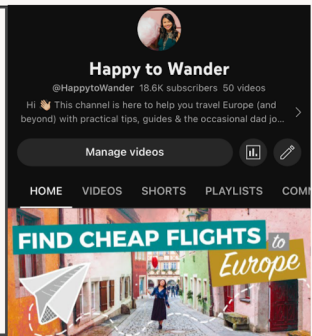
THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL FIND LENGTHY WRITTEN GUIDES ABOUT PLACES I'VE BEEN TO! THINK LISTS OF THINGS TO DO, ITINERARY IDEAS, AND RANDOM MUSINGS/FUN FACTS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IN-DEPTH INFO, THIS IS THE PLACE!



## MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[YOUTUBE.COM/HAPPYTOWANDER](https://youtube.com/happytowander)

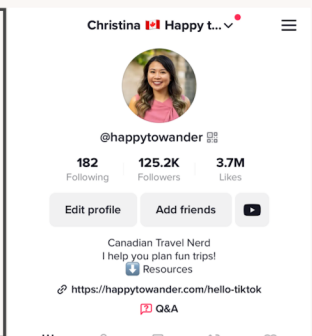
IF VIDEOS ARE MORE YOUR THING, CHECK OUT MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHERE I HAVE VIDEO VERSIONS OF MY TOP BLOG POSTS, PLUS AN (HONESTLY DISPROPORTIONATE) AMOUNT OF CHRISTMAS CONTENT.



## MY TIKTOK

[TIKTOK.COM/@HAPPYTOWANDER](https://tiktok.com/@happytowander)

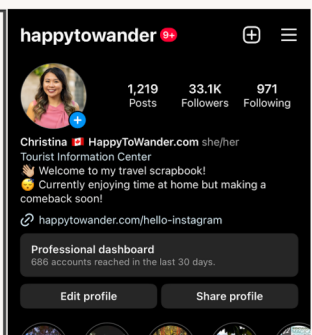
TIKTOK IS WHERE I'M MOST CANDID. IF YOU WANT TO SEE RAW CLIPS FROM MY TRAVELS (AND PEEKS OF MY RANDOM SENSE OF HUMOUR), THEN THIS IS THE ACCOUNT YOU NEED TO FOLLOW!



## MY INSTAGRAM

[INSTAGRAM.COM/HAPPYTOWANDER](https://instagram.com/happytowander)

FOR MY SLIGHTLY MORE AESTHETIC SIDE (AND FOR STORIES FROM MY TRAVELS), THEN IG IS WHERE YOU NEED TO FIND ME. THIS IS ALSO THE INBOX I MONITOR MOST, SO DM ME ON THERE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!





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# TRIP PLANNING PROCESS

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## *STEP ONE*

# UNDERSTAND THE SCHENGEN AREA



A lot of people assume that in Europe, it's all border-free travel, but that's not actually the case, and the whole 'travel without borders' thing only applies to a certain group of countries in Europe known as **the Schengen Area**.

Granted, this is a huge group covering 27 countries, but it's still worth noting that some countries like the UK, Ireland, Bulgaria, Romania, and many countries in this Balkan region are not included.

Practically speaking, that just means that if you stay within this Schengen Zone, you won't need to clear passport control every time you cross a border. If however you enter a non-Schengen country like the UK or Ireland, then you will need to go through passport control.

## HERE ARE THE SCHENGEN ZONE COUNTRIES

The reason it's important to know the distinction between Schengen & Non Schengen is it can impact what visas you might have to apply for, or put a limit on how long your trip can be.

Generally speaking, those who may enter this zone visa-free can only stay 90 days out of 180 days, and visas are often granted for only 90 days out of 180 days as well.



## DO I NEED A SCHENGEN VISA?

Consult [this list](#) to see if you will need to apply for a visa to enter the Schengen Area.

**YES**

**NO**

## SCHENGEN COUNTRIES TO VISIT

For the countries you plan to visit, write down a rough estimate of how many days to spend there, ensuring your total doesn't exceed 90. You may wish to save this worksheet for later, after you've completed the other sections to figure out which countries you're visiting.

AUSTRIA .....

BELGIUM .....

CROATIA .....

CZECHIA .....

DENMARK .....

ESTONIA .....

FINLAND .....

FRANCE .....

GERMANY .....

GREECE .....

HUNGARY .....

ICELAND .....

ITALY .....

LATVIA .....

LIECHTENSTEIN .....

LITHUANIA .....

LUXEMBOURG .....

MALTA .....

THE NETHERLANDS .....

NORWAY .....

POLAND .....

PORTUGAL .....

SLOVAKIA .....

SLOVENIA .....

SPAIN .....

SWEDEN .....

SWITZERLAND .....





## NON-SCHENGEN COUNTRIES TO VISIT

**PRO TIP:** Including a mix of countries in and out of the Schengen Area can help you stay in Europe longer than 90 days at a time without overstaying your allowance!

