

# TRAVELING INTERNATIONALLY?

## Five Tips to Travel Smart from the start



Check your passport's expiration date before booking flights

Many countries require six months of passport validity to enter.



Read the State Department's Travel Advisory for your destination

Learn if there are risks like crime, natural disasters, or wrongful detention.



Learn what you can bring to your destination

Avoid legal trouble or being denied entry for packing banned items.



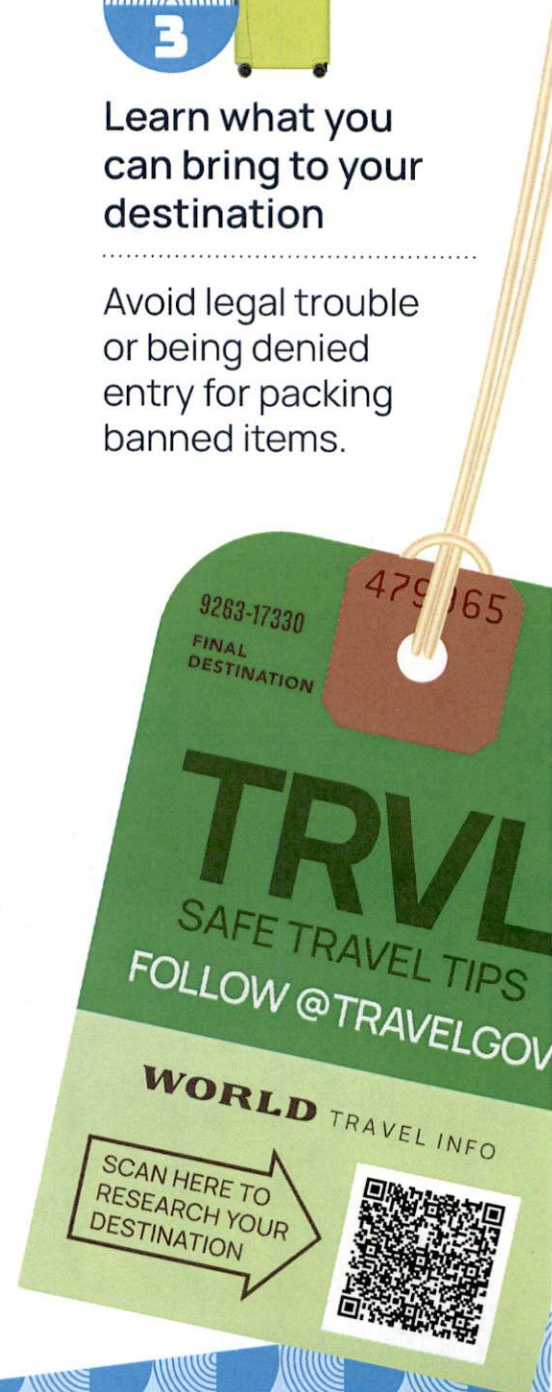
Sign up for the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

Go to [step.state.gov](https://step.state.gov) to receive State Department safety and security messages about your destination.



Save the contact information for the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in your phone

Call them for help in emergencies, including lost or stolen passports.



[travel.state.gov/destination](https://travel.state.gov/destination)