

First tour and packing checklist

Tick each item. Adjust for flights, international dates or a larger crew.

Before you leave

- ☐ Every show confirmed in writing (date, deal, set time, contact)
- ☐ Advance sent for every show
- ☐ Routing and hotels booked; confirmation numbers saved
- ☐ Budget built and float of cash for the first week
- ☐ Van serviced: oil, tires, brakes, spare tire, jack
- ☐ Insurance for vehicle and gear checked
- ☐ Merch ordered, counted and packed by size
- ☐ Stage plot, input list and riders up to date
- ☐ Shared calendar / day sheets sent to everyone
- ☐ Emergency contacts collected

Documents and money

- ☐ Driver's licenses (and passports if crossing borders)
- ☐ Contracts and advance notes (printed or offline)
- ☐ Card reader charged, spare charger
- ☐ Cash box / envelopes, pen, receipt book
- ☐ Bank deposit plan

Gear spares

- ☐ Strings, picks, sticks, drum key
- ☐ Spare cables (XLR, instrument, power strip, extension)
- ☐ DI box, batteries, gaffer and electrical tape
- ☐ Spare snare head, kick pedal parts
- ☐ Tuners, capo, slide
- ☐ Multi-tool, flashlight, zip ties, Sharpies

Merch kit

- ☐ Display (grid, clips, sizes signs)
- ☐ Price list
- ☐ Count sheets
- ☐ Bags, table cloth, lights
- ☐ Mailing list sign-up

Van kit

- ☐ Phone mounts and chargers
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Water, snacks, trash bags
- ☐ Paper maps or offline maps

Personal

- ☐ Clothes for every climate on the route
- ☐ Earplugs and sleep mask
- ☐ Medications and copies of prescriptions
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Pillow and towel
- ☐ Something to do on long drives