Money Tips!

We get asked a lot on how to handle your money while you're traveling.
Here are some tips and how we handle things!

Cash - don't take a ton of cash - safes aren't always 100% secure (we have heard of several clients having things taken from a locked safe), especially the electronic ones. When I travel, I'll take somewhere around 100.00-150.00 with me, mostly in ones, fives, and tens - I don't take anything bigger than a twenty.
If you take larger bills, they can be hard to convert.
I recently traveled and took more cash with me, but I had a travel safe with me like this one

ATM's - these are available in most areas, just be sure to keep an eye on your account and change your pin often - especially once you return. You will be getting the local currency, so, don't get out more than you plan to spend!

Debit Cards - these usually work fine, but, your fraud protection is generally more limited, and any approval amounts the hotel holds for security can take weeks to stop being held. A real credit card is better in our experience.

Travelers Checks - these are not a good way to go, they can be hard to use in most areas. They do have a version like a debit card, and these would be easier to use.

Credit Cards - these are my preferred method of payment as you'll get great fraud protection and the best available exchange rate. Capitol One is a favorite of mine for travel because they don't charge a fee to convert the money from the local currency to US dollars. Other cards also have this feature, so be sure to check with

your card company.

We're always concerned with the safety and well being of our clients and want you to have a great time.   We'll always try to keep you updated on any special information for your vacation destination, but please come to us with any questions or concerns you might have regarding your trip.

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