

Dear Friends

After having been blessed by Almighty God to visit 88 countries in 7 Continents, I present the following Travel Tips.

Commence your journey with Dua: Auzo Billahe Minash Shaitan ir Rajim. Bismillah Ir Rahman Ir Rahim. Subhana-alladhi sakh-khara la-na hadha wa ma kunna la-hu muqrinin. Wa inna ila Rabbi-na la munqalibun. **Meaning** In the name of Allah, and Praise be to Allah. Glory unto Him Who created this transportation, for us, though we were unable to create it on our own. And unto our Lord we shall return.

- Book flights in advance to avail best fares and for shorter duration use one way low cost/budget airlines.
- Avoid over-night flights unless lie-flat bed or 180 degree seat. Check the aircraft and preferred seats at www.seatguru.com
- Check arrival/departure airports locations.
- Avoid using airport taxi or pick up by hotel. Instead book local taxi/car via internet.
- When using credit card on internet, monitor your account daily to check fraudulent activity if any.
- Take regular back-up of your cell data on laptop.
- For frequent calls, purchase local sim with incoming calls/message free.
- For roaming, before departure check with your service provider for cheaper rates on its partner(s)' network.
- For internet, if possible use your own phone/laptop with secure password.
- When using public PC's do not save your user id and/or password and remove the check mark keep me sign-in.
- If possible buy small amount of local currency at the departing/arriving airport. Always keep smaller \$ bills 1, 5 & 10.
- For currency conversion, check the rate and commission at a couple of places before doing a transaction.
- Do not use ATM at Airports or Hotels, instead only at secure place within the bank.
- Book tours through local travel agencies via internet.
- Find hotels and read several reviews on www.tripadvisor.com keeping in view location, comfort and free internet and try to book in advance to avail best rates.
- Go on the hotel website to check promotional rate and compare it with www.agoda.com for Asia and www.booking.com for other countries.
- When in a car/ taxi write its number plate, driver name and the phone #
- For dining preferences, surf on internet to find the restaurants of your choice.

Travel Safe