

The essential checklist for avoiding travel scams abroad



Before your trip

- Research and read online reviews for accommodations, tours, and transport
- Learn about common travel scams in the destinations you plan to visit
- Book through reputable sites or directly with the company or host
- Apply for your visa using official government channels or reputable visa agents
- Check average currency exchange rates
- Make copies of your passport and important travel documents
- Enable PIN, password, or biometrics on the devices you're bringing
- Back up your data on the devices you're bringing
- Install or enable antivirus protection on your devices
- Place a tracker in your luggage





During your trip

- Store your valuables in the hotel safe
 - Check that the locks in your rental are working and scan for hidden cameras
 - Politely decline unsolicited refreshments, gifts, or services from strangers
 - Ask for costs upfront and check your bills before paying
 - Stay alert in public spaces and secure your belongings
 - Buy only from official ticket counters or websites
 - Use a credit card for better fraud protection than a debit card
 - Monitor your bank and credit card accounts regularly for suspicious activity
 - Use a VPN when connecting to public Wi-Fi networks
 - Avoid oversharing your trip details with strangers and on social media
 - Always trust your instincts and be prepared to walk away from a “good” deal
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After your trip

- Delete travel apps that you no longer need
- Continue to monitor your financial accounts

