

Hello Wolf Pack,

In anticipation of your upcoming trip, we are providing some general safety information regarding international travel, in particular traveling with electronics such as laptop, phones, etc.

Prior to any international travel, please check State Department Travel Advisories for any updated information on the country you are traveling to. The website address is:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Traveling with electronic devices:

- For any laptops, please ensure that laptops are encrypted before travel
- Do not store private data on laptop, phones (health, banking, etc.)
- Phones, if you bring your phone, verify with your carrier that you can activate international calling for length of trip.
- If you choose not to bring your own phone, you can purchase a pre-paid, no contract (burner) phone to use while you are traveling
- For phones, laptops, turn off “automatically connect to wifi” while in foreign country.
- For phones, laptops, when connecting to wifi, we strongly recommend use of VPN (Virtual Private Network), when doing anything online, especially for banking transactions. This will encrypt all data and protect passwords. There are several options to choose from such as ExpressVPN, Norton, Surfshark, CyberGhost
- DO NOT use public wifi in foreign countries
- Before travel, verify electrical requirements of country you are visiting, you may need to bring a 240/110 Volt power adapter
- Bring a small power strip for charging multiple devices from one outlet
- Do Not check laptop or electronics, keep them with you in carry-on luggage.
- Bring spare portable charger for devices
- If you have app on phone that will encrypt documents/photos (ex. 1Password), you can take a photo of passport and safely protect photo to keep in phone in event you lose passport
- Keep copy of all-important phone numbers in safe place (i.e. customer service # of any bank cards with you, important contacts, etc.)

Other resources

<https://www.tripsavvy.com/traveling-with-electronic-devices-2972923>

<https://www.colorado.edu/researchinnovation/ori-compliance/export-controls/guidance/international-travel>

Stay safe, Wolf Pack!