



# Your Gig/Festival Essential Checklist

A comprehensive guide for one-day events and multi-day camping festivals

**Pro Tip:** Before using this checklist, always check the event organizer's website and FAQ for specific rules, restrictions, and recommendations. Every event is unique!

## PRE-EVENT PLANNING

- ☐ Review event details, schedule, and lineup
- ☐ Check event website for updated FAQs and policies
- ☐ Verify ticket details and have backup copies (digital/printed)
- ☐ Download the event app if available
- ☐ Check weather forecast for the event days
- ☐ Review bag policy and size restrictions
- ☐ Research transportation options and plan your route
- ☐ Save emergency contact numbers
- ☐ Check payment options accepted at the event (cash/card/wristband)
- ☐ Plan meeting points with friends in case you get separated

## ONE-DAY EVENT CHECKLIST

### Power & Electronics

- ☐ Portable power bank (10,000-20,000mAh recommended)
- ☐ Phone charging cable (short, durable cables preferred)
- ☐ Phone (fully charged before leaving)
- ☐ Waterproof phone case or pouch
- ☐ Camera (if bringing one separate from your phone)
- ☐ Portable fan (for hot weather events)

Remember: Enable power-saving mode and lower screen brightness to extend battery life!

### Clothing & Personal Items

- ☐ Weather-appropriate clothing
- ☐ Comfortable shoes
- ☐ Rain poncho/compact umbrella
- ☐ Hat or cap (sun protection)
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Small backpack or bag (within venue size restrictions)
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Lip balm
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Basic first aid supplies (bandages, pain relievers)

### Essentials & Documentation

- ☐ Event ticket (digital and printed backup)
- ☐ ID/driver's license
- ☐ Cash and cards
- ☐ Insurance cards (health/travel)
- ☐ Emergency contact information (written on paper)
- ☐ Venue map (screenshot on phone or printed)

### Food & Hydration

- ☐ Reusable water bottle (check venue policies)
- ☐ Small snacks (if allowed by venue)

**Food Vendor Tip:** Most events feature a variety of excellent food stalls offering diverse cuisines and options for all dietary needs. Check the event map for food areas and come prepared to enjoy the culinary experience!

## MULTI-DAY/CAMPING EVENT CHECKLIST

Include everything from the one-day checklist plus these additional items:

### Advanced Power Solutions

- ☐ Portable power station (500-1000Wh recommended)
- ☐ Solar panels (if outdoor charging is needed)
- ☐ Multiple power banks (fully charged)
- ☐ Extension cord (if campsite has power hookups)
- ☐ Multi-USB charging hub
- ☐ Extra charging cables for all devices
- ☐ Portable LED lights/lanterns
- ☐ Headlamp or flashlight

### Camping & Shelter

- ☐ Tent with rainfly
- ☐ Tent stakes and guy lines (extra set recommended)
- ☐ Mallet/hammer for tent stakes
- ☐ Groundsheet/tarp (for under tent)
- ☐ Sleeping bag appropriate for expected temperatures
- ☐ Sleeping pad or air mattress
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Camping chairs
- ☐ Small folding table
- ☐ Shade structure or pop-up canopy

### Extended Clothing

- ☐ Complete change of clothes for each day plus extras
- ☐ Extra socks and underwear
- ☐ Warm layers for evenings
- ☐ Waterproof jacket
- ☐ Waterproof boots or shoes
- ☐ Pajamas/sleeping clothes
- ☐ Swimwear (if applicable)

### Food & Cooking

- ☐ Cooler with ice
- ☐ Reusable water container (large capacity)
- ☐ Portable stove (if allowed)
- ☐ Cooking fuel
- ☐ Cooking pot/pan
- ☐ Utensils, plate, bowl, cup (reusable)
- ☐ Can opener/bottle opener
- ☐ Garbage bags
- ☐ Dish soap and sponge

**Food Options:** Festival food stalls offer amazing variety and convenience! Many festivals showcase local cuisine and specialty food vendors. Balance bringing some essentials with enjoying the festival's culinary offerings.

### Hygiene & Health

- ☐ Toiletries bag with essentials
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Shower gel/soap in container
- ☐ Shampoo/conditioner
- ☐ Towel and washcloth
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Wet wipes/baby wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ First aid kit (expanded)
- ☐ Prescription medications
- ☐ Pain relievers
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Ear plugs (for sleeping and concerts)
- ☐ Blister plasters/moleskin

### Security & Safety

- ☐ Locks for tent zippers
- ☐ Portable safe or security pouch
- ☐ Small padlock for backpack
- ☐ Money belt or hidden pouch
- ☐ Whistle

### Additional Comfort Items

- ☐ Blanket for sitting
- ☐ Portable bluetooth speaker
- ☐ Playing cards or games
- ☐ Book or e-reader
- ☐ Eye mask for sleeping

## TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

- ☐ Research public transport options to/from venue
- ☐ Save local taxi numbers on your phone
- ☐ Download rideshare apps (Uber, Lyft, etc.)
- ☐ Check parking availability and costs
- ☐ Save venue address and location in maps app
- ☐ Coordinate with friends if sharing transport
- ☐ Check last public transport times for return journey

**Transport Tip:** Many festivals offer dedicated shuttle services from nearby towns or stations. Check the event website for official transport partners and book in advance if needed.

## BAG RESTRICTIONS & SECURITY

- ☐ Check event website for specific bag size limits
- ☐ Verify if clear bags are required
- ☐ Review prohibited items list
- ☐ Check camera policy (professional cameras often restricted)
- ☐ Verify water bottle/hydration pack policies

**Important:** Security policies vary widely between events. Some venues have strict restrictions on bag sizes (often limited to small bags under 12"x12"), outside food and drinks, and other items. Always check the official event website before packing.

## FOOD & VENDOR INFORMATION

- ☐ Review food vendor list on event website if available
- ☐ Check payment systems accepted by vendors (cash/card/event tokens)
- ☐ Note food areas on event map
- ☐ Check for special dietary options (vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free)

**Food Highlight:** Event food vendors are a key part of the festival experience! Many events feature diverse food options from local restaurants, specialty food trucks, and acclaimed chefs. Exploring these offerings is a great way to enhance your festival experience and discover new favorites.

**Vendor Tip:** Many festivals feature unique merchandise, craft vendors, and artisan products you won't find elsewhere. Budget for special festival-exclusive items and support the small businesses that help make these events special!

## FINAL REMINDERS

- ☐ Take photos of valuable items and their serial numbers
- ☐ Share your plans with someone not attending
- ☐ Check in with your bank about travel alerts for cards
- ☐ Charge all devices fully before leaving
- ☐ Download offline maps of the venue area
- ☐ Take screenshots of important tickets and confirmations