

## **Only a month until you arrive in Paradise!**

Now that it's getting closer to your trip, we'll be sending more tips!  
Be on the lookout and if you have ANY questions, please ask!

### **Important reminders!**

PASSPORT! Do you have a PASSPORT BOOK? Is it valid? Have you seen it recently?

Are you traveling with children without one or both parents? Extra forms will be needed, so please, ask us! You may need a notarized letter from the absent parent/parents or to take a copy of any legal paperwork, so, please, ask us ASAP!

Money - do you have a credit card? If you only use cash or a debit card, please ask us about any deposit's that might be required by your resort!

### **Cell phones/Staying in touch**

If you want to be able to be in touch while you're away, check with your cell phone company on any upgrade plans you might want to add.

Unless you have T-Mobile, data roaming has a hefty charge, so be sure to TURN OFF your Data Roaming feature on your smart phone. We heard about a guy with a VERY hefty bill (like 20,000) because he was streaming a football game!

Wifi is available at most resorts, some have it for free, some have a charge, so ask us if you need to know.

### **Travel Documents**

Travel Documents are usually sent 2-3 weeks before you depart. If you don't have them by 2 weeks before, please check with us.

Some travel documents are sent in the mail, and some are sent via e-mail, so ask us if you are not sure.

Travel documents are important to have - your itinerary is on it as well as the phone #'s of your transfer company, during travel assistance, and the hotel.

Be sure to read your travel documents from front to back and ask if you have questions!

### **Safety!**

You are under the local laws and penalties when traveling outside the USA, so please check with

your local consulate if you have questions.

You may see things are done differently - like the local police may have big guns or the resort may have barbed wire on the fence around the resort. This is not due to anything other than their common security procedures. It's nothing to worry about.

Use the safe that is in your room to keep your money, jewelry, and travel documents safe, or lock in your suitcase. Don't bring anything expensive or anything you can't easily replace, just in case.

Use your common sense - don't go out at night by yourself, carry large amounts of cash, wear flashy jewelry, or leave anything of value unattended.

Unfortunately, **theft** is common across the board in many destinations, airports, and even high end resorts. Lock up anything of value (or just don't take it with you) – clients have reported petty things being taken, even things like candy and perfume! Electronic safes can be broken into pretty easily, so we suggest using caution even with those. You can use special tape to know if your safe has been broken into.

Having a **TSA approved lock** can help at the airport, but don't put anything of great value in your checked bags. Locking things in your suitcase can work (although we did have 1 client that had their luggage stolen from their room)

Something like a bag from Pacsafe can help keep things safe –

<http://www.pacsafe.com/>

A few helpful articles we've found

<http://www.travelsmith.com/TravelSmith/US/TravelCenter/guide-travel-tips-travel-security>

<http://www.gadling.com/2010/03/29/hiding-valuables-in-your-hotel-room/>

<http://gutsytraveler.com/hotel-security-how-to-be-safe-and-stressfree/>

<http://www.corporatetravelsafety.com/safety-tips/category/hotel/tip/how-safe-are-hotel-room-safes>

<http://www.consumertraveler.com/columns/10-tips-to-protect-valuables-from-travel-theft/>

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