

You're correct that sometimes the best deals on airplane tickets can be found closer to the departure date, particularly 2-3 weeks in advance. Here's a revised timeline based on that information:

Applying for a Tourist Visa

You should still aim to apply for your tourist visa at least 4-6 weeks before your departure date. Since you plan to leave in mid-October, you should apply for your visa by early to mid-September.

Buying an Airplane Ticket

Given that cheaper tickets can often be found 2-3 weeks before departure, you might look for flights around late September to early October. Keep monitoring flight prices regularly to catch the best deal.

Other Arrangements to Make in Advance

1. ****House Sitting Arrangements****: Secure someone to house sit your dogs by early September to ensure their availability.
2. ****Travel Insurance****: Purchase travel insurance as soon as you book your flight.
3. ****Medical Preparations****: Arrange for any necessary vaccinations or medications by early to mid-September.
4. ****Financial Arrangements****: Notify your bank of your travel plans and ensure access to funds while abroad by early October.
5. ****Packing and Documentation****: Start preparing your travel documents and packing essentials a few weeks before departure, ideally by early October.

Revised Timeline Overview

- ****Early September****: Apply for tourist visa, arrange house sitting, and handle medical preparations.
- ****Late September - Early October****: Monitor and purchase airplane ticket, arrange financial matters.
- ****Early October****: Purchase travel insurance, start packing, and prepare travel documents.

By following this revised timeline, you can still ensure that all necessary arrangements are made efficiently while taking advantage of potentially lower airfare prices closer to your departure date.