



VOYASEE TRAVEL READINESS SERIES

PDF 04 - Taxi, booking, ATM, street, digital, tourist trap alerts

Travel Scam Warning Sheet

A practical tourist safety briefing for spotting pressure, confusion, and fake offers.

USE BEFORE

arrival and sightseeing

BEST FOR

tourists in busy areas

INCLUDES

red flags, responses, recovery steps

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Quick-start travel briefing

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Most travel scams start with pressure, confusion, or a d

Use this sheet to spot warning signs early, slow down decisions, and protect money, documents, phone, and bookings during travel.

1 Know the pattern

Pressure, distraction, fake urgency, unclear prices, and unusual payment requests.

2 Protect payments

Use trusted platforms, receipts, official counters, and secure ATMs when possible.

3 Control documents

Do not hand over passport or phone casually. Ask why it is needed.

4 React calmly

Step away, contact official staff, block cards if needed, and document what happened.

Official reminder

Passport, visa, transit, health, medicine, airline baggage, payment, and local safety rules can change. Always verify important details with official government, airline, embassy, airport, and health sources before travel.



Scam type warning table

Use this as a quick tourist risk radar.

Scam type	Red flag	Safer response
Taxi overcharge	No meter, surprise fee, pressure to avoid official queue.	Use official taxi desk, app, or agreed fare with receipt.
Fake ticket/helper	Person rushes you away from official counters.	Buy from official site, office, or verified platform.
ATM distraction	Someone offers help or stands too close.	Cancel, move away, use another ATM, shield PIN.
Accommodation fake	Too cheap, unusual payment, no clear address or reviews.	Use trusted booking channels and verified details.
Street distraction	Spill, bracelet, petition, photo trap, or fake problem.	Protect valuables and leave politely.
Digital phishing	Fake visa, fake airline, fake booking, strange links.	Use official websites and avoid urgent payment links.

Scam rule: if someone rushes you, isolates you, or makes payment unclear, slow down and verify.



Taxi and transport scam shield

Transport is one of the easiest places to overpay when tired.

BEFORE ENTERING

- Confirm official pickup point, price range, route, and payment method.
- Do not follow random drivers away from the official area.

INSIDE THE RIDE

- Watch the route, keep bags with you, and avoid handing over phone/wallet.
- If uncomfortable, stop at a public, well-lit place.

PAYMENT

- Use small notes if paying cash. Ask for receipt when possible.
- Check card terminal amount before tapping.

BACKUP

- Save hotel phone, emergency number, and a second transport option.
- Tell someone when you are on the way.



Digital and booking scam defense

Online travel scams can look professional.

FAKE URGENCY

- Be careful with messages saying pay now or lose your booking.
- Open the official app/site instead of clicking links.

UNUSUAL PAYMENT

- Wire transfers, gift cards, crypto, or off-platform payment can be risky.
- Use protected payment options when possible.

TOO CHEAP

- Luxury place at impossible price is a warning sign.
- Compare address, reviews, photos, and cancellation rules.

FAKE VISA SITES

- Look for official government visa pages and embassy guidance.
- Avoid ads that imitate official services.



Money safety matrix

Protect cards, cash, and digital access.

Situation	Risk	Safer habit
ATM withdrawal	Skimming, distraction, shoulder surfing.	Use bank/indoor ATMs, shield PIN, decline help.
Card payment	Wrong amount, duplicate charge, card taken away.	Check amount and keep card in sight.
Currency exchange	Bad rate, hidden fee, short-changing.	Count money slowly before leaving.
Market bargaining	Pressure, fake discount, quality issue.	Set limit and be ready to walk away.
Deposit request	Fake rental, no receipt, off-platform risk.	Use written terms and trusted platform.

Money rule: protect your payment method first, then discuss price.



Street distraction patterns

The goal is often to move your attention away from valuables.

SPILL OR BUMP

- Someone creates a mess or confusion near you.
- Hold valuables, step away, and do not let strangers clean your bag.

BRACELET OR GIFT

- A free item becomes a demand for money.
- Refuse clearly and keep walking.

PETITION OR PHOTO

- You stop, hands busy, attention drops.
- Keep wallet and phone secure; avoid crowding.

FAKE PROBLEM

- Someone says your hotel/attraction/train is closed.
- Verify on official app/site or with staff.



If you think you are being scammed

A calm response protects more than arguing.

1

Step away

Create physical space, move toward official staff, hotel reception, bank, or crowded safe area.

2

Stop payment

Do not tap, sign, or send money until price, identity, and purpose are clear.

3

Protect access

If cards or phone details are exposed, freeze card, change passwords, and contact provider.

4

Record details

Save screenshots, receipts, names, license plates, addresses, and time.

5

Report if needed

Contact local police, bank, booking platform, embassy/consulate, or travel insurer depending on the case.



Personal scam safety plan

Fill before arriving in a new destination.

Official taxi or transport plan: _____

Hotel / stay contact number: _____

Backup payment card location: _____

Emergency cash location: _____

Bank card freeze contact/app: _____

Local emergency number: _____

Embassy/consulate contact: _____

Trusted person to message: _____

Do not feel embarrassed if something feels wrong. Leaving early is better than staying polite in a risky situation.



Scam awareness score

Circle 1 to 5 before exploring.

Official transport plan

Payment safety

ATM awareness

Booking verified

Phone security

Document control

Emergency contacts

Confidence to say no

How to read your score

32-40: strong awareness. 24-31: review weak areas. Under 24: prepare transport, payments, and emergency contacts before exploring busy tourist zones.



Confident phrases for travelers

Simple words can end pressure without argument.

TO PUSHY SELLERS

- Say: No, thank you. Then keep moving.
- Do not explain too much or debate.

TO UNOFFICIAL DRIVERS

- Say: I already have transport.
- Move toward official counter or staff.

TO STRANGE PAYMENT REQUESTS

- Say: I will check first.
- Open official app/site yourself.

TO FAKE HELPERS

- Say: I will ask staff.
- Keep bag, passport, and phone in your control.



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