Weekend road trip checklist

1. Vehicle safety and mechanical (1–2 days before departure)

- ☐ Check engine oil levels
- ☐ Check radiator coolant/water levels
- ☐ Check brake fluid and power steering fluid
- ☐ Top up windscreen washer fluid
- ☐ Inspect wiper blades (ensure zero streaking)
- ☐ Test all lights: headlights, high beams, indicators, brakes and hazards
- ☐ Check tyre tread depth (Ensure > 1.6mm for optimal safety)
- ☐ Check tyre pressure on all 4 wheels (when cold)
- ☐ Check spare wheel inflation pressure
- ☐ Verify wheel spanner, jack and reflective triangle are in the boot

2. Licences, documents and digital preparation

- ☐ Valid driver's licence card
- ☐ Valid licence disc displayed on windscreen
- ☐ Emergency roadside assistance numbers saved in phone contacts
- ☐ Medical aid details and main membership cards
- ☐ Cross-border letter (if applicable)

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3. Budget and rewards preparation

- ☐ Calculate fuel costs, plan your budget and identify UCount Rewards Retailers
- ☐ Calculate toll gate costs
- ☐ Confirm overnight accommodation bookings (if applicable)
- ☐ Set aside 10%–15% emergency fund

4. First-aid and emergency kit

- ☐ Bandages/Plasters
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads and medical tape
- ☐ Antiseptic wipes or spray
- ☐ Burn gel and scissors
- ☐ Space blanket
- ☐ Disposable gloves
- ☐ Chronic medication and basic painkillers / motion sickness tablets

5. Comfort, food and family entertainment (1 day before / on day of departure)

- ☐ Cooler box loaded with water, cold drinks and homemade meals
- ☐ Non-perishable travel snacks (nuts, fruit, dried snacks)
- ☐ Trash bags for car waste
- ☐ Kids' travel activity bags (colouring books, bingo sheets, puzzles)
- ☐ Downloaded family podcasts / audiobooks / music playlists
- ☐ Power banks and phone charging cables
- ☐ Wet wipes and hand sanitiser