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Pre-departure checklist

Walk through it with the bike in front of you, in the last 48 hours.

Trip _____ Departure date _____ First night at _____

THE MOTORCYCLE

- [ ] Tyre pressure, cold, with the luggage on
- [ ] Tyre tread — enough to last to the way back
- [ ] Chain: tension and lubrication
- [ ] Engine oil, at level
- [ ] Coolant, at level
- [ ] Brake pads, front and rear
- [ ] Brake fluid: level and colour
- [ ] Lights: low, high, brake, indicators, plate
- [ ] Battery — starts without hesitating
- [ ] Bolts on luggage racks and screen

THE LUGGAGE

- [ ] On the bike and strapped as for 130 km/h
- [ ] Nothing heavy high up or at the back
- [ ] Puncture kit and compressor, within reach
- [ ] Rain gear, on top
- [ ] Electronics and clothes in dry bags
- [ ] Spare gloves
- [ ] Tools: axle, spark plug, hex keys, ties, tape

PAPERS AND MONEY

- [ ] Licence, registration, insurance
- [ ] ID card or valid passport
- [ ] Copies on paper and on the phone, kept apart
- [ ] Tolls and vignettes for every country en route
- [ ] Cash for the first day, in local currency
- [ ] Backup card, kept somewhere else
- [ ] Health and roadside cover, on paper too

PHONE AND NAVIGATION

- [ ] Offline maps downloaded for the whole route
- [ ] Route saved, day by day
- [ ] Route sent to someone at home
- [ ] Phone mount tight, cable tested on the bike
- [ ] Power bank charged
- [ ] Emergency contacts on paper, in your jacket

YOU

- [ ] Your own medication, with a few spare days
- [ ] Water within reach
- [ ] You know where you sleep the first night
- [ ] Someone at home knows the route and the time
- [ ] First stop planned, at two hours at most

TO SORT OUT BEFORE LEAVING