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It's true: Cash is accepted everywhere in the world – even by thieves and scam artists. If you've ever travelled carrying a wad of cash, you'll know the hassle of trying to guess how much you'll need each day, putting some in pockets, more in a 'hidden' pouch and leaving the bulk of it stashed in your bag or case where you're staying.

And if any of it gets lost or stolen, it's gone for good.

There's no better way to ruin a holiday.

Options for everyone.

Leave the risk and annoyance of cash at home; it's additional baggage you really don't want to carry. Visa has a range of credit, debit and even prepaid card options that give you all the flexibility of cash with none of the risks.

All Visa cards allow you to withdraw cash at ATMs and pay for goods online or over the counter anywhere. With over 30 million merchants and 1 million ATMs worldwide, Visa is the safe and convenient alternative to cash:

Visa Credit: Everyone knows about Visa credit cards; accepted in over 170 countries worldwide. Spread your holiday costs over time, and – for premium card holders – take advantage of benefits like medical and legal referral, 24-hour replacement service worldwide for lost cards, and more.

Visa Debit: All the flexibility and global acceptance of a credit card, but with **your** money, straight out of your bank account. Visa Debit is like your normal EFTPOS card, but you can also use it to pay online and over the phone too.



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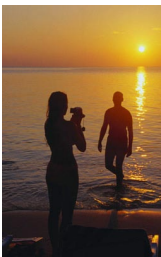
Visa Prepaid: For ultimate control, save up and pay for your holiday in advance with a Visa Prepaid card. Accepted everywhere Visa Credit and Debit cards are, you can load up a card in the currency of the country you're travelling to so you're holiday money will not get hit by exchange rate fluctuations and unexpected fees. Plus you have the flexibility to top it up while you're away, and if you lose it you have the security of a back-up card linked to the same funds..

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More people go.

All Visa cards come with 100% payment protection, meaning you get reimbursed for any spending on a stolen card. Visa offers 24 hour assistance for lost or stolen cards. And, of course, Visa is recognised and accepted worldwide, which is why more people go with VISA.

[Learn more tips about using your card abroad.](#)



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