



TRAVEL TOOL

Trip Connectivity Decision Sheet

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Compare roaming, local SIMs, and eSIMs before you pay.

Use this worksheet for one real itinerary. Check the exact phone, dates, countries, data needs, and activation rules before selecting a plan.

1 Define the trip

DESTINATION(S)

Include every country and meaningful layover.

TRAVEL DATES

Count arrival and departure days.

PHONE MODEL + REGION

Example: iPhone 15, US model.

CURRENT CARRIER/PLAN

Record any included international roaming.

2 Set the non-negotiables

- ☐ My exact phone model supports eSIM and is carrier-unlocked.
- ☐ The plan covers every country and date when I need service.
- ☐ I know whether I need data only or also calls, SMS, and two-factor codes.
- ☐ I checked hotspot/tethering, speed, and fair-use restrictions.
- ☐ I know when the plan starts: installation, activation, or first network connection.

3 Estimate data instead of guessing

QUICK RULE

Compare the total trip cost, not the headline price.

A plan is useful only if it fits the phone, route, dates, and actual communication needs.

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Compare the real options

Write down current terms from each provider before checkout.

OPTION	TOTAL PRICE	COVERAGE + DAYS	DATA / CALLS	LIMITS OR RISKS
Current carrier roaming				
Regional eSIM				
Country-specific eSIM				
Local SIM / other				

4 Choose with evidence

- ☐ I checked my carrier first so I do not pay twice for roaming.
- ☐ I opened the exact package details and confirmed current price and validity.
- ☐ I saved installation instructions and essential maps for offline access.
- ☐ I understand how to prevent unintended roaming on my primary SIM.

MY CHOICE AND WHY

Name the option and the two facts that made it fit.

5 Departure-day check

- ☐ Plan installed while reliable internet is available.
- ☐ Primary SIM roaming setting