

Tech it Easy

HAVE PHONE WILL TRAVEL

ROAMING is using your phone abroad. It can be expensive, so it's best to make sure it's included in your phone package and that there's no extra cost. You might be able to add it onto your phone package for a small premium.

Your phone service provider's FAIR USE policy might reduce the amount of data you can use when abroad. For example: if you have 20GB monthly allowance, you might only be able to use 8GB of it when roaming.

If your phone provider doesn't provide a roaming facility, one option could be purchasing an international roaming SIM card that's pre-loaded with an amount of data (e.g. 12GB) for a one-off cost, just for when you're travelling.

MARITIME SERVICE is an expensive facility to connect to your phone services (including mobile data) whilst at sea. But it comes with a high price tag. To avoid accidentally connecting to Maritime when you're on a cruise ship or a ferry and racking up a large phone bill, you could switch your device into Aeroplane Mode to disconnect your device from the network.

WiFi transmits and receives data to and from our devices. It's ideal for services such as WhatsApp when we travel, because it provides us with the ability to send messages, photos and videos, as well as making phone and video calls over the internet - as long as the WiFi signal is strong enough.

Even when your phone is in Aeroplane Mode, you can still switch on WiFi.

But be careful when using a public WiFi service (such as in a cafe) where hackers and scammers can be lurking. Maybe wait until you find a trusted source of WiFi. If you have a VPN (Virtual Private Network) app on your phone, switch that on when you use a public WiFi network to give yourself extra protection. There are many VPN apps. A few of them – such as *Proton VPN* – are free.

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