Skiing-Snowboarding Checklist

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- □ Ski/board equipment (if not renting)
 - Fat skis
 - □ Ski/board boots
 - □ Snowboard
 - □ Ski poles
- □ Skiing and board accessories
 - Powder ribbons or straps (if going to destinations with very deep powder)
 - Lift pass holder (if going to resorts that provide little cardboard tickets
 e g. various resorts in Hokkaido such as Furano)
 - Board leash
 - □ Wax and iron if you want to DIY, petex
 - □ Ski holder strap to hold your skis together
 - □ Ski/board lock
 - □ Boot/hand warmers
- □ Safety gear
 - □ Avalanche transceiver (beacon)
 - □ Shovel
 - □ Probe
 - □ Backpack
- □ Skiing/boarding clothing
 - Face mask if going to a particularly cold or windy destination such as Niseko or Lake Louise
 - □ Hood or hooded top if going somewhere particularly cold
 - Neck warmer
 - Silk or merino wool glove inners particularly useful if taking photos or video footage
 - □ Thermal pants (not cotton as it captures the moisture)
 - □ Thermal top or other under-layer (not cotton as it captures the moisture)
 - □ Fleece/s vest and long-sleeve
 - Helmet

- □ Goggles
- □ Headband (or ear muffs if you're game!)
- Beanie
- □ Ski jacket
- □ Ski pants
- Jacket hood
- □ Ski gloves
- Glove protectors (if going to a resort with nutcrackers e g. New Zealand club fields)
- □ Ski socks (thin ones)
- □ Waterproof spray?
- □ Other clothing
 - □ "Going out" clothes
 - □ "Going out" gloves
 - □ Non slip shoes +/- shoe chains for extra grip
 - □ Slippers
 - □ Bathers
 - □ Sleeping clothes
 - □ Underwear
 - □ Socks
- □ Other things for the ski/board jacket
 - □ Sunscreen
 - □ Lip balm
 - □ Tissues
 - □ Goggle wiper
 - □ Wipe cloth
- "First aid"
 - □ Nurofen or other anti-inflammatory drugs, other painkillers
 - □ Bandaids, sports tape or water-proof dressings
 - □ Betadine or other antiseptic
 - □ Lomotil and Stemetil (if going to a place like India)
 - Medications (and prescriptions)
 - □ Knee braces

- Vitamins such as A,C,E, zinc, Echinacea (preferably combined in one tablet)
- □ Toiletries
 - Nail scissors
 - □ Face ;moisturizer
 - Plenty of hair conditioner if you have long hair
 - □ Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - □ Massage oil
 - □ Toothpaste and toothbrush (if not in cabin luggage)
 - Comb or hair brush and hair accessories
 - □ Hair product
 - □ Shaving gear
 - □ Cosmetics
- Luggage
 - □ Boot bag (may need to take this on as cabin luggage)
 - □ Ski bag (preferably on wheels)
 - □ Suitcase or bag
 - □ Luggage locks
 - Luggage tags
- Electronics
 - □ Spare battery for camera/video
 - □ Mobile phone/PDA and charger
 - □ Camera and charger
 - □ Video camera and charger
 - Spare batteries and memory cards for cameras
 - Electrical adapters
 - □ GPS transponder
 - Walkie talkies
 - □ IPod and charger cord
 - □ Memory stick to download photos etc.
 - Power board for all these chargers
 - □ Travel alarm if not taking mobile phone

□ Hairdryer (check if voltage appropriate for the country)

□ Other

- Portable clothes line
- □ Washing detergent powder
- □ Spare credit card
- Phrase book
- □ Notes off Powderhounds website
- □ Sunglasses
- Photocopy of passport, visa and airline ticket
- □ Travel insurance information
- Octopus straps if likely to travel in a taxi
- Drivers license
- Playing cards
- □ Vegemite (especially if going to Japan)
- Cotton and thread
- □ Bag for wet ski gear and/or dirty clothing
- Cabin luggage
 - Small toiletries for cabin luggage in small sealed plastic bag including toothbrush and small toothpaste
 - □ Sleeping tablets/pain medication
 - □ Ear plugs
 - □ Blow up cushion
 - □ Eye shades
 - Book
 - Wallet and credit card
 - □ Cash
 - □ Itinerary and reservation confirmations
 - Maps and directions
 - Passport and visa if required
 - □ Airline tickets
 - □ Eye glasses or contact lenses (and accessories in main luggage)
 - □ Don't pack razors, scissors, matches etc check for prohibited items
 - Things to do before travel

- □ Make sure passport is valid for at least 6 months
- Organise any visas required
- Get any necessary vaccinations (e g. if travelling to India)
- □ Organise international drivers license if necessary (e g. Japan)
- Set up a "web mail" account so you can access your email from any internet kiosk
- □ Email your itinerary to yourself in case you lose it
- Mobile phone to international roam check it works in country you are going to
- □ Organise wireless internet connection if you're taking your laptop
- □ Check electrical adapters required for the country
- Photocopy passport, visa and tickets
- Leave itinerary/contact information with family member and leave photocopy of passport
- □ Consider currency exchange for at least a small amount of cash
- □ Pay off credit card
- □ Pay bills
- □ Organise mail to be collected or "stopped"
- □ Travel insurance
- □ Set up pet care