

Pre-Departure Checklist

Documents

1. Passport
2. Visa, if required
3. immunization records (gamma globulin, tetanus, polio, etc. as required)
4. Driver's license (international driver's license from AAA if necessary)
5. Credit cards, traveler's checks, foreign currency
6. Letters of reference from EERI, National Science Foundation, U.S. Embassy or Consulate, etc.
7. Business cards
8. EERI roster
9. Contact CDC for up-to-the-minute needs for specific countries

Reference Materials

1. Maps: USGS, National Geographic, AAA, geologic, etc.
2. List of local contacts (individuals, alumni groups, engineering and scientific societies, public officials, etc.)
3. Phrase book/dictionary for foreign travel
4. EERI Post-Earthquake Investigation Field Guide
5. Samples of previous reconnaissance reports to show local officials objectives of investigation

Equipment/Tools of the Trade

1. Hard hat
2. Flashlight (with extra bulbs and batteries)
3. Pocket knife (e.g., Swiss Army, with attachments)
4. Tape measure
5. Compass
6. Camera(s) (35mm) with wide angle and telephoto lenses, flash, etc.
7. Video camera, film, charged batteries
8. Plenty of camera film and lead foil container—both for color slides and black and white prints
9. Microcassette recorder
10. Clipboard, paper, pens, pencils, straight edge, small scale, keel
11. EERI "inspection" forms contained in this Post-Earthquake Investigation Field Guide
12. Pocket calculator
13. Tape recorder
14. Other tools, depending on discipline
15. At least one cellular phone to remain in contact with Field Office

Clothing

1. Work boots or sturdy walking shoes
2. Two pair old work pants, two work shirts
3. One outfit for meetings with local officials-suit with appropriate shirt tie, shoes (old, but functional)
4. Underwear (enough to avoid laundry problems)
5. Sweater
6. Lightweight wind breaker
7. Rain gear
8. Warm jacket with hood (e.g.. down or ski parka)
9. Additional cold weather items, if required-heavy socks, gloves, thermal underwear, warm hat

Personal Effects

1. Toilet articles (shaving gear, toothpaste and brush, comb, laundry soap, etc.)
2. Small packages of Kleenex, roll of toilet paper, “Wash and Drys”
3. Sunglasses, sunscreen, hat
4. Insect repellent
5. Alarm clock
6. Compass

Medical/Emergency Supplies

1. First aid kit (Band-Aids, adhesive tape, gauze pads, triangular bandage, ace bandage, etc.)
 2. Chlorine or iodine pills for water purification (see Suggestions below)
- Surgical masks (4-6)
4. Sewing kit (needle, thread, safety pins, scissors, etc.)
 5. Prescription pills or medicine, if required
 6. Malaria pills, if necessary
 7. Other (aspirin, Lomotil, Pepto-Bismol, sleeping pills, etc.)

Other

1. Sleeping bag (if required)
2. Day pack for carrying equipment and supplies in the field
3. Food for lunches for 4–6 days (dried fruit, nuts, granola bars, candy bars, etc.)

Suggestions

1. Check with EERI office for visa and immunization requirements for destination.
2. Travel light Use only one suitcase, small day pack, and sleeping bag, if required.
3. Read this Post-Earthquake Investigation Field Guide and review the forms found under the various discipline sections in it. Study maps en route to site.
4. Contact local engineers immediately upon arrival.

5. DO NOT drink local water. Use pills to treat water or plan to buy drinking water or soft drinks for lunch.
6. Comfortable clothes of conservative color are best.
7. Coordinate with other team members to avoid unnecessary duplication of items.