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## THE BASICS

### WHAT IS SOCIAL TRAVEL?

Social travel is what you get when you connect like-minded travelers and open their eyes to the world. It creates something very special that money can't buy – friendship – something you often miss out on if you travel independently.

### WHATS INCLUDED?

Booking with Contiki means you're taking the hassle out of travel. We arrange everything from accommodation to transportation to the nitty-gritty details like park entry fees and group dinners. All you have to do is decide where you want to go & let us handle the rest.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

Flights to and from your start and end destination are not included in the cost of your trip. These can be added on during the booking process either online or with your travel agent. We also keep a number of meal times free for you to explore a region and its foodie offerings in greater detail.

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## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

### HOW DO I GET A PASSPORT?

If you're getting a passport for the first time you'll need to fill out a passport application form, which you can download from your government's website, local post office or government buildings. \*\*\*Plus, if you book any international trip 7+ days, your passport is on us!

### DO I NEED A VISA?

Depends on where you're traveling and your nationality. You may need visas to enter into certain countries and you are responsible for checking on these details well in advance of your trip departure date.

### SHOULD I GET TRAVEL INSURANCE?

A simple one – yes. It's strongly recommended that you take out travel insurance before you travel with Contiki. We advise you to get travel insurance that covers cancellation, personal liability, injury, medical expenses and loss of personal property.

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## BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

### HOW MUCH LUGGAGE CAN I BRING?

For our European trips luggage is restricted to one decent sized, non-expanding suitcase, approximately 73cm x 50cm x 25cm (29" x 20" x 10") with a maximum weight of 44lbs (20 kilos) plus one small hand/day bag that can go on the coach with you. Metal frame backpacks are not advised as their bulky shape makes packing the coach tricky, plus they are more likely to damage other luggage.

### WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

Check out our packing list on [contiki.com/FAQ](http://contiki.com/FAQ). For more packing and tips, head to [contiki.com/six-two](http://contiki.com/six-two)

### DO I NEED TO GET VACCINATIONS?

Run this by your GP or a Travel Specialist Doctor to find out if you require any vaccinations.

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## BOOKING YOUR TRIP

### HOW DO I BOOK A TRIP?

Give us a call on **1-866-652-4483** (press 1) and we can book your trip over the phone.

### DO I HAVE TO PAY ALL AT ONCE?

If you are booking your trip well in advance of the departure date, you only need to pay the deposit upon first booking, and then just ensure you have paid off the entire amount 45 days prior to departure from the United States. If you are booking 45 days or less before the trip departure date, you will need to pay the full amount of the trip up front.

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## CHANGES TO YOUR BOOKING

### WHAT IS FLEX DEPOSIT?

Flex Deposit is a policy you automatically get once you've paid a **\$200 deposit** on any Contiki trip, and works as credit towards a future Contiki adventure, ensuring your deposit money isn't lost if you can't travel on your original trip as intended. Flex Deposit can be used up until your 36th birthday, after which time it can then be transferred for use with any other travel brand within The Travel Corporation family of brands. It can also be gifted to a friend within 5 years of the original booking date. You can find out more at: [www.contiki.com/flexdeposit](http://www.contiki.com/flexdeposit)

### WHAT IS BOOKING SECURITY?

Contiki has been running trips since 1962 & is a member of the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA). USTOA includes all the major tour operators who are financially bonded for your security & who maintain the highest standards. Contiki is also a member of the National Tour Association (NTA) & the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA). With the guarantees of these organizations, you know your vacation & money are secure with Contiki.

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SOCIAL TRIPS FOR 18-35 YEAR OLDS