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How to Travel Safely During Summer Vacations

Summer vacations are meant to be fun, relaxing and fulfilling. A key to having an enjoyable vacation is to thoroughly prepare for a comfortable and safe travel. Whether you are going away for only a couple of days or a few months, you should prepare in advance and consider all traveling conditions to ensure a safe trip. For example, stay updated on the weather forecast, especially during the hurricane season, for any weather or road hazards (or suggested alternative routes). We also encourage you to follow these traveling tip from the <u>Orange County Sheriff's Office</u>¹:

If you are traveling by car:

- Keep your vehicle in good condition.
- Be aware of your surroundings, especially when you venture into an unfamiliar area off the beaten tourist track.
- Ask the hotel personnel for directions to your destination and have a local and highway map in the vehicle with
 you. If you have a GPS, use it but be sure to remove it from your windshield or dashboard whenever you leave
 your car unattended.
- Make sure you have enough gas to get where you're going.
- While driving keep all doors locked and wear your safety belts... IT'S THE LAW IN FLORIDA.
- If you cannot take your valuables inside with you whenever you stop, store them in your vehicle's trunk or out of view of passersby before you reach your destination.

If you are traveling by plane:

- Do not discuss your trip with anyone on the way to or while at the airport.
- Arrive early at the airport.
- Hand carry any valuables (electronics, money, jewelry, credit cards).
- Stay with your luggage until it is checked in.
- Limit your personal information on your luggage tags.
- Sit in your airplane's assigned seat.



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