

Travel Safety Tips

1. Before traveling overseas, contact Visa by calling the number on the back of your card and let them know your destination and duration of your trip. This will prevent Visa from blocking your card due to suspected fraud, when the transactions are actually legitimate.
2. Pack a maximum of two credit cards, use one card for your purchases and leave the other in the hotel safe as an emergency card. If your first card is lost or stolen you will still be able to enjoy your trip with your back-up card. By limiting the number of cards you bring with you to a maximum of two, you will only have two cards you would need to call and cancel should your wallet be lost or stolen. Finally, carrying a limited number of cards will also help to preserve your budget by keeping you focused on your spending.
3. Bring your credit card companies contact information with you. Keep it in your luggage in the hotel room. If your card is lost or stolen call the credit card company. They will be able to cancel the card and limit the number of fraudulent transactions that it could be used for. The sooner you notify your credit card company, the better.
4. Stick with ATMs that are attached to banks, in your hotel or at the airport. By doing this you can be sure that they are legitimate ATMs, and thereby minimizing the risk of your card information being captured and used fraudulently.
5. Never leave your valuables in a rental car. If you are going to be sightseeing, bring some cash and lock all of your valuables in the hotel safe with your emergency card.
6. Do not leave your bags unattended. If you need to put your bag down for a minute, place it on the counter in front of you, or between your feet with the bag securely closed. It only takes a second for your attention to be diverted and your bags taken right from under you.
7. Upon returning from your trip, review your credit card bill and all of your purchases. If you have access to your credit card account online, review the history as soon as you are home. By not waiting for your monthly statement, you can alert the credit card company as soon as you see fraudulent transactions on your card. Again, the sooner you notify your credit card company, the better.



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