

SECURITY TIPS FOR TOURIST

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1. Avoid going to isolated places without a proper guide.
2. Always ask for cars from the Hotel Front Desk. Don't hire taxis without number plates. Sit behind the driver so that you can see him but he cannot see you from the rear glass. Pay the driver only after reaching your destination and while you are still sitting in the car.
3. In the absence of a help desk in the hotel or guest house, tourists may avail the services of Authorized Travel Agents.
4. For guides or any tourism-related services, tourists should contact the Tourist Information Centre of MTDC Ltd. at 0364-2226220 from 7AM -7PM
5. Contact the Govt. of India Tourist office or any recognized travel agency for guidance.
6. Contact Police Control Room no. 100 for any emergency. This number should be displayed in all the hotels and guest houses and other related areas.
7. Don't deal with middlemen and touts for any services.
8. Don't write your home address and telephone number on the luggage. Instead keep your address Inside. Don't wear name tags in public. If on business trip, remove your tag while you leaving the conference room or hotel.
9. Stay with your luggage until it is checked.
10. Keeps your passport, credit cards, driving license and other important documents in separate hand bags. Deposit it in the hotel's safe as soon as you get one.
11. Keep a small flashlight handy. You never know when you'll suddenly find yourself in the dark.
12. Don't wear Jewellery and other items that project affluence.
13. Travel with one or two credit cards only, if possible. Keep sufficient credit in your account. Also, keep the help numbers to call in case of theft of credit cards.
14. Don't accept anything edible from strangers.
15. Don't eat anything from roadside vendors. Drink only bottled water. Check the seal and date of packaging.
16. Keep your prescription medicines with you.
17. Always use stairs if fire is detected.

18. Beware of staged road accidents. They might be meant to just catch you off-guard.
19. Let your friends or hotel reception know where you are going. Keep their numbers to call in case of any eventuality.
20. If traveling with kids, bring recent photographs of each kid in case you are separated from them.
21. Don't discuss your travel plans or any other personal information in public. Beware of eavesdroppers.
22. Cover yourself with travel insurance and health insurance.
23. Carry first aid supplies with you.
24. Research and check about local weather. Decide your clothes accordingly.
25. Maintain cleanliness and hygiene, especially in ecologically sensitive areas.
26. Respect local culture and traditions.