

WHILE TRAVELING

SECURITY

- Carefully obey all local laws and customs. Your civil rights will vary greatly if traveling outside of the United States.
- Use the “buddy system” – try to travel in groups consisting of friends/classmates. Never hitchhike.
- Organize your funds into two separate packs each consisting of a credit card and currency. Leave one of these packs at your residence as a back-up. Keep the cash you need separate from the rest of your money.
- Always notify your local contact of your intended schedule and social plans.
- Stay away from illegal drugs entirely. Most foreign countries have extremely strict laws regarding even small quantities of drugs.



- Drinking age varies greatly depending on where you are. Keep in mind that while under the influence your natural awareness is diminished and you stand out by the very fact that you are a tourist.
 - Learn about your surroundings. Avoid problem and unlighted areas, especially alleys and parks.
 - Do not carry luggage or packages for others.
 - Know how to use public telephones, how to contact the police and be aware of your location. Have necessary cell phone, coins or phone cards available.
 - Be wary of pickpockets. Use a shoulder strap across your body if possible when using a purse. Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front trouser pocket.
 - Don't leave your luggage or handbag unattended anywhere. Should you put a backpack down, place it on the floor between your legs or wrap a strap around a fixed object.
- Travel with a small, high-powered flashlight in your backpack, purse or pouch when out and at your bedside at night for emergencies.
 - When riding in a cab, keep all the doors locked and the windows rolled up to within two inches of the top.
 - Don't resist an armed theft. If robbed, never resist or pursue on foot.

IN THE HOTEL

- Select a room between the third and sixth floors. Locate exits and familiarize yourself with the surroundings.
- Always check the window and door locks. Lock doors when in or out of the room, including terrace doors even when on an upper floor.
- Do not admit someone to your room until you are satisfied as to their identity and purpose. Remain alert and cautious, particularly if unusual activity is noted in or near the hotel.
- Put “Do Not Disturb” sign on door and leave TV or radio on when you are out of the room at night. Check your belongings regularly.
- Use authorized transportation to and from the airport or rail station, and when possible, let the hotel provide this for you.



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