Give every bag a job

Start with the actual trip. Use things already at home, check what is provided and give each bag a purpose.

Our trip

Days / nights: _____

Transport and bag access: _____

Laundry we can genuinely use: _____

Conditions / activities to plan for: _____

Bag or task	Responsible adult	Needed when / notes
Important adult-controlled items		
Keep-with-you bag		
Main clothing bag		
Shared / accommodation items		

Confirm before adding it to a bag

What is provided: _____

What we have checked with the accommodation: _____

What still needs an answer: _____

Check the actual carrier, provider and destination requirements separately. This sheet does not set document, luggage, medicine or equipment rules. Use short household labels rather than writing sensitive details you do not need on paper.

Choose, count and pack

These are prompts to adapt, not a shopping list. Remove what does not apply and choose quantities for the days, activities and laundry plan.

Keep with a responsible adult

□ Booking details and contact information

□ Documents needed for the actual journey

□ Your usual care items and instructions

□ Phone, charging items and essential access information

Keep-with-you bag

□ A small change of clothes if useful

□ Usual comfort item or chosen quiet activity

□ Food and drink appropriate to your plan

□ The items you will need before you reach the main bags

Main clothing bag

□ Clothes counted for days and laundry plans

□ Underwear, socks and night clothes

□ Footwear for the activities you actually plan

□ Weather layers selected for the destination

Shared and accommodation items

□ Your usual wash items

□ Things the accommodation has confirmed it does not provide

□ Reusable bags for used or damp items

□ An activity or book you actually expect to use

Our quantity and bag check

Item	Quantity	Bag / responsible adult
Day clothes		
Underwear		
Socks		
Night clothes		
Layers		
Footwear		
Usual wash items		
Our own choice		

A responsible adult checks the actual contents and any care arrangements. Children can help with suitable choices; essential items and the whole family's packing remain an adult responsibility.

The last-used and return-home sheet

Some things are still being used before departure. Write their final place now rather than ticking them off before they are packed.

Last-used items still to add

Item	Where it will go	Who will check

Before closing the bags

□ Check shared items have one owner

□ Check needed items can be reached at the planned time

□ Check last-used items are now packed

□ Check the actual journey and accommodation arrangements

When we get home

Used / damp items to deal with: _____

Items to put back in their usual place: _____

Anything to replace or check before next time: _____

What we would leave out next time: _____

Follow your household's usual care and storage arrangements. This is a packing reminder, not a rule about what every family should carry or a guarantee that an item is allowed for a particular journey.