Use the space below to estimate the number of days you might spend in non-Schengen countries, so you have a better idea of how many days total you can potentially spend in Europe.

Remember that each country has its own rules for how long you can stay, so ensure your estimated days are within what's allowed for your passport.

ALBANIA	.....
ARMENIA	.....
AZERBAIJAN,	.....
BELARUS	.....
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	.....
BULGARIA	.....
IRELAND	.....
MOLDOVA	.....
MONTENEGRO	.....
NORTH MACEDONIA	.....
ROMANIA	.....
SERBIA	.....
UKRAINE	.....
UNITED KINGDOM	.....





*STEP TWO*

**CHOOSE HOW  
MUCH TIME TO  
SPEND IN EUROPE**



## CAN'T DECIDE HOW LONG TO GO FOR?

Use the space below to do  
the math and see how many  
days you'll have left for your  
Europe trip!

**# OF VACATION DAYS AVAILABLE**

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**# OF VACATION DAYS NEEDED FOR  
HOLIDAYS E.G. XMAS**

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**# OF VACATION DAYS NEEDED FOR  
OTHER OCCASIONS / TRIPS**

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**# OF VACATION DAYS TO RETAIN  
AS A BUFFER (IF NEEDED)**

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**TOTAL DAYS LEFT TO  
SPEND IN EUROPE**

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*STEP THREE*

**CHOOSE  
WHEN / WHERE TO  
GO IN EUROPE**



# POTENTIAL PLACES TO GO

HOP ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND/OR THE INTERWEBS TO SEE PLACES YOU'D MAYBE LIKE TO GO. WRITE DOWN YOUR SHORTLIST OF PLACES, THEN PUT A STAR IN THE CIRCLE NEXT TO PLACES YOU *REALLY* WANT TO VISIT.

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## MAP VIEW

FEELING LIKE A LITTLE GEOGRAPHY EXERCISE?

USE THE SPACE ABOVE TO MARK DOWN YOUR SHORTLISTED DESTINATIONS, THEN CROSS OUT ANY PLACES YOU SEE ARE JUST WAY TOO FAR AWAY FROM THE OTHERS.

... OR IF THAT'S TOO MUCH WORK, JUST STARE AT THE PRETTY COLOURS AND PONDER YOUR UPCOMING DREAM TRIP.

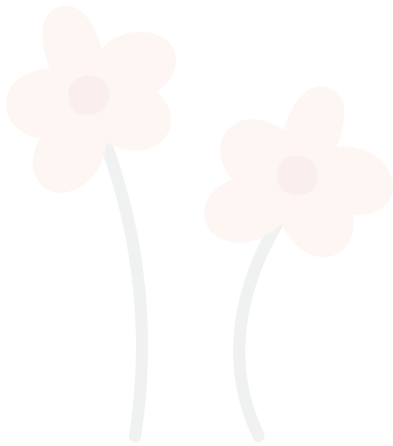


# *EUROPE BUCKET LIST*

## BY SEASON

USE THE BOXES BELOW TO WRITE DOWN DIFFERENT DESTINATIONS YOU'D LOVE TO EXPERIENCE IN EACH SEASON.

### SPRING



### SUMMER



### AUTUMN



### WINTER



# FINAL LIST OF DESTINATIONS

RE-READ YOUR WISHLIST, CROSS-REFERENCE IT WITH THE SEASON YOU'LL BE VISITING, ETC. AND WRITE DOWN YOUR FINAL LIST OF DESTINATIONS BELOW! WHEEEEEEE.

10 horizontal white rounded rectangular boxes for writing, each with a teal circle on the left side.



*STEP FOUR*

**FIGURE OUT YOUR  
VISAS/DOCUMENTS**



# *VISAS / DOCUMENT* **CHECKLIST**

FILL IN THE CHECKLIST SPACES BELOW WITH THINGS THAT MUST BE DONE IN TERMS OF VISAS/ENTRY DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR TRIP. TO DISCOVER WHAT YOU NEED, GOOGLE 'ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR [INSERT NATIONALITY] TO [INSERT DESTINATION]'. CONSULT OFFICIAL SOURCES ONLY.

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*STEP FIVE*

# BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS

# CHEAP FLIGHTS CHECKLIST

BELOW YOU'LL FIND A CHECKLIST YOU CAN FOLLOW TO FIND FLIGHT DEALS TO YOUR DESTINATION. FOLLOW THEM STEP BY STEP TO FIND AND BOOK THE BEST FLIGHT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR TRIP! USE THE EMPTY SPACE ON THE SECOND PAGE FOR NOTES.

