Essentials

Address list and list of important contacts or numbers Backpack, suitcase, sports bag (something to pack everything in) Paper or Notebook Passport (check validity!) Pencils, Pens Tickets and itinerary (airline, train, bus etc.) Visa

Finances

ATM card (Maestro or Cirrus logos on the back are most widely accepted) Calculator or currency converter Cash in the local currency of your arrival destination Credit card (Visa or Mastercard are most widely accepted) Money belt (You can't be too safe in some places) Sufficient Travellers' cheques (and receipts for travellers' cheques)

Clothes

Boots Bra (sports and regular) Dress shirts Dresses Jacket Jeans Jumper, Sweater or Fleece Light jacket Long or thermal underwear Long sleeve shirts Pants or trousers Pyjamas/Sleepwear Sandals, shower shoes, thongs or jandals Sarong or Lava lava Shoes Shorts Ski clothes Skirts Sneakers Socks Suits Swimming gear T-shirts, singlets Underwear **Clothes Accessories** A good hat Bandana

Bandana Cotton handkerchief or tissues Eye-mask Gloves or mittens Jewelry Knitted (woollen) hat Raincoat or poncho Safety Pins Scarf Sewing kit Ski glasses Suit bag Sunglasses Ties (Tip from a member)

Toiletries

Anti-bacterial cream Comb or Brush Condoms or Contraceptive Pills Contact lens equipment or Glasses Cotton buds Dental floss (also great for fixing things!) Deodorant Earplugs Fingernail clippers Hair products (gel, spray etc.) Lip balm Make-up Mirror Moisturiser (face and body) Nail file Razors Shampoo and Conditioner Shaving Cream Sleeping pills Soap Sunscreen and After sun cream Talcum/Baby Powder Tampons and Pads Toothbrush, Toothpaste

First Aid Kit

Band aids Compression bandages Diarrhoea tablets Gazes Insect and/or mosquito repellent Iodine/Hydrogen peroxide Medicines/Prescription Drugs (Tip from a member) Motion Sickness Tablets Paracetemol, Tylenol etc. Replacement/Rehydration salts sachets Small scissors Tweezers Vitamin pills Water purifying tablets

Other Items

Backpack rain cover Batteries Books Bottled water Camera, film and batteries Carbohydrate snacks Chewing gum or mints Combo or key locks Compass Cup Diary or Organiser Duct Tape Eating utensils Electrical adapter and plug converter Fishing Line Flashlight or torch Forum suggestions! Frisbee, hackey sack, ball, pack of cards or other recreational items

Useful against prickley heat, in shoes, on sticky zippers and more (tip from a member)

Spare flash cards or memory for digital

Especially if you are flying chewing something will help your ears

Fixes everything! (Tip from a member)

Strongest string in the world! (Tip from a member) Don't forget the batteries See What would you pack?

Guidebooks Inflatable travel pillow International driving license International Student Identification Card iPod, MP3 player, Discman etc. Laptop Laundry detergent Maps (incl. small map of the world to show where you are from) Mini camera tripod Mobile phone or SIM card Mosquito net Passport Photos Phone card Photocopies of important documents in case they are stolen Phrase books or Dictionaries Pillow or Pillowcase to stuff with clothes Plastic bags Recharger for electrical items Resume and Work references Skis, ski shoes, ski poles or a snowboard Sleep sheet Sleeping bag Sleeping mat Swiss Army knife or Leatherman tool Toilet paper Towels Travel alarm clock Universal Sink Plug Walkman speakers Watch Wet wipes/Baby wipes

Gifts are always appreciated while travelling

Ziplock bags

(Tip from a member)

If driving overseas, have your driving license translated For discounts worldwide Including music and batteries Especially for the business travellers

(Tip from a member) Big is better if you have the space!

Both for local and international calls (Tip from a member)

Save some money on batteries Don't forget these if you are planning to work while travelling If you are planning a winter holiday, you want to remember these!

Don't keep in your carry on as it will be removed (Tip from a member) Beach and otherwise - the quick drying versions are very handy!

Squash ball can double as one (tip from a member)

Handy for cleaning hands or washing yourself in absense of a shower (tip from a member) The freezer ones are usually the best