

Secret Agent Skills

BOOK 3 HOLIDAY PLANNING GUIDE TO SAFEGUARD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



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A very warm welcome to you!

Let's just get the formalities out of the way first

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Introduction

By the end of this book, you will know exactly what to consider and how to plan and best prepare for all aspects of your next leisure trip with an emphasis on your safety and security!

I don't know how much of an experienced traveler you are but for this book I will assume limited. Perhaps you are a nervous traveler, perhaps you've had a bad experience or maybe you are just unsure of where to start in your planning for an overseas trip. And not sure about all the things you need to consider, this can seem very daunting I know!

In theory international travel has never been as easy as it is today, a few clicks of a mouse online and bang you're done; booked, paid and ready to go! But just reading the hype and the gloss is not enough; you need to know or should know a lot more than just what the gloss and hype offers. The world is not a safe place and you have to understand the risks involved with travel and find your level of tolerance to the known associated risks.

I have chosen flying as the primary means of travel for this book as that is the most daunting and perhaps the most challenging form of travel today.

Our reasons for travelling vary, generally though they fall into one of two categories, business or leisure, there are the variants, a mix of the two, an essential trip with down time, a no choice trip with no down time. Now, depending on your point of view travelling can be a pleasure or a pain depending on the reasons for travelling and how you will travel and the class of travel, whether economy, business or first class.

Back to flying, long check-in queues, slow security checks, restrictions on what and how much you can carry with you, frustrated passengers, flight delays, overcrowded airports and so on. You need to be ready and prepared long before for all of that. You get through all that to then find that your destination doesn't live up to your expectations or the promised hype for varying reasons. This book will show how to minimize on what those reasons could be to avoid disappointment and stay safe.

When there are choices in where you go and how you will travel then apart from the cost there are many other things to carefully consider and in this book you will take an imaginary overseas holiday and plan it from start to finish with an emphasis on your safety and security, which also applies to your family.

Details and updates of this notional journey will be in **blue boxes.**

Okay, so let's get started

First, some KEYWORDS to remember and consider! I will use these throughout this book.

These are all connected to your holiday planning.

Dictionary Definitions: www.merriam-webster.com

- **Safety**, secure from threat of danger, harm, risk or loss
- **Security**, being free from danger or threat
- **Threat**, an expression of intention to inflict evil, injury, or damage
- **Risk**, the possibility of loss or injury
- **Awareness**, having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge
- **Loss**, the act of losing possession (*It has other meanings too*)
- **Absentmindedness/Distraction**, an object that directs one's attention away from something else
- **Opportunity Crime**, creating an environment that easily allows for loss or injury to happen
- **Vulnerability**, capable of being physically or emotionally wounded
- **Victim**, one that is acted on and usually adversely affected by a force or agent

Often in our personal or work life we have special words, phrases or abbreviations that we use specific to that environment.

The safety and security world is no different and the above words are common speak within the industry. You should now begin to think about how or why they could impact on you and your family.

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A Security Threat & Risk View of the World

