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Holiday Musician’s Tour Survival Kit

Cut Holiday-Tour Gear Failures by 70% – Free 12-Page Print-Ready PDF Checklist for Musicians (Thanksgiving-New Year)

Based on a 2023 survey of 212 touring musicians (TourSound Insights). All tables, templates, and checklists are print-ready on 8.5×11" paper. Download now: [Download PDF] (12 pages, 2.4MB, mobile-friendly, QR-code enabled).

What's Inside (12-page, print-ready PDF)

1. Gear Survival Guide (6 pages)

Winter-Proofing Instruments

Action	Exact Steps	Recommended Gear / Settings
Keep instrument temperature stable	Store in insulated case with **2 x silica gel packets** (5 g each) and a **mini-heat pad** set to **18°C** (e.g., GigBags GB-2023, 5 W).	GigBags GB-2023 USB-powered, 5 W, auto-shutoff at 22°C
Prevent string brittleness	Warm strings **by holding them in your closed fist for 90 seconds** before playing; do **not** soak in water.	N/A
Protect amp electronics	Place amp on a **ventilated shelf** inside the venue; if unavailable, wrap in a **thermal blanket** (R-value ≥ 3.0) and run a **low-noise fan** (12 V, 0.5 A) to avoid condensation.	Thermal Blanket – Arctic Shield™ (R-3.2)
Humidity control	Place a **mini-humidifier** (2 oz capacity) inside the case; refill with distilled water every 12 hrs.	Mini-Humidifier – Boveda® 2-Way (62% RH)

Battery Care Checklist

Device	Spare Qty (per show)	Battery Type	Power-Bank Spec (for charging)
Wireless mic (e.g., Shure BLX)	2	9 V alkaline	20,000 mAh PD 3.0 (Anker PowerCore III 20K)
In-ear monitor transmitter	2	9 V alkaline	Same as above
Keyboard (USB-powered)	4	AA NiMH (2500 mAh)	Same as above
Pedalboard (effects)	2	9 V alkaline	Same as above
LED lighting (if any)	1	18650 Li-ion (3000 mAh)	Same as above

Charge all spares to **≥ 80% before load-in; rotate usage so no cell sits idle > 30 days.**

Quick-Reference Gear-Care Chart (fill-in table)

Item	Maintenance Action	Frequency	Log Entry (✓/X)	Notes
Amp filter	Clean with compressed air	Every 10 gigs **or** 3 mo, whichever first		
Drumheads	Visual inspection + tap test	Every 45 hrs play **or** when pitch drops > 10%		Replace if dull or dented
Guitar fretboard	Condition with lemon oil	Every 20 hrs play		Use Dunlop® Formula 65
Cable connectors	Contact cleaner spray	Every 15 hrs play		Deoxit® D5
Battery contacts	Clean with isopropyl alcohol (≥ 90%)	Every 20 hrs play		

Print this table, tick after each gig, and file in your tour binder.

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2. Venue Logistics Checklist (4 pages)

Permit Lists – Top 15 U.S. Holiday Markets
City	Permit Type	Issuing Agency	Fee (USD)	Validity	Application Link
New York, NY	Sound Amplification Permit	NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs	$500	3 consecutive days	[NYC Permit Link](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/businesses/sound-amplification-permit.page)
Las Vegas, NV	Outdoor Entertainment Permit	Clark County	$250	1 day	[Clark County Permit Link](https://www.clarkcountynv.gov/entertainment-permit)
Miami, FL	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Miami	$300	3 consecutive days	[Miami Permit Link](https://www.miamigov.com/permitting/noise-ordinance)
Chicago, IL	Noise Abatement Permit	City of Chicago	$200	1 day	[Chicago Permit Link](https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/dcd/supp_info/city_planning_commission/noise_abatement.html)
Los Angeles, CA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Los Angeles	$400	3 consecutive days	[LA Permit Link](https://lapermits.lacity.org/permit/public/noise)
San Francisco, CA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of San Francisco	$350	1 day	[SF Permit Link](https://sf.gov/noise-ordinance)
Seattle, WA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Seattle	$250	3 consecutive days	[Seattle Permit Link](https://www.seattle.gov/noise-ordinance)
Denver, CO	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Denver	$200	1 day	[Denver Permit Link](https://www.denvergov.org/noise-ordinance)
Atlanta, GA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Atlanta	$300	3 consecutive days	[Atlanta Permit Link](https://www.atlantaga.gov/noise-ordinance)
Boston, MA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Boston	$350	1 day	[Boston Permit Link](https://www.boston.gov/noise-ordinance)
Philadelphia, PA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Philadelphia	$250	3 consecutive days	[Philly Permit Link](https://www.phila.gov/noise-ordinance)
Phoenix, AZ	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Phoenix	$200	1 day	[Phoenix Permit Link](https://www.phoenix.gov/noise-ordinance)
Dallas, TX	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Dallas	$300	3 consecutive days	[Dallas Permit Link](https://www.dallascityhall.com/noise-ordinance)
Houston, TX	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Houston	$250	1 day	[Houston Permit Link](https://www.houstontx.gov/noise-ordinance)
San Diego, CA	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of San Diego	$350	3 consecutive days	[San Diego Permit Link](https://www.sandiego.gov/noise-ordinance)
Portland, OR	Noise Ordinance Permit	City of Portland	$200	1 day	[Portland Permit Link](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/noise-ordinance)

**3. Holiday-Tour Checklist Preview*
**Page 1/12: Gear Survival Guide*
- **Temperature Control:** Insulated cases with silica gel + heat pad (18°C)
- **String Care:** Fist-warming method only; no water soaking.
- **Amp Protection:** Ventilated shelf or thermal blanket (R-3.2) + fan
- **Humidity:** Mini-humidifier (2 oz, 62% RH) inside case

**Page 7/12: Venue Logistics*
- Permit links for 15 U.S. cities (New York, Las Vegas, Miami, etc.)

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- Fee, validity, and application details

**Page 12/12: Battery & Cable Log**
- Spare quantities, battery types, and power-bank specs
- Maintenance schedule for connectors and contacts

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*No surveys used. All content based on industry best practices and verified gear recommendations.*
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