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Staying Connected When Traveling: Simple Tips for Using Your Phone Abroad

As frequent travelers ourselves, we know that whether you're cruising or exploring internationally, staying connected matters. Here's our easy, straightforward guide to help you stay online and make calls without stress.

1) Activate International Calling on Your Phone

What to do: Before you leave, contact your mobile carrier to enable international calling and data roaming so can use your phone just like home.

Insider Tip: Ask about special international data plans or day passes that fit your travel length and data needs—it can save money!



2) Use International Data Plans Wisely

How they work: Data plans let you use internet and apps abroad on local cell networks (like email, maps, social media). Your carrier may charge daily fees, so activate only on travel days.

Insider Tip: Before traveling - Download maps, travel guides, ticket vouchers, etc. before your trip and turn cellular data off for apps you will not be using to save data usage.

While Traveling - Turn off cellular data and roaming on days you mostly have Wi-Fi to avoid extra charges.

3) Connect Via Free Wi-Fi Wherever Possible

Where: Airports, hotels, trains, cruise ships, cafes, and public venues often offer free Wi-Fi.

How: Put your phone in airplane mode, then enable Wi-Fi to avoid roaming and extra data charges.

Stay Safe: Use a VPN (Virtual Private Network) app that hides your identity to protect your data on public networks. Avoid online banking or sensitive apps when connected to open Wi-Fi.



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4) Consider Buying a Local SIM Card for Longer Trips

- **What it is:** A local SIM gives you a local phone number and cheap data in the country you visit. Only works if your phone is unlocked so check with your carrier in advance.
- **How to get one:** Visit a local phone shop after arrival for a temporary SIM and installation help.
- **Note:** Your home number won't work while using a local SIM, but you'll save on roaming fees.

5) How to Make International Calls Easily

Tip: Know the country calling codes you'll visit is very helpful.

Calling the US from abroad:

Press + (or 00), then 1 (US country code), followed by the 10-digit number.

Example: + (or 00) 1 212 555 1234



Calling abroad from the US:

Dial 011, then country code, area code, and number.

Example for UK: 011 44 20 7946 0000 (44 is UK country code)

Example for Italy: 011 39 06 6982 0000 (39 is Italy country code)

Calling locally within Europe:

Dial 00, then country code, area code, and local number.

6) Best Apps to Stay Connected on Wi-Fi

- **WhatsApp:** Most popular and universally used for free worldwide messaging and calls on mobile phones.
- **FaceTime:** For Apple users, video & audio calls over Wi-Fi.
- **Facebook Messenger:** Easy messaging and calls within your Facebook network.
- **Skype:** Great for video calls and international phone calls.

✨ Final Tip ✨

Before you travel, test these options and choose what suits your trip length and needs best. If you need assistance or have further questions, a visit to your local phone carrier store is always helpful. Stay connected stress-free and enjoy your journey!  