◆ Baikonur, Kazakhstan, 09:05. From their tower, TV cameramen film the blast-off of the SoyuzTMA-04M spacecraft, carrying replacement crew for the International Space Station (ISS). "After the Soviet Union collapsed, Baikonur cosmodrome, the core of the Soviet space programme, became the property of Kazakhstan. Now, Russia leases it to carry out its space programme, especially manned flight. I have being photographing Baikonur for almost 10 years. Coverage of each flight includes many events: the Soyuz rolls out from its hangar and is set up on the launch pad, the crew holds a news conference, an Orthodox priest blesses the Soyuz. But the culmination of the whole story is blast-off day, of course. I set up a second camera, to show photographers working in the vast steppe, which I triggered with a radio-remote held in my left hand."

Photo: Shamil Zhumatov.

Bingie, New South Wales, Australia 08:15. Me in the mirror. Photo: Christine Whitelaw.

Tehran, Iran, 10:30.
Bubbles in the bathroom. *Photo: Yasaman Tamizkar.*

Superior, Colorado, USA, 09:15. Waking up. *Photo: Tyler Tenorio.* Seattle, Washington, USA, 05:59.
"This is my family: my wife, my son and myself. We are taking pictures of our cameras and ourselves. The mirror was my grandfather's, given to me by my mother. It was as many generations as we could gather in one photo."

Photo: Paco Jones.

Prague, Czech Republic, 07:15. In the lift. Photo: Elisa Zampieri.

Byron Center, Michigan, USA, 09:14. Spontaneous shot. Photo: Alex Karel.













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