DONE?	THING TO DO	NOTES
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOWNLOADED <u>HONEY</u> TO GET INSTANT DISCOUNTS	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	TURNED ON INCOGNITO MODE FOR FLIGHT BROWSING	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECKED <u>AIRFAREWATCHDOG</u> FOR DEALS FROM NEARBY AIRPORTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	USED <u>GOOGLE FLIGHTS</u> TO CHECK DEPARTURES FROM ALL YOUR NEARBY AIRPORTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	USED <u>GOOGLE FLIGHTS EVERYWHERE</u> MAP TO BROWSE CHEAPEST FLIGHTS FROM YOUR DEPARTURE POINT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	LOOKED ON <u>SECRET FLYING</u> FOR DEALS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECKED YOUR LOCAL AIRPORT WEBSITE TO FIND BUDGET AIRLINES THAT FLY THERE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECKED IF THOSE BUDGET AIRLINES HAVE ANY CURRENT DEALS	

# CHEAP FLIGHTS CHECKLIST

DONE?	THING TO DO	NOTES
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<input type="checkbox"/>	CHECKED ANY OTHER LOCAL/DEAL SITES YOU KNOW	<hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	TURNED ON PRICE ALERTS FOR FLIGHTS THAT INTEREST YOU (IF NOT URGENT)	<hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	BOOKED FLIGHT THROUGH <u>RAKUTEN</u> FOR CASHBACK (WHERE APPLICABLE)	<hr/>

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

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*STEP SIX*

# BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION



# ACCOMMODATION SHORTLIST FOR

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USE THE SPACE BELOW TO WRITE DOWN THE NAMES OF ACCOMMODATION THAT STOOD OUT IN YOUR SEARCH, ALONG WITH THEIR PROS/CONS. RE-USE THIS PAGE AS NEEDED FOR EACH STOP OF YOUR TRIP.

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*STEP SEVEN*

**FIGURE OUT WHAT  
TO DO IN EACH  
PLACE**

# WHERE TO FIND FUN ACTIVITIES

Below is a checklist to follow for you to find fun activities. Feel free to use the next page to shortlist activities, or simply star them on your Google Maps!

- Google 'Things to Do in \_\_\_' to find the most popular must-dos
- Look on Atlas Obscura for more unique & offbeat things to do
- Search 'Things to Do in \_\_\_' on social media (esp. TikTok & Pinterest)
- Search 'Must eats in \_\_\_' on social media (esp. TikTok & Pinterest)
- Look on local blogs/websites to find fun events & pop-ups
- Use Google Translate to search things to do in the local language



**Use the space below to note down any especially helpful websites that you want to remember for future planning! Like HappyToWander.com?!**  
Hmm, who said that?

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# ITINERARY PLANNING SHEET

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO NOTE DOWN ACTIVITY IDEAS BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH! NO NEED TO FINALIZE ANYTHING RIGHT NOW - JUST JOT DOWN THINGS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE AND DO. RE-USE THIS PAGE AS NEEDED FOR EACH DESTINATION.

Destination:

Paid Attractions:

Free Attractions:

Experiences / Tours:

Restaurants / Food Spots:

Cafés / Bars:

Shops / Boutiques:

Extra Notes:

# FINAL ITINERARY

ALRIGHT - TIME TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS! USE THESE PAGES TO PLAN OUT YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY FOR YOUR TRIP. REUSE THE PAGES AS NEEDED.

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*STEP EIGHT*

**DECIDE WHAT  
TO PACK**

# PACKING RESOURCES

Alright - as your trip draws ever nearer, there's still the issue of deciding what to pack and bring with you.

Feel free to browse some of my top resources by visiting [happytowander.com/category/packing](https://happytowander.com/category/packing), including printable packing lists, or simply use the template at the end of the workbook to write down your own personal packing list.



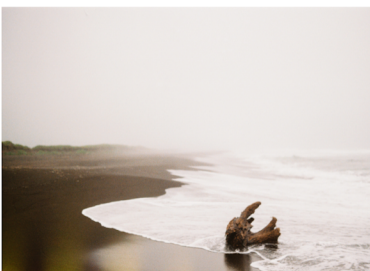
**30+ ESSENTIAL SUITCASE PACKING TIPS**



**SUMMER IN EUROPE PACKING LIST**



**WINTER IN EUROPE PACKING LIST**



**BEST PACKING CUBES FOR TRAVEL**



**BEST TOILETRY BAGS**



**BEST TOILETRY BOTTLES**

# TRAVEL PACKING LIST

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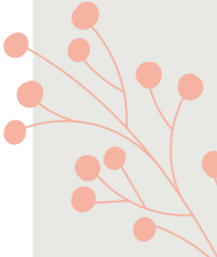


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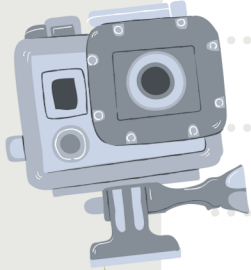
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