

TOP 3 BALI SCAMS

HOW TO AVOID THEM

TAXI SCAM

SOME TAXIS WILL ASK YOU WHERE YOU GO AND THEN NAME THEIR PRICE, WHICH WILL BE WAY TOO EXPENSIVE BUT SINCE YOU ARE NEW IN BALI, YOU DON'T KNOW THE REGULAR PRICE OR YOU SUCK AT BARGAINING LIKE I DO.

WHAT TO DO: IF YOU GO SHORT DISTANCE GET A BLUE BIRD TAXI AND TELL THE DRIVER RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING TO PUT ON THE METER. THERE ARE ALSO UBER AND GRAB IN BALI, BUT THEY ARE NOT OFFICIALLY ALLOWED SO YOU MIGHT HAVE PROBLEMS GETTING ONE IN CERTAIN AREAS. FOR LONG DISTANCES ALWAYS BOOK A DRIVER IN ADVANCE WHICH YOU TRUST

MONEY CHANGER SCAM

IF YOU GO TO A MONEY CHANGER, BECAUSE YOU SAW THE SIGN "NO COMMISSION", YOU WILL MOST LIKELY NOT END UP WITH THE MONEY YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD.

THE CLERK WILL COUNT THE MONEY IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU WILL SEE THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MONEY HOWEVER BEFORE HE HANDS YOU OVER THE MONEY HE WILL DROP A FEW NOTES BEHIND THE COUNTER BEFORE YOU EVEN SEE IT.

WHAT TO DO: COUNT YOUR MONEY RIGHT THERE OR GO TO AN ATM. ALSO, MAKE SURE YOUR ATM IS IN A PUBLIC PLACE LIKE A SHOPPING MALL OR A BANK WITH SECURITY. LATELY, SOME TOURISTS GOT THEIR CARD COPIED WHEN THEY USED ATMS.

SCOOTER SCAM

THE FIRST THING TO KNOW WHEN YOU RENT A SCOOTER: HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE AND WEAR A HELMET. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT (APART FROM THE OBVIOUS)? IF YOU DON'T WEAR A HELMET POLICE WILL PULL YOU OVER AND YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

IF YOU WEAR A HELMET AND HAVE A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND GET PULLED OVER FOR A FINE (FOR WHATEVER), YOU WILL STILL HAVE TO PAY, BUT LESS 😊

WHAT TO DO: IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO WEAR SMALL NOTES ON YOU AND PUT THEM IN YOUR PANTS OR WHEREVER AND NOT IN YOUR WALLET. WHEN THE POLICE PULLS YOU OVER JUST BE FRIENDLY AND GIVE THEM 50'000 – 100'00 RUPIA AND OFF YOU GO. EVEN IF YOU MIGHT BE UPSET ALWAYS REMEMBER DIFFERENT COUNTRY, DIFFERENT RULES.

