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Good travel safety is not about being afraid of the world. It is about preparing well enough to experience it with greater confidence.

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STEP 01

Know Before You Go

Confidence starts with information. Learn the basics of your destination before you arrive.

- Review current official travel advisories and destination entry information.
- Research the neighborhoods where you will stay and spend time.
- Learn how you will travel between the airport, accommodation and major activities.
- Research common local scams or tourist-targeted schemes.
- Learn important local laws, customs and cultural expectations.
- Check weather, environmental and seasonal conditions.
- Know how emergency services work at the destination.
- Identify any traveler-specific considerations relevant to you or your group.

Destination safety notes

Emergency number(s): _____

Nearest embassy / consulate if applicable:

Accommodation address: _____

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Safety research should inform you, not scare you. Look for specific, current information rather than broad claims that an entire country or city is simply 'safe' or 'unsafe.'

STEP 02

Protect Your Documents + Money

Losing a wallet is frustrating. Losing your only access to money and identification at the same time can become a crisis.

- Keep your passport or required identification secure.
- Store a secure backup copy of important travel documents.
- Do not keep every payment method and all cash in one place.
- Know how to contact your bank or card issuer if a card is lost.
- Use ATMs thoughtfully and inspect them before use.
- Be discreet when handling large amounts of cash.
- Use hotel safes or other secure storage when appropriate.
- Avoid leaving passports, wallets, phones or bags unattended.
- Keep emergency funds separate from everyday spending money.

My backup plan

Backup payment method: _____

Emergency funds location / access plan:

Secure document backup location: _____

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Your phone should not be the only place you can access your itinerary, important phone numbers, insurance information or travel documents.

STEP 03

Stay Aware While Exploring

You should be able to enjoy where you are without spending the entire trip looking over your shoulder. Simple habits can reduce unnecessary risk.

- Know your route before walking into an unfamiliar area.
- Stay aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded tourist areas.
- Keep bags closed and valuables reasonably secure.
- Avoid displaying expensive items unnecessarily.
- Use licensed or reputable transportation options.
- Verify rideshare vehicle and driver details before entering.
- Be thoughtful about alcohol or anything that reduces awareness.
- Do not leave food or drinks unattended.
- Trust your judgment if a situation feels wrong and move to a safer public place.
- Avoid sharing unnecessary personal or accommodation details with strangers.

BJGT TIP Prepared does not mean paranoid. You can be aware of your surroundings and still talk to people, explore neighborhoods, eat local food, wander and actually enjoy the destination.

If I get separated from my group, our meeting point is:

STEP 04

Phones, Maps + Digital Safety

Your phone is one of your most useful travel tools. Set it up so it helps you even when service is weak or something goes wrong.

- Arrange an international data plan, eSIM or other connectivity option if needed.
- Download offline maps for important areas when useful.
- Save your accommodation address in an accessible format.
- Keep your phone charged and carry a power bank when appropriate.
- Use a strong device passcode and enable available device-location features.
- Be cautious with sensitive transactions on unfamiliar public Wi-Fi.
- Keep account recovery and important contact information secure.
- Back up important photos and files during longer trips when practical.
- Avoid publicly posting your exact live location when doing so creates unnecessary risk.

Important numbers

Trusted contact: _____

Accommodation: _____

Insurance assistance: _____

Airline / travel provider: _____

BJGT TIP Take a screenshot of information you may need without internet access: your accommodation address, transportation instructions and essential confirmations.

Health + Emergency Preparation

You cannot plan for every emergency, but you can make sure a problem does not begin with searching for basic information.

- Review destination-specific health guidance before travel.
- Pack necessary prescription medications appropriately and verify destination rules.
- Bring basic health items appropriate for your trip and activities.
- Know what your health or travel insurance covers abroad.
- Save your insurance assistance information.
- Identify how to seek medical care at the destination if needed.
- Share relevant emergency information with a trusted travel companion when appropriate.
- Keep allergies or critical medical information accessible when appropriate.
- Monitor severe weather or other local emergency alerts when relevant.

Emergency plan

Insurance provider / policy: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Medical information I need accessible:

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Travel insurance policies differ. Read the actual policy terms and know how to contact the assistance provider before you need them.

Safety for Black Travelers

Black travelers can have experiences abroad that differ from both local residents and other visitors. Preparation should make room for that reality without assuming every destination will treat every Black traveler the same way.

Research with context

- Look for recent experiences from Black travelers who have visited the destination.
- Compare personal experiences with reliable official information.
- Research local attitudes and cultural context without treating one person's story as universal.
- Learn whether specific neighborhoods, venues or situations deserve additional awareness.
- Know your rights and available resources if you experience discrimination or harassment.
- Choose accommodations, tours and providers that make you feel respected and supported.

Remember

One traveler's wonderful experience does not guarantee yours. One traveler's negative experience does not define an entire country either. Use multiple sources, understand context and make decisions that fit your comfort level.

BJGT TIP Being Black should not require you to shrink your map. Research the destination, prepare for the realities that matter to you, and give yourself permission to experience the world.

FINAL CHECK

Prepared, Not Afraid

Run through this final check before departure. Then let preparation do its job and enjoy the trip.

- Documents secured + backed up
- Money + backup payment plan ready
- Emergency contacts saved
- Insurance information accessible
- Phone / data plan ready
- Offline information saved
- Transportation researched
- Destination safety research complete
- Health essentials packed
- Trusted person has appropriate itinerary information

**Preparation creates confidence.
Confidence creates freedom.**

The goal isn't to fear the world. It's to be ready to experience more of it.

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A note from Black Joy Global Travel: This checklist provides general travel-safety education and cannot account for every traveler, destination or situation. Conditions, laws, health guidance and security information can change. Review current information from appropriate official authorities, travel providers and qualified professionals before and during travel. In an emergency, contact local emergency services or the appropriate authorities.