

LONDON TRIP CHECKLIST

Everything you need to do, buy and book for your trip, and when you need to do it by.



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Thanks for downloading my London Trip Checklist!

I hope it helps you remember everything you'll need to book, buy and do before heading off on your trip of a lifetime.

You have two ways of using this checklist, you can use my Notion template (see instructions on the next page) or print it out. If you opt to print it, select only pages 4-5 and hang them somewhere you can easily access to mark the tasks done as you go.



You'll notice that I give timeframes for when tasks should be completed starting from 10 months in advance. But if it's only a month or two out from your trip, don't worry, just get everything done in the order I list it. I also left some blank spaces for you to fill in any extra to-do's that are specific to you.

One more thing. I mention some of our guides in the checklist, if you want to learn more about them, head to the [Love and London shop](#). Have a great trip!

♥ Jess and the Love and London team

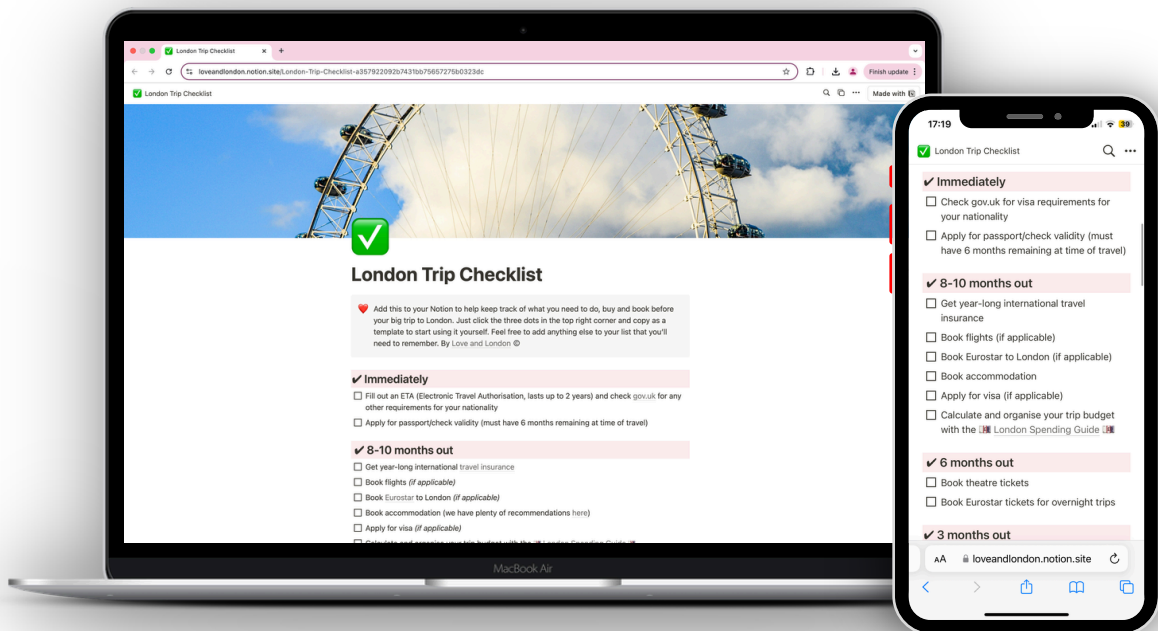
Notion Template

A quick and easy template integrated in notion with everything you'll need to do before your big trip to London.

How to add the Notion template to your account

1. If you don't already have a Notion account, you can [sign up for free](#).
2. Access the checklist template by clicking the button below.
3. It'll open a separate page that says, "Continue to external site by following the link below", click on the link under that message. The checklist will then open.
4. To be able to use the checklist yourself, you will need to duplicate the template to your own Notion account. Just click "Duplicate" on the top right corner.

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Immediately

- ☐ Apply for passport/check validity (must have 6 months remaining at time of travel)

8-10 Months Out

- ☐ Get year-long international [travel insurance](#)
- ☐ Book flights (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Book [Eurostar](#) to London (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Book accommodation ([I have plenty of recommendations here](#))
- ☐ Calculate and organise your trip budget with the [London Spending Guide](#)

6 Months Out

- ☐ [Book theatre tickets](#)
- ☐ Book [Eurostar](#) tickets for overnight trips

3 Months Out

- ☐ Make itinerary
(*or get a Love and London [ready-made itinerary](#) or the [Casual Tourist Guides](#)*)
- ☐ Apply for visa (*if applicable*)
- ☐ Research special events or holidays happening during your visit
- ☐ Contact bank to find out if you can use your card abroad, if there's a contactless payment feature or international currency fees
- ☐ Apply for travel-friendly, no or low-fee credit/debit card ([see my favourites here](#))
- ☐ Practice your British English via YouTube, DuoLingo or Lingoda
- ☐ [Book UK train tickets](#) (*for routes with variable pricing*)

4-6 Weeks Out

- ☐ Book tours, experiences and activities ([see my top recommendations here](#))
- ☐ Book attractions tickets or get the [London Pass](#)
- ☐ Book restaurant reservations for popular places and for peak times
- ☐ Order British Pounds from bank (*optional*)
- ☐ Buy power adapters for dual-voltage electronics
- ☐ Get an eSIM for phone (*I recommend [SIM Local](#)*)
- ☐ Buy or thrift weather-appropriate clothes for trip (*recommendations are in my [London Packing Guide](#)*)

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2 Weeks Out

- ☐ Fill out an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorisation) and check [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for any other requirements for your nationality
- ☐ Check for transport strikes on your travel dates and figure out how to navigate it (*I include info about this and more in my [London Transport Guide](#)*)
- ☐ Use Google Maps or Citymapper app to see transport options from airport to hotel (*adjust for date and time of arrival*)
- ☐ Book airport transfer
(*for bus, applicable train tickets and pre-booked taxis — I recommend [Welcome Pickups](#)*)
- ☐ Book remaining restaurant and bar reservations
- ☐ Tell bank and credit card companies your travel dates
- ☐ Order more prescribed medicine to cover travel dates

1 Week Out

- ☐ Download apps: [Citymapper](#) or [Google Maps](#), a currency converter, taxi app ([Uber](#), [Gett](#), or [Freenow](#))
- ☐ Take pictures of your cards and passport on your phone
- ☐ Save pics of cards and passport to cloud account like Dropbox
- ☐ Print out seasonal packing list from [London Packing Guide](#)
- ☐ Buy toiletries if not provided by hotel
- ☐ Plan arrival day - where to eat, where to leave luggage ([here are some options](#)), etc.
- ☐ Book airport lounges
- ☐ Plan travel route to departure airport

2 Days Out

- ☐ Check weather forecast and adjust packing accordingly
- ☐ Turn on “Find my phone”
- ☐ Take note of hotel address (*for Border Control*)
- ☐ Add luggage tags and airtags to all bags
- ☐ Download books, shows, etc. for plane or train journey

Departure Day

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

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