

TRAVEL LOCKDOWN

THE PRE-TRIP CHECKLIST

Before the airport. 15 minutes.



ALERT EVERY CARD.

Turn on transaction alerts for every card you bring. Catch suspicious charges by notification, not after the trip.



TWO CARDS. TWO PLACES.

Carry one card; keep the backup separately, such as in the hotel safe. One stolen wallet should not end your trip.



UPDATE. LOCATE. BACK UP.

Update your phone, turn on Find My or device-finding, and run a backup. Do it before you leave.



KILL AUTO-JOIN WI-FI.

Disable automatic connections to unfamiliar networks. Forget public networks you no longer need; names can be copied.



USE PHONE DATA FOR SENSITIVE TASKS.

Prefer cellular data or your cellular hotspot for banking and shopping. Still use legitimate apps and HTTPS websites.



BRING YOUR OWN CHARGING BRICK.

Pack your charger and cable. Use a wall outlet instead of a public USB charging port.



POST THE TRIP AFTER THE TRIP.

Save the vacation posts for your return. Your followers can admire the view without knowing your home is empty.



LEAVE THE CODE WORD.

Agree on a private code word with someone at home. Test any "emergency, send money" call and call back on a known number.

THE TRAVEL LOCKDOWN KIT

More on border device searches, hotel Wi-Fi, card skimmers and what to do if your phone is stolen abroad.

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