



## Cellular Plan Options for Foreign Travel in 2016

But first some tips ....

## Keep Roaming Off

Turn roaming off when you travel internationally. Make sure it's off by going to: Settings > Cellular > Cellular Data Options > Data Roaming, or you can simply leave your phone in airplane mode.

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## Use Wi-Fi

Avoid data charges from cellular. Using Wi-Fi on your iPhone is free, and you can find free Wi-Fi at various coffee shops, hotels and libraries. Apps like Wi-Fi Finder can help you locate spots to connect.

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## Download Apps That Cache

Many apps, including the free TripIt app, are able to store your travel information. So, even when you can't find a Wi-Fi network, you can still access travel notes, flight information and travel guides.

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## Download Skype or Viper

These are great free apps that lets you talk for next to nothing internationally via Wi-Fi.

If both callers have iPhones, use FaceTime and iMessages.

Just check the time back home first!

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## Turn "Fetch New Data" Off

Some applications, like email, can automatically check for updates - meaning it will use precious, expensive data. You can turn off this feature by going to Settings: Mail, Contacts, Calendars>Fetch New Data - Toggle "Push" to "OFF" and under "Fetch", select "Manually".

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## City Guides With Offline Access

Download city guides before you go.

Ulmon City Maps and TourPal are just two of the free options for saving maps, suggestions and guides to access during your trip.

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## Download Apps to Pass Time

The iPhone App Store is stacked full of Games, Books, music and Entertainment apps, perfect for your long flights or train rides.

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## Sync Before Your Trip

While traveling there's an increased chance that you could lose your iPhone or get it stolen. Before leaving, make sure you sync (backup) all your important information, to iCloud or iTunes, before you go.

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## Track Your Usage

As you leave the country, tap on: Settings>Cellular>Usage>Reset Statistics Then track your usage while abroad (tap on: Settings>Cellular) and view 'Call Time' and 'Cellular Data Usage'.

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## Which carrier has the best rates?

It really doesn't matter because you are not likely to switch just to get a better rate for a short overseas trip! But here are the international plans for all carriers.

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## AT&T

uses Passport Roaming packs.

The \$30 Passport includes unlimited text messaging, 120MB of cellular data, and voice calls at \$1.00 per minute.

AT&T's \$60 Silver Passport gives 300MB of cellular data and a lower voice call rate of \$0.50 per minute. You'll pay \$0.20 per extra MB of cellular data.

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## Sprint

Sprint's Open World service gives customers free texts and low 20 cents per minute calling rates in close to 60+ countries. Data in these countries is also available for \$30 per gigabyte. The data is restricted to 2G speeds.

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## Verizon Wireless

Customers traveling to Mexico or Canada can purchase the new TravelPass feature, which for \$2 per day gives you access to all your plan's domestic features (including data) with no roaming charges. Another 65 countries are also available for \$10 per day. Customers only pay the \$2 or \$10 charge on days they actually use their device outside of the US.

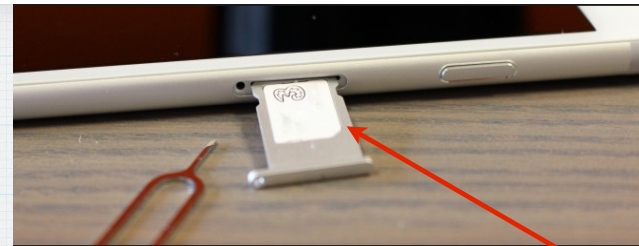
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## T Mobile

T-Mobile allows customers on Simple Choice plans to access unlimited data and texting in 120 countries, at no extra charge, as well as make calls back to the US for a low \$0.20 per minute. The downside? The unlimited data is restricted to 2G speeds.

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## One Last Tip.



You can insert a foreign (or T-Mobile) cellular Sim Card in your phone for overseas use to get lower rates - but your cell number won't work!

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