

Traveling with Tech: Safety Checklist



In today's world, your tech travels with you. Whether it's snapping photos on your smartphone, working remotely from a laptop, or navigating unfamiliar cities with a smartwatch, our gadgets are essential travel companions. But traveling with tech also means exposing your devices to theft, damage, and loss—especially when you're in unfamiliar environments.

Here's how to protect your tech while abroad and avoid turning your dream trip into a digital nightmare.

1 Before You Leave

- Backup all important files to cloud or external drive
- Enable Find My Device / Device Locator on phone, laptop, tablet
- Set up strong passwords & enable two-factor authentication
- Install VPN on all devices
- Pack only essential devices
- Purchase international gadget insurance
- Take photos of your devices (including serial numbers) before your trip —handy for claims and replacements.

2 Packing Essentials

- Smartphone
- Tablet or Laptop (if needed)
- Power bank (fully charged)
- Universal adapter with surge protection
- Anti-theft travel backpack
- Charging cables + cable organizer

3 Digital Safety On the Road

- Use VPN when connecting to public Wi-Fi
- Avoid accessing sensitive accounts over public networks
- Turn off Bluetooth, file sharing & auto-connect features
- Log out of apps when not in use

4 Physical Device Security

- Use biometric locks (fingerprint/face ID)
- Keep devices on your person or locked in a hotel safe
- Use lockable luggage or bag with hidden zippers
- Avoid leaving gadgets unattended in public

5 If Something Goes Wrong

- Report theft/damage to local authorities immediately
- Obtain a police report (required for insurance claims)
- Contact your insurance provider
- Wipe device remotely if lost or stolen
- Restore data from your backup