

That's an amazing resort... Too bad it doesn't exist.

Before you start packing, watch out for holiday fraud.

- If possible, book a holiday directly with an airline or hotel, or through a reputable agent/tour operator.
- Do a thorough online research to ensure the company is legitimate.
- Make sure that the flight/accommodation/train etc. really exists.
- Check other customers' reviews.
- Pay via credit card or use a secure payment site.



Did you lock the door?

Your digital life needs as much protection as your home. Before you go:

- Refrain from announcing the dates of your trips on social media.
- Review the privacy settings of your social media accounts and turn off geolocation.
- Back up your data, keeping both online and offline copies.
- Make sure all devices are protected with a password, PIN or biometric information.
- Update the software on your devices.
- Review the data stored on your devices – you may be required to provide access to them when entering certain countries. Take only the minimum necessary or encrypt the data!

Watch out for bumps on the road

There could be many dangers on the way. Stay alert throughout the whole journey.

- Avoid using public WI-FI – anyone can set up a wireless hotspot.
- If public WI-FI is the only possibility, use a VPN.
- Be wary if using public computers – avoid accessing online banking or saving any credentials in the browsers of such machines.
- Don't trust public charging kiosks – a charger portlet may be spoofed in order to steal your devices' data.
- If you rent a car, avoid pairing your phone to the computer system, even if it seems convenient – you may leave more data behind than you intended!
- Once again, rethink what you share on social media and avoid making your location public.

Pit stop: it's all about money

Take a break to review safety measures when using your payment cards.

- If you spot anything unusual at an ATM, don't use that machine.
- When using an ATM, be wary of others around you – shield the keypad to protect your PIN.
- Don't let anyone photocopy the reverse side of your card.
- Concerned about safety? Use cash or pre-paid cards.
- Don't leave your cards unattended.
- Never lose sight of your card during a transaction.

The road goes ever on and on

Holidays come to an end, but there's still work to do upon your return.

- Take time to review your bank activity - check any suspicious transactions.
- Delete holiday specific apps that you no longer need.
- Change your password if you think any of your devices or accounts may have been compromised.
- Back up your new data - you don't want to lose those nice holiday pics!

