

# Family Vacation 2018 - St. Croix Planning Checklist

	<b>12 Months Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Family Travels Questionnaires (Pt. 1 & 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine rough budget.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Decide on accommodations. Most houses/villas require an initial payment upon booking approval.
	<b>9 Months Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research airfare. Sites like <a href="http://airfarewatchdog.com">airfarewatchdog.com</a> or <a href="http://kayak.com">kayak.com</a> can be helpful. Also <a href="http://skiplagged.com">skiplagged.com</a> may be able to help you save on airfare.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book accommodations
	<b>6 Months Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book flights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase travel insurance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Research activities and tours. You'll find lots of information on <a href="http://FamilyTravels.com">FamilyTravels.com</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create a rough itinerary.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double check passport expiration dates. You don't need a passport to travel to St. Croix but up-to-date IDs are needed.
	<b>3 Months Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book tours, etc. if you decide to do so
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book rental cars, etc.

	<b>1 Month Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase tour/attraction tickets (when possible)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine dining options, i.e., chef services, grocery shopping, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make dining reservations (if you have a specific day and restaurant to dine)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize itinerary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Be sure to bring driver's license if you rent a car
	<b>2 Weeks Out</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Call credit card companies and bank to alert them about travel
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make copies of tickets, itineraries, passports and critical docs (leave one copy with a trusted family member, upload others to secure internet location).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Download mobile apps for destination(s) including offline maps and WiFi messaging apps like Viber or WhatsApp
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact wireless carrier to determine international calling/data plan options
<input type="checkbox"/>	Purchase travel-size toiletries and any other items or clothing needed for the trip
<input type="checkbox"/>	Refill any necessary medications needed for the vacation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange house/pet sitting/ baby sitting etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If traveling with children, bring a travel journal for them to capture their vacation. Will keep them busy and help them with the "What I did this summer" assignment when they return to school.
	<b>1 Day Before</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Place your itinerary and tickets in a secure location in your carry on bag. If you have gone mobile...yeah!
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack! Need a packing list? Let me know.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Arrange for mail to be held
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancel newspaper or other deliveries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set out-of-office message
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack travel activity bag for kids
<input type="checkbox"/>	Alert local police and/or alarm company of travel plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	Back up computer files to offsite/cloud storage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Back up phone
	<b>Departure Day</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reset thermostat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Empty refrigerator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take out garbage
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unplug appliances
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unplug computer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leave small lights on or put them on a timer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secure valuables
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check that doors and windows are locked. Set alarm.
	<b>HAVE FUN!</b>