

SAFETY TIPS

For Every Traveler:

1. Try to blend in.
2. Carry only essential money and credit cards with you.
3. Carry your valuables inside your clothes.
4. Always watch your bags.
5. Be on guard if groups of people act strangely around you.
6. Keep in mind that thieves often wait near night clubs and bars popular with foreigners, particularly Americans, and target individuals who've had too much to drink.
7. When residing in a hotel, always keep your door locked.

In an Emergency:

1. Know where the local hospital is.
2. Remember the local emergency number (your destination's 911 equivalent) before events occur.
3. Note the number for non-emergency police number/tourism police. Contact local police to report the incident and get help.
4. If you need medical advice or assistance abroad, call ISIC Global Assistance at 1-954-334-7714 or call AIG Guard at (01-713) 260-5508.
5. Report any incident to Program Leader/ International Student Office and ask them to email a report to joseph.macade@lyon.edu

Safety for Women:

Female travelers should research the cultural norms and religious codes in their destination country. Find out what behavior, dress, etc., is acceptable for women and learn about the role gender plays in the society. Tourists are easy targets for theft, so try to be inconspicuous. Carry a pocket-sized map to seem less like a tourist and if you need directions, ask other women or families. In situations where poverty and social disparities are evident, women should refrain from exhibiting jewelry that appears expensive.

LGBTQ Safety :

1. Be conscious of the social reality that exists in the region.
2. Know the legal regulations and conditions of a country so that you can avoid problems or uncomfortable situations.
3. Read about LGBTQ experiences specific to your country of destination—books, blogs, articles, etc.

Drug and Alcohol Safety:

When traveling overseas, it's important to obey the laws and regulations of the country you are visiting, especially those pertaining to drug and alcohol use. Each year 2,500 U.S. citizens are arrested abroad and one third of these arrests are on drug-related charges. Americans have been arrested abroad on drug charges for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana in some countries. Being connected to contraband or paraphernalia associated with illegal drug use can also result in arrest.

*Motor vehicle accidents—not crime or terrorism—are the number one cause of preventable injury or death of healthy U S citizens living, or traveling in foreign countries. Drowning is also a common cause of preventable death. Pay extra attention to road rules or the condition of your driver, and only swim in safe, designated areas.

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