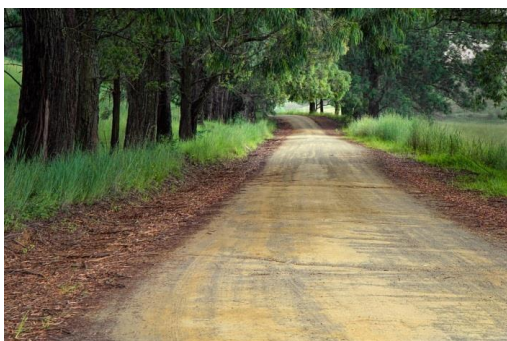# How to Stay safe When Travelling

The best travel experiences occur when you take the road less traveled.

Local residents can recommend unique places to visit. They frequent spots that are often missed by expensive tour groups. Meeting locals can make your trip more memorable.

When heading out to see the sights, head down to the local coffee shop and strike up a conversation with someone. Ask about places of interest for tourists they can recommend within the local community.

Instead of staying in a big hotel, book your accommodation with companies like ARNB, and Home Away for those desiring an authentic travel experience by staying off the beat and path in a local neighborhood. Renting a house is cost-effective for small groups.

Twitter and Instagram can be helpful to network with others who have travelled to your destination locally. Instagram's enticing photos may give you secret destinations you never knew existed. Twitter, Yelp and Facebook lets you see reviews of other traveler's experiences.

Remember to think about safety when traveling to new areas by asking your

hotel's concierge, or Embassy the places that are safe for tourists to visit. Keep your valuables in view, be aware of your surroundings, and stay alert. It's a good idea to register with the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)](#) with the Embassy if you are traveling from the USA. Let your friends and loved ones know where you are at all times during your trip.

Stay safe and have a wonderful trip.

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