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Security & Safety

While crime rates in Berlin are assessed to be moderate, international visitors routinely experience purse snatching or pickpocketing in high traffic areas frequented by tourists and other visitors (e.g. transport hubs, crowded bars or restaurants, and outdoor market places).

Violent crime involving international visitors is relatively uncommon but does sometimes occur.

Cybercrime remains a major concern. In recent years, cyber-attacks in Germany targeting information infrastructures, government institutions, businesses, and private citizens have increased in frequency and complexity.

There is an ongoing risk of international terrorism throughout Europe including Berlin. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, local government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, and other public areas.

Berlin has experienced social unrest in recent years as right and left-wing extremists encounter each other at public demonstrations or protest gatherings. Demonstrations in Berlin typically take place on Unter den Linden/Pariser Platz near the Brandenburg Gate and U.S. Embassy

Security & Safety Advice

When travelling in an unfamiliar city, it is always advisable to take sensible precautions and use increased situational awareness to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.

Always avoid areas around protests demonstrations or street gatherings. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence.

Carry a copy of your passport while keeping the original document in a safe location. If your passport has been stolen, you should go to the nearest police station and get a police report.

Keep a close eye on your personal belongings in public and crowded places, keeping valuables in separate pockets preferably closed or zipped.

Do not carry around large sums of money or passports, additional credit cards unnecessarily.

When using credit cards or ATMs ensure the card remains in your sight at all times and protect the privacy of card PINs.

Be alert to the possible use of 'date rape' and other drugs including 'GHB' and liquid ecstasy. Buy your own drinks and keep sight of them at all times.

If you've had belongings stolen, you'll need to keep the police report for insurance purposes. If your passport is lost or stolen, you'll also need the report to apply for a replacement or emergency travel document from the nearest Embassy or Consulate.

Useful Numbers

In any emergency you can call 110 to reach police, or 112 for fire /medical assistance. You can reach the SAP Select on-site Risk & Security Manager on +1 702 235 5245 or by email at martin.o-brien@sap.com



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