List of things to check/prepare/pack for an observing trip or conference visit

Sort these out well in advance					
Flight(s) Transport to airport Transport to hotel Hotel(s) Transport to observatory Book nights at observatory Transport from observatory Transport from hotel Transport from airport Foreign currency Credit/debit cards Travel insurance documents EHIC card Passport Visa Sort these out advance					
Confirm telescope/instrument setup Which gratings/grisms/filters? Which dichroic? Order-sorting filters? CCD binning and windowing? Finder charts Visibility plots Observing plan Standard stars? Calibration observations?		Register for conference Write conference talk Backup talk / send copies to LOC Laser pointer Write poster Print poster Caffeine tablets Travel guide			
Pack these Shoes Socks Underwear Trousers Shirts / T-shirts Jumpers Shorts		Wallet House keys Car keys Watch Money Foreign currency notes Foreign currency coins			

Coat / jacket Gloves and hat		Passport	
Handkerchiefs		Photocopy of passport Travel insurance documents	
Money belt			
Swimwear		EHIC card	
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Toiletries bag		Frequent flier cards Details of hotel(s)	
Toothbrush	H	Glasses / contact lenses	
Toothpaste	H	·	
Shampoo		Diary	
Hair brush	H	Alarm clock	
Moisturiser	H	Torch	
Deodorant	H	Torch batteries	
Razor	H	Music (CDs/MP3s)	
Shaving foam	H	Mobile phone (CHARGED)	
Bubble bath	H	Mobile phone charger	
Soap	Ħ	Mobile phone credit	
Cotton buds		Camera	
		Camera batteries/charger	
Suitcase		Camera film / memory / USB	
Suitcase lock		cable	
Penknife (HOLD LUGGAGE)		USB memory stick	
Hand luggage		Laptop	
Any medicines		Laptop power cables	
Clear plastic bag for medicines		Laptop mouse	
Paracetomol/Ibuprofin		Tablet computer	
Papers to read		Tablet computer charger	
Other work to do		Two/three-pin power adaptor	
Pad of blank paper		Pens and pencils	
Books to read		Ruler and stationery	
Travel guide(s)		String and sellotape	
Plasters / first-aid kit		Tea bags	
Travel sewing kit		Spare food	
Plastic bags		Change heating of home	

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