# 4.059

- 1. Getting arrested. Tourists can get arrested for ignoring the local laws.
- 2. Getting sick. One way of getting sick is drinking tap water.
- 3. Getting ripped off. You can get ripped off if you trust everyone.
- 4. Getting pickpocketed. You can easily get pickpocketed if you are not careful in crowded places.
- 5. Getting lost. It's easy to get lost if you don't have a map.
- 6. Getting mugged. You can get mugged going out alone at night.

# 4.060

- 1. Here are some tips to keep yourself out of trouble while traveling.
- 2. Get to know the local laws and customs. For example, you may cause problems if you wear clothes that are not culturally appropriate to the area.
- 3. Be careful about what you eat and drink. Stick to bottled drinks and cooked food.
- 4. Be prepared for pickpockets. The best way to avoid them is to keep your valuables in a hidden money belt.
- 5. You need to be careful when taking a taxi or shopping. A taxi driver who takes you to a cheaper hotel or restaurant is probably getting a kickback.

# 4.061

Many college graduates spend some time traveling or doing volunteer work abroad before starting a career. Traveling or living abroad is usually exciting for most people and most travelers experience only minor problems, such as losing some luggage or long waits. But travel can sometimes lead to serious trouble. To keep yourself safe, pay attention to these tips.

One. Be careful about what you eat and drink. Avoid eating ice cream that has not been kept frozen or foods that are not fresh. Never drink tap water and avoid drinks with ice cubes in them. You may also find that vegetables and fruits that have been washed in dirty water. So, it is better to stick to bottled water and cooked food.

Two. Be prepared for pickpockets. Pickpockets often work in pairs or groups, and make you look at something like a map or a newspaper while the other pickpocket steals you wallet, phone or anything else in your pockets or bag. The best way to avoid pickpockets is to be careful in crowded places and wear a hidden money belt to keep your money, credit cards and passport safe.

Three. It is not uncommon to get ripped off when you are traveling. For example, a taxi driver may say he knows a cheaper hotel or a better restaurant. But often, the driver gets a kickback from the owner of the business who then makes you pay too much. The same can happen when you go shopping.

Four. Avoid trouble with police by getting to know the local laws. Learn what is illegal and what behavior is unacceptable. Generally, laws everywhere are similar, but for example, in

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some countries, it's against the law to take photos at an airport. It's also important to know the local customs. You may cause problems if you go to a temple in inappropriate clothes, such as shorts and a T-shirt.

Being just a little careful will help make your next vacation more enjoyable.

### 4.062

So my friend and I had just graduated, and we were doing some traveling. We were in Athens. We'd spent the day wandering all over the city and had more or less gotten lost and were ready for dinner. I didn't have much cash left, so I decided to go to a bank machine to get some more. I don't know why, but my bank card got stuck in the machine. It was getting late, but fortunately, the bank hadn't closed yet. I went in and asked the manager to open the machine and give me my card back. He asked for some identification and, of course, I'd left my passport in the safe in my hotel room. My friend waited while I caught a taxi back to the hotel, raced up to my room, grabbed my passport and ... suddenly realized I had no idea where the bank was! The taxi driver had gone along many winding streets, and I had no idea which part of the city we were in. I was in a panic!

### 4.063

My first job after graduating was teaching French as a volunteer in a village in rural Africa. My mother tried to talk me out of going. She thought life would be too uncomfortable there. But I explained that the group that sent me promised I would have all the comforts I needed: a telephone, a TV, a refrigerator and an air conditioner. It's pretty hot in Nigeria, so an air conditioner is really important. When I arrived on the bus from Lagos, they had a big dinner for me at the school and then took me to my new home. It was a small house — a very small house — with chickens in the front yard. Everything they promised me was there — the phone, the TV, the refrigerator, the air conditioner. There was just one problem. There was no electricity in the village. I felt like such a fool!

# 4.064

I only had one chance. I raced back to the front of the hotel and, yes, there was the same taxi. I didn't even have to tell him where to go!

# 4.065

So, I apologized to my hosts and returned all the electrical appliances. I never told my mother there was no electricity in the village, but I had a great time in Africa!

# 4.066

**Example:** It is important to know the local customs.

- 1. Many college graduates spend some time traveling or doing volunteer work.
- 2. To keep yourself out of trouble, pay attention to these tips.
- 3. In some countries, it's against the law to take photos at an airport.

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- 4. Be careful about what you eat and drink.
- 5. Never drink tap water and avoid drinks with ice cubes in them.

# 4.067

#### 1. Kevin Smith

It was my first time traveling in Asia. I had got a job teaching English in a rural area of Thailand. Anyway, after teaching there for about three months, it was time for me to leave and return to my country. The families in the village wanted to thank me, so they prepared a huge meal with lots of different local dishes. One of the dishes was a plate of fried insects! I wanted to be polite, so I had to try some. I closed my eyes, and took a bite. It didn't taste too bad, but I couldn't get the idea out of my head that I was eating an insect! It wasn't a very nice experience. I hope I never have to eat insects again!

### 4.068

#### 2. Jane Roberts

I have traveled all over Asia quite a bit. One of my passions is diving, so I love to visit some of Asia's great dive spots. Last summer I was lucky enough to visit the Derawan Islands in Indonesia. One of the amazing things I saw while diving there was some gorgeous jellyfish. Unlike normal jellyfish, these ones have no sting so you don't have to worry about bumping into them. It was a really wonderful experience to swim through a large group of jellyfish!

# 4.069

# 3. Johnny Garcia

I just got back from Japan and I had a very interesting trip. I went to many temples, the famous fish market, Disneyland, and the famous shopping area called Harajuku. However, my trip wasn't all great. On my first day in Tokyo I got lost in the subway, so I couldn't find my way back to my hotel. Where I come from, the subway is much smaller than the one in Tokyo. The one in Tokyo is huge and pretty confusing if you are a tourist. I got on the wrong train and ended up miles away from where I was staying. I tried asking for help, but I couldn't find anyone who could speak good enough English to help me. In the end, I approached one of the subway staff and he pointed me in the right direction. It wasn't fun getting lost in Tokyo!

### 4.070

# 4. Tallah Davis

I just came back from an amazing trip to Taiwan. It was my first time visiting there and I had a wonderful time. First, I stayed in Taipei for five days. I went to many interesting places like the National Palace Museum and Taipei 101, which is one of the tallest buildings in the world. I also took the High Speed Rail down south to Kaohsiung, another major city in Taiwan. From Kaohsiung it was a short bus ride to Kenting, which is a city that includes Taiwan's famous seaside resorts. I will never forget my trip to Taiwan. The weather was great, the people were friendly and the food was delicious. I will definitely be returning there!