

# TRAVEL SNAP CARDS

## SAFETY



When traveling, your personal safety, the security of your equipment and traveling papers, as well as securing your valuable photographs, should always be a primary concern. Remember that thieves and scam artists don't always stand out from the crowd.

PRINT SIZE: A5  
14cm x 21cm /  
5.83" x 8.27"

### AWARENESS

- Back away, if approached by one or more people who are talking to you while touching you or bumping into you. Thieves often work in groups. One or two will distract you while a third steals from you, and then they hand the theft off to a fourth person whom you never really saw.
- Do not store camera bags in the overhead bins or racks of trains, buses, or boats.
- When walking stay away from the curb and walk closer to the buildings to prevent snatch theft from motorcycle thieves.
- Talk to trusted hotel staff about areas to avoid at night, or at any time of the day.
- Do your own pre-trip research about safety concerns in the area.
- Don't photograph police or government buildings without prior knowledge that it is acceptable.
- Stay away from parks and wooded areas near dawn or dusk
- Obtain the services of a trusted local guide.

### EQUIPMENT

- If you know that you are going into a high-risk area carry an inexpensive toss away camera that you're not afraid to lose.
- Cover all logos with gaffer's tape and don't use carry straps with logos. Make your gear look old and unappealing to a thief.
- Always carry your gear onto an airplane, especially your memory cards.
- Tie the zippers of camera bags together with carabineer clips or twist ties.
- Don't leave your gear in a parked car.
- If you have multiple cameras and lenses. Separate them and don't carry them all at once. Leave half the gear in the hotel safe.

### BELONGINGS

- Never carry all of your money in one place. Split it up between several places such as some in your wallet, some in your camera bag or backpack, some in your front pocket, and some in a waist wallet.
- When leaving your hotel for the day carry only as much cash as you need for that day. Carry one credit card. Everything else stays in the hotel safe.
- Unless you have reason to believe that you will need it. Leave your passport in the hotel safe and carry a copy of the identification pages in your front pocket.
- If the security of the hotel staff or safe is a concern- invest in a Pacsafe Travelsafe GII Portable Safe, which is available online. This device allows you to securely lock your valuables to a water pipe or other unmovable object.

### PHOTOS

- Every evening download the day's photographs onto two portable media storage devices.
- If Wi-Fi is available consider uploading your work to the cloud.
- Invest in several high capacity USB sticks, with no moving parts, to safeguard your best work.
- Always carry ALL media storage devices on your person when traveling.