



# TRULY ITALY

## *Italy Travel Checklist*

Are you ready to arrive in Tuscany? Excited? Nervous? Don't you worry, we plan on making this trip as easy as ordering an espresso in the morning. We have created a checklist of things we do before we travel to *Italia*.

**Months** before our departure, we like to take care of these things:

- **Flight:** We try to buy our flights at least 6 months in advance. Some people get lucky by purchasing their tickets 1-2 months prior. In the economic climate we're in, it seems like there's never a good time to buy. Our suggestion is to put out travel alerts through [Google Flights](#) or your favorite travel website in order to get the best price.
- **Passport:** Please DOUBLE and TRIPLE check that your Passport is up to date! **Some countries require that your passport be valid at least six months beyond the dates of your trip.** Apply for a new one if it already expired or renew your current one before the expiration date.

About **2-3 weeks** before our departure, we start running through the list below to make sure we are all set for our Italian adventure! Yahoo!

- **Notify banks:** Before traveling overseas you need to notify banks/ credit card companies of your travel dates and countries you may be using your card in. This includes if you have any layovers in a different country. You can notify your bank online and over the phone. Our banks actually allow us to either write a secure message over the app or we don't even have to notify them because they have the security in place. Be sure to double check what your bank requires.

- **Card withdrawals & fees:** Also when contacting your banks, ask your bank if they have a sister bank in Italy. If not, ask what fees will be taken when you take money from an ATM (Bancomat). It's great to know what your withdrawal **maximum** is in Euros. Most Italian ATMs only allow you to take out 250 euros with each visit.
- **Euros:** I usually wait until we arrive in Europe to take out euros. Sometimes I have leftover euros from a prior trip. If you'd like to order Euros, ask your bank if they offer that service.
- **Passport copies:** I like to leave copies of our Passport with a family member. It's good to have copies of your Passport while you are traveling as well.
- **Itinerary copies:** I share my itinerary with friends/family before I leave so they know when I'll be leaving and where I'll be staying throughout my trip. We would like to know your travel plans so we can keep an eye on your flights and plan accordingly for your arrival.
- **Rent/Utilities/Car Payment/Etc:** If you have rent/mortgage or any utilities that will be due while you're gone, make sure you make arrangements before you leave! It's not fun stressing about these things while you are on vacation.
- **Prescriptions:** If you need any medications, make sure you have those ready before you leave. If you are a contact lens wearer like myself, be sure to have enough with you if you have dailies.