

General Precautions For Travel

Today's Travel Environment

- More hectic and stressful than in past
 - Air Carriers have higher load factors, which means more people to encounter
- Higher levels of security
 - Creates unknowns and more stress for travelers

Suggestions For Confronting The Challenges of Travel

- Do your research
 - <http://www.tsa.dhs.gov/travelers/index.shtm> - Provides information for travelers: with disabilities, with religious and cultural needs, who are traveling with special items such as medications, and other information that may apply
- Make sure that your identification is current. An expired drivers license/passport will prevent you from being allowed to fly
- Pack in accordance with TSA recommendations
Check the Prohibited Items list on the website for current updates



For Travelers

- Liquid Rules: 3-1-1 for Carry-Ons
- Prohibited Items
- Acceptable Identification at the Checkpoint
- Safe Travel with Batteries & Devices
- "Checkpoint Friendly" Laptop Bags
- Special Items
- Baggage Locks
- Travelers with Disabilities and Medical Conditions
- Traveling with Children
- Wait Times
- Customer Service

Prohibited Items

For Travelers

- [Sharp Objects](#)
- [Sporting Goods](#)
- [Guns & Firearms](#)
- [Tools](#)
- [Martial Arts & Self Defense Items](#)
- [Explosive & Flammable Materials, Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items](#)
- [Other Items](#)

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Sharp Objects

Item	Carry-on	Checked
Box Cutters	No	Yes
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	No	Yes
Knives - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives	No	Yes
Meat Cleavers	No	Yes
Razor-Type Blades - such as box cutters, utility knives, razor blades not in a cartridge, but excluding safety razors.	No	Yes
Sabers	No	Yes
Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than four inches	Yes	Yes
Swords	No	Yes

NOTE: Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.

Suggestions For Confronting The Challenges of Travel

- Arrive early for your flight (minimum 2 hours for International Flights).
- If you have questions, ask! Representatives of the airline are located throughout the terminals.
- Arrive well rested and be prepared for changes in schedules

Interactions with Local Authorities

- German laws are different than American laws, and the police have more authority to conduct activities with less cause.
- ALWAYS deal with authorities in a civil manner that indicates cooperation and respect
- Returning travel – security is much more process oriented than in America. Remain cooperative and follow instructions.

Concerns For Travelers In Germany

- Terrorism

■ Terrorism

- There are no current events occurring in Germany that would pose a high risk
- Germany has not been free of terrorist incidents, but they are rare as compared to other European nations
- There is no animosity toward American citizens

Concerns For Travelers In Germany

- Crime

- Violent crime is rare in Germany
- Most common crime risks are pickpockets and thefts of opportunity
- Telephone equivalent of 911 in Germany is 112

Basic Precautions

- 1) Use the same common sense traveling overseas that you would at home. Be especially cautious in or avoid areas where you are likely to be victimized. These include crowded subways, train stations, elevators, tourist sites, market places, festivals, and marginal areas of cities.
- 2) Avoid public demonstrations.
- 3) Keep a low profile and avoid loud conversations or arguments. Do not discuss religion or politics. Do not discuss travel plans or other personal matters with strangers.

Basic Precautions

- 4) Try to seem purposeful when you move about. Even if you are lost, act as if you know where you are going. When possible, ask directions only from individuals in authority.
- 5) Eat, socialize, and travel with others known to you when possible. Avoid going alone to local bars and drinking establishments

Basic Precautions

- 6) Maintain a high level of situational awareness. Situational awareness is the process of recognizing a threat at an early stage and taking measures to avoid it. Being observant of one's surroundings and identifying potential threats and dangerous situations is more of an attitude or mindset than it is a hard skill.
- 7) Watch local news broadcasts to stay informed.
- 8) Confine travel to main roads and tourist areas.

Basic Precautions

- 9) Maintain a low profile. Dress casually and do not draw attention to yourself with jewelry or expensive clothes.
- 10) Avoid displaying large amounts of cash.
- 11) Provide an itinerary to someone who is not traveling with you and check in with that person on a regular basis.
- 12) Avoid handbags, fanny packs, and outside pockets that are easy targets for thieves. Inside pockets and a sturdy shoulder bag with a strap worn across your chest are somewhat safer. One of the safest places to carry valuables is in a pouch or money belt worn under your clothing.

Resources

- www.State.gov – U.S. State Department website with updated travel advisories

Travel Warnings | Travel Alerts | Country Specific Information



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Current Travel Warnings

Travel Warnings are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. A Travel Warning is also issued when the U.S. Government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of its staff. **The countries listed below meet those criteria.**

- [Israel, the West Bank and Gaza](#) 01/15/2009
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- Other Government Websites**
- [USA Gov Service Locator](#)
 - [Department of Homeland Security](#)
 - [The White House](#)
 - [more >](#)

Resources

- www.tsa.gov – Transportation Security Administration

For Travelers

- 3-1-1 for Carry-Ons
- Customer Service
- Air Travel
- Highways
- Maritime
- Mass Transit
- Railroads



2009 Presidential Inauguration Travel Information

- Reagan National Airport information
- Dulles International Airport information
- BWI Airport information
- Maryland Trains/Bus information
- Getting around the DC Metro Area



What To Know Before You Go

- Traveling with Food or Gifts
- How to Get Through the Line Faster
- Liquid Rules: 3-1-1 for Carry-Ons
- Acceptable Identification at the Checkpoint
- [Prohibited Items](#)
- Why? The Reasons Behind TSA Security



Special Needs

- Travelers with Disabilities & Medical Conditions
- Traveling with Children
- Traveling with Special Items
- Military
- Religious & Cultural Needs



Need Help?

- TSA Contact Center
- Claims Management Office
- Trouble Printing a Boarding Pass? (Visit DHS TRIP)
- Lost & Found Contact Numbers
- Got Feedback?

Resources

- Websites for breaking news stories:
www.foxnews.com, www.cnn.com
- www.mbusi.com/travel
 - Password: TEAM

U.S. Consular Sections

- U.S. Consular Sections are located at:
- Berlin: Clayallee 170;
Tel: (49) (30)832-9233; Fax: (49) (30) 8305-1215
American Citizen Services Email: ACSBerlin@state.gov
- Frankfurt: Giessner Str. 30,
Tel. (49) (69) 75350; Fax: (49) (69) 7535-2304.
American Citizen Services Email: GermanyACS@state.gov
Passport Inquiries Email: FrankfurtPassports@state.gov
- Leipzig: Wilhelm-Seyfferth-Strasse 4,
Tel. (49) (341) 213-8418; Fax: (49) (341) 2138417 (emergency service only).
- Munich: Koenigstrasse 5,
Tel. (49) (89) 2888-0; Fax: (49) (89) 280-9998.
American Citizen Services Email: ConsMunich@state.gov
- There is also a U.S. consular agency in Bremen at Bremen World Trade Center,
Birkenstrasse 15,
Tel: (49) (421) 301-5860; Fax: (49) (421) 301-5861.
- When calling another city from within Germany, dial a zero before the city code (for example, when calling Berlin from Munich, the city code for Berlin is 030).

Questions?

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