

Specific situations

taxi drivers will rip you off - cab driver looked her in the car

officers were corrupt and she felt naive

people followed me around

wallet & host mom's keys / addy stolen

"if they throw a kid up on you they'll probably deal from you"

In Travel Considerations

asks Airbnb host/hotel lobby/leisure paths that he makes for insights

uses the news to know about safety

check internet when wakes up

avoid the night party by showing up and figuring it out while trying to stay

Possible Biases

would go anywhere

trusting that there is hospitable nature in other country

moves like taken causes stigma and makes people scared

Duration makes a difference

avoids places culturally uninteresting

understanding the context of where sense that culture's perception

finding cultural advice depends on who writes it

Solo Travel Considerations

Avoids hotels if solo traveling

The hotel has been over booked and she was the first to leave when everyone else was staying back

relying on the driver knowing of she will be ok

become more cautious about safety due to experience

Safe: use proper precautions - not going outside alone @ night

Turning on data if she is alone

Being alone lets you get to know the things you want to know

more sensitive to safety when alone

Local Alerts

embassy alerts

US Gov't

Does not use anything for the country's local alerts

US Embassy

Checks online resources for safety protocol

Common Issues

know what other country's seasons are

Avoid a place if country if a natural disaster recently occurred

doesn't want to be alone in place with civil unrest

uses weather to become aware of local safety alerts

felt nervous when the search is US cities and dealing with visa/reward

Safety protocols: I wear 2 sizes safety (suspender vs kate spade)

nothing has stopped me from visiting a place

would be nice if on google map after safety alerts and issues happen, post closed

help love help with navigating abroad

avoids places too touristy

Avoid a place if country is having major political issues or turmoil

Navigation safety is tricky

somewhere like North Korea, concerns over safety and experience

wouldn't go somewhere war torn, where safety is an issue

Memorable Moments

stayed in a place that was not supposed to be there

Also going to Spain with my friend and getting a different side of Europe

1st travel on business trips with father

had an opp to go to North Korea with WSJ in 2012 - opted out

had a moment where she was thinking about going to North Korea and she was like "I don't want to go"

Why I travel

travel opened the world to her

tourism matters deeply to her

wants to know insides of other people

Travels to get out of the house, do something different

Wants to do things she doesn't see a day to day basis

knowing new cultures

best travel experiences studying in Korea

Humanitarian reasons - personal and charity work

Travels for pleasure/ get to know the world

cultural differences don't make a big impact - differences

explores new places and meeting new people

get to know people and places and food

Every place has their own experience (beauty in advertisement)

Resources

plans for a trip by prioritizing what's most important

read bloggers of cultural norms

uses Instagram now to figure out where to go

Conde Nast Traveler

read blogs

used Google

Reddit

IG is so much more global than yelp

uses Trip Advisor for certain things

TripAdvisor

Lonely Planet

used travel books for all reference

AirBnb

uses IG for researching places

check out travel agencies for recs

used to read a lot Lonely Planet

planning for a trip picks one thing that's most important

Pre-planning

Pre-planning Habits

Big planner - travel documents asks before start to organize

meets friend wherever they're at

researcher culture - she sees safety from culture and things that she doesn't like - she's a planner

Doesn't have a real method

likes to have an idea but doesn't plan research intensely

does research in advance for each place

Contextual preplanning

will do it in advance (but still planning on going somewhere that may be tricky)

now plans because she is with her boyfriend and the pandemic

educates by knowing the basic levels of communication

plans on advance what events she wants to go to

she wants to relax, he will plan

uses family back home where she's going and staying

Safety precautions

General advice

travel safety pre covid: women's safety (for my safety)

"if not in your own country, probably not wise to get as turned as you would at home"

Don't make friends too fast

Don't go to strangers houses

Don't go out at night alone

don't trust easily

don't walk alone at night

Local safety

learns swear words to help show she's knowledgeable of culture

Approach to being safe letting people know where she's going

learning how to negotiate (\$)

Basic necessity safety

researches beforehand to maintain safety

know country on a basic level (crime)

Do "Don't be an asshole, and stay in a safe place."

have proper transportation

Making sure all your reservations are confirmed

being very careful about the drinking water/ice you go

making sure she has will access for safety

Cultural norm shocks

Israel safety - pre covid women's safety for my friend

traveling with women or partner would have more considerations

she's not accepted as an American

as a woman wanting to make sure she's safe

cultural norm in Marrakech they thought she was Jamaican

culture shock regarding women in some countries

world of mouth - she would elaborate on cultural norms of her country

being super mehala - visiting Dubai and not parking and not leaving tips

in Dubai - men and women sit separately on the train

being a indian guy in China was a huge cultural shock

Digital preplanning

Check reviews on websites

"Google and see where that takes you / best Google top 5"

uses google search to find other's favorites

uses event websites to plan trip

uses family back home where she's going and staying

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First person network (preplanning)

talks to people to get recommendations

uses word of mouth to research

talk to people you know who have been there

finding local tips that will tell you a lot locally

uses local knowledge

Wonders and research to know what's safe

gets info via word of mouth

uses local knowledge

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Global networking - reaching out to someone to find out information if they've there

Not usually without real person/friend to guide her

uses word of mouth to research

talk to people you know who have been there

finding local tips that will tell you a lot locally

147 data points!

On the Move

Personal belongings

keeps bag with him, with locks

Hold on to your personal belongings!

never goes around with a lot of cash

I don't really travel with anything expensive and pack very light

Nicole

trusting in herself and trusting in others

very conscious about where his surroundings at

keeps heads on a swivel

uses buddy system for staying safe abroad

"Do as you see, not trying to do whatever you want"

"understanding your environment is important"

Be aware of your surroundings