

CCC IMMERSIVE TRAVEL SAFETY GUIDE

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1. BE SMART TO BE SAFE

- DON'T LET FEAR DOMINATE YOUR TRIP
- PLAN AHEAD
- BE AWARE
- AND BE COURAGEOUS!



2. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS
- CHECK OUT SAFETY APPS - THERE ARE MANY AVAILABLE, SO READ REVIEWS AND FIND OUT WHICH ONE IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR DESTINATION
- GOOGLE SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR TRIP
- KNOW LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS (911 IS NOT A WORLDWIDE EMERGENCY NUMBER)



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3. PAY ATTENTION

- WATCH WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING AND GO WITH THE FLOW
- BE PATIENT
- TAKE UP SPACE, BUT WITH RESPECT, NOT ARROGANCE
- MAKE MENTAL NOTES OF STATIONARY STRUCTURES AND PLACES THAT STAND OUT AS YOU EXPLORE YOUR NEW AREA - LIKE STOREFRONT DISPLAYS OR PARK FOUNTAINS
- DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN YOUR PHONE
 - USE GPS WITH EARBUDS IF NECESSARY
 - GIVE YOUR EXCITING NEW LOCATION YOUR FULL ATTENTION!



4. HAVE A PLAN

- BE PUNCTUAL
- DECIDE YOUR ROUTE BEFORE YOU HEAD OUT
- DETERMINE METHOD OF TRANSPORT
- HAVE BACKUP PLANS AT THE READY



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5. MONEY

- BE CAREFUL WITH CASH
- IT'S BEST TO TAKE MONEY OUT OF AN ATM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY WHEN LOTS OF PEOPLE ARE OUT AND ABOUT
- USE ATMS THAT ARE ATTACHED TO BANKS
- KEEP YOUR MONEY AND CREDIT CARDS IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
- MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CREDIT CARDS ARE PROCESSED IN YOUR VIEW - DON'T LET THEM BE TAKEN TO A BACK ROOM



6. PICKPOCKETS

- A FEW SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS WILL MINIMIZE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING PICKPOCKETED.
- BE AWARE OF TRICKS, FAKE PETITIONS, GROUPS OF TEENAGERS ACTING STRANGELY OR TRYING TO DISTRACT YOU; BE CAUTIOUS WITH RIDESHARING OFFERS, AND PEOPLE OFFERING HELP WITH YOUR LUGGAGE
- DON'T CARRY WALLETS IN BACK POCKETS
- PICKPOCKETS ARE SNEAKY RATHER THAN CONFRONTATIONAL
- CROWDED AREAS ARE PRIME TARGET AREAS, SO POSITION YOUR BAGS, PURSES, AND BACKPACKS ON YOUR BODY SO THAT YOU KNOW IF SOMEONE TRIES TO OPEN YOURS
- CHOOSE YOUR BAGS, PURSES, AND BACKPACKS SO THAT THEY HAVE TWO-STEP CLOSURES RATHER THAN AN OPEN-TOP OR EASY SNAP ACCESS
- KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR BAGS WHEN YOU SIT DOWN TO EAT OR WATCH SOMETHING



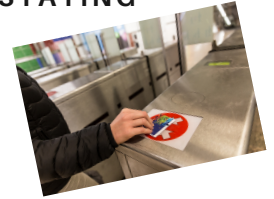
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7. Transportation

- **PLAN AHEAD**

- **LEARN TYPES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA**
- **FIND OUT HOW TO PAY FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT**
- **DETERMINE CLOSEST STOPS TO WHERE YOU ARE STAYING AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING**
- **KEEP TRACK OF YOUR BELONGINGS AT ALL TIMES**
- **BE VIGILANT BUT NOT FEARFUL**
- **PRELOAD YOUR CREDIT CARD WITH ENOUGH CREDIT TO GET WHERE YOU ARE GOING WITH EXTRA CREDIT AVAILABLE IN CASE YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS**
- **LEARN THE HOURS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND PREPARE ACCORDINGLY, E.G., CERTAIN METRO LINES ARE CLOSED AT CERTAIN NIGHTTIME HOURS**
- **IDENTIFY TAXI STAND LOCATIONS**
- **CHECK OUT UBER OR SIMILAR SERVICES IN THE AREA**
- **IF YOU HAVE A RENTAL CAR**
 - i. **PARK IN WELL-LIT AREAS**
 - ii. **HIDE VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT**
 - iii. **LOCK DOORS**
 - iv. **BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS**
 - **WHEN YOU PARK**
 - **WHEN YOU RETURN TO YOUR CAR**



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8. SOME BASIC THINGS TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING SMOOTHLY AND SAFELY

- KEEP A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT IN A SAFE LOCATION AS WELL AS A PICTURE OF YOUR PASSPORT ON YOUR PHONE
- LEAVE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH A LOVED ONE AT HOME
- BE AWARE OF LOCAL LAWS
 - SOME SOCIAL PRACTICES MAY SEEM ANTIQUATED, UNNECESSARY, OR EVEN SILLY, BUT THEY ARE STILL IN PLACE
 - SOME ARE SITUATION SPECIFIC
 - RANGING FROM THE PRACTICAL TO THE USUAL, E.G., IN SOME PLACES LITTERING IS ILLEGAL AND CARRIES A HEFTY FINE (IT IS ALWAYS RUDE) - USE BINS WHEN YOU SEE THEM; JAYWALKING IS FINEABLE IN SOME LOCATIONS; IT IS EVEN ILLEGAL AND PRICEY TO FEED PIGEONS IN SOME PLACES -CHECK OUT THE BASICS BEFORE YOU GO
 - SIMPLY FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ON POSTED SIGNS - USE A TRANSLATE APP IF IN DOUBT OF THEIR MEANINGS
- BE AWARE OF SHOP HOURS - SOME ARE CLOSED DURING RANDOM HOURS OR ON SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS



BUSINESS HOURS			
	A.M.		P.M.
MONDAY		CLOSED	
TUESDAY		10:	5:00
WEDNESDAY		10:	..
THURSDAY		10:	..
FRIDAY		10:	..
SATURDAY		10:	6:00
SUNDAY		10:	4:00
		CLOSED	

9. EXERCISE ETIQUETTE

- REFRAIN FROM LINE-JUMPING EVEN IF LOCALS ARE DOING IT
- DON'T GET DRUNK IN PUBLIC SPACES
- STEP ASIDE RATHER THAN STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIDEWALK
- STAND ON THE PROPER SIDE OF THE ESCALATOR WHEN NOT WALKING
- BE RESPECTFUL



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10. RESPECT NATURE AS WELL AS PEOPLE

- BE AWARE OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS
 - A BENIGN-LOOKING STREAM COULD BE HOME TO CROCODILES, THREATENING CLOUDS COULD SIGNAL A TORNADO, THE DANGERS OF SUN EXPOSURE VARY BY LOCATION, AND SO MANY MORE EXAMPLES...
- RESEARCH THE FORECAST, TAKE A LOOK AT THE CONDITIONS, AND PROCEED ARMED WITH KNOWLEDGE
- BE AWARE OF ANIMAL HABITATS AND DON'T BE DECEIVED BY THE CUTENESS OF AN ANIMAL
- TAKE PRIDE IN OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD AND GIVE IT THE LOVE IT NEEDS!



11. SOME RESOURCES (government, private organizations, public service organizations, travel blogs, and more):

- a. <https://www.travelsafe-abroad.com>
 - b. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html/>
 - c. <https://travelmaps.state.gov/TSGMap/>
 - d. <https://thepointsguy.com/news/us-travel-advisories>
 - e. <https://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/4-Benefits-of-the-Smart-Traveler-Enrollment-Program-STEP.html>
 - f. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>
 - g. <https://www.tsa.gov/travel>
 - h. <https://www.globalcitizensolutions.com>
 - i. <http://www.iamat.org/> The International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers.
 - j. <http://www.worldhospitalsearch.org/>
 - k. <https://www.osac.gov> Overseas Advisory Council
 - l. <https://www.who.int> (World Health Organization)
 - m. <https://www.corporatetravelsafety.com/safety-tips/>
 - n. <https://www.safertravel.org>
 - o. https://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/travel_warning.htm
 - p. <https://www.globalrescue.com/landing-pages/travel-safety-information/>
 - q. <https://jessieonajourney.com/safety-apps/>
- Examples of Resources Available in Various Countries

<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories> (Canadian government)
<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa/safety-and-security>
<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au> (Australian government) also
<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/travel-safety-tips>
<https://www.usa.gov/travel-abroad>
<https://safetravel.is> (Iceland)
<https://www.safetravel.govt.nz> (New Zealand)
<https://www.spain.info/en/> (Spain)
<https://www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory/> (India)
<https://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home> (Scotland)

Also check out safety tips in

facebook.com
online regional newspapers
twitter
travel security e-newsletters
local chat groups

