

CARRYING MONEY AND VALUABLES

In this day and age, especially when you are traveling, you'll have to carry money and valuables at some point. Not everyone is as honest as you. And to discover that someone has swiped your cash, cards, and passport when you are in a foreign land is going to put a damper on things.

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- Create a travel plan for carrying valuables.
- Create a dummy wallet, fill it with convincing items, and make it look as real as possible.

So, here are some recommended options to help you be prepared:

- As you travel, you'll want to balance accessibility to valuables with keeping them safe. One option is to have more than one spot for valuables. So if you do lose some, you won't lose all, and you can continue to get by. Consider keeping the small bills handy. The larger bills and other valuables are better hidden away from sticky fingers.
- Consider an underclothing storage. The old idea of a money belt may have seen better days, but they are still available along with a lot of options out there. A thief will reach into a pocket, but valuables secreted under the clothes will not be easily discovered and are safe from a simple street encounter. Also, waving around large bills attracts unwanted attention.
- If you are going to carry a bag or backpack, consider an antitheft one. Typically they have strengthened straps and reinforcement to prevent slash and grab scenarios, as well as often having secret compartments.
- Using a dummy wallet is not a bad idea. If you get robbed, handing over a dummy wallet with a little money will be enough to buy you some time to get away. Consider stuffing it with a few bills and sample credit cards that come in the mail.
- Of course, the best defense is to only carry items you absolutely have to. Consider, if possible, keeping superfluous valuables locked away safely when you are out and about.

