

Essential Travel Tips

Travelling with Smart Phones

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Traditionally when people travel, they take a map, a laptop, a phone, a camera, an mp3 player and even video cameras. You might think that these items travel light, but they require you to have an extra bag. That is, unless you can fit it all into your main pack!

That's where smart phones come in. The smart phone is an indispensable tool or companion for consumers every day. With the surging technology in our mobile world, smart phones are all the rage these days. Therefore it comes as no surprise that travelling with smart phones is essential. Staying connected will definitely ease your travel needs. All it takes is just a few taps from your fingers!

Some of the benefits to using a smart phone as your travel companion include the following:

- Digital Camera
- Video Camera
- GPS System
- Virtual Moleskin
- Place Locator

2 / Recommended Travel Apps for Communication Purposes

Skype – Great for video conferencing

Google Voice – Low cost international calls and transcribed voice mails

Google Maps – Helps you locate and provide directions to places you need to be

Tango – FREE mobile video calls

Navita Translator – Translate any phrase and it reads the phrase back to you in the desired language

XE Currency – Provider of currency conversion

ATM Finder – Uses geolocation to return a map or listing of nearby ATMs

Tripit – Helps to organize all your itinerary and tracking info

TripAdvisor – Travel review services on hotels

MyTSA – Provides information on airport security

3 / Things You Need To Know

1. Forward your "regular" cell phone number to another number; do this while still on your home network
2. Turn off cellular data, 3G and roaming. They are extremely costly.
3. Investigate Wi-Fi options when you are travelling, whether it is in your hotel room, at an internet café or in a coffee shop.
4. Extensive use of Wi-Fi, gaming, applications, music and video on the smart phone drains the battery life faster so use your phones only when you need to
5. Portable chargers provide a convenient way to power up while you're on the road.
6. Call your service provider to check whether International Roaming is available in your destination country. Remember to activate it on your device
7. Check with your provider if they have any special offers or temporary deals
8. Remember to tell your regular contacts not to call, but text if necessary
9. Lock your phone and change the password from the factory setting
10. Enter emergency numbers into your phone and keep a hard copy (such as nearest consulate/embassy, travel insurance claims number)