



No matter where we are, we want to be safe. While many of the same rules for being safe at home apply to traveling, there are also a few we may wish to be aware of.

Prior to traveling:

- Seek advice on health standards and necessary immunizations before trips (particularly when traveling out of the country).
- Assemble and carry a basic medical kit, including: OTC pain medicine, digestive aid, cold medicine, Band-Aids, hand sanitizer, allergy tablets, etc.
- Insure you have the appropriate cell phone access for in-country and global phone access, as well as enough battery.
- Familiarize yourself with living conditions, health risks, traffic regulations and rules of conduct in the countries you are visiting.
- Research local weather ahead of time.

Health / Medical

- Keep Local Medical Services numbers and addresses in your cell and on paper.
- When taking medicines with you, always have a doctor's letter to get through customs, carry medicines in pharmacist's labeled containers. Of course, be sure to carry any Rx meds with you and include enough for a few extra days (these should always go in your carryon).

During Travel:

- Keep your cell phone charged when you leave on excursions.
- Preferably use public transportation and/or taxi services.
- Avoid traveling at night or alone.
- Don't eat in restaurants off main drives. Inquire with hotels about acceptable locations to eat.
- Drink only bottled water, and verify cap was sealed.
- Insure food is thoroughly cooked and still hot before eating.
- Don't expose large amounts of cash.
- Don't flaunt jewelry or expensive/brand name clothing that would make you a target for theft or mugging.
- Don't become an obvious target by carrying excessive or expensive/ostentatious luggage, equipment, briefcases, etc. while on the streets.
- Don't use your cellphone while walking on the streets as they are a target for theft.
- NEVER leave your luggage unattended.

If something does happen and a thief demands your valuables, do not resist! Your safety and well-being are more important!

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