Heart Health

Planning (V) Guide

BEFORE YOU GO

- Book a check-up with your doctor
- Confirm your fitness to fly and activity limits
- Declare all medical conditions when buying travel insurance
- Research local healthcare facilities.



PACKING ESSENTIALS

- Medications in original packaging (hand luggage)
- Spare prescription and doctor's letter
- Medical alert card or bracelet
- Blood pressure monitor (if advised)



CHOOSING DESTINATION

- Research climate and temperature avoid extreme heat or cold if advised by your doctor
- Check altitude high altitudes can put additional strain on the heart
- Plan for accessible transport avoid destinations where you'll need to climb lots of stairs or walk long distances daily

ON THE JOURNEY

- Stay hydrated aim for water every hour on long flights.
- Avoid excessive alcohol and caffeine, which can dehydrate
 - Move and stretch every 1-2 hours during travel
 - Keep to your medication schedule, adjusting for time zones

AT YOUR DESTINATION

- Pace activities alternate busy days with rest days
- Avoid extreme heat or high altitudes if advised by your doctor
- Keep emergency contacts handy
- Listen to your body rest if you feel fatigued or unwell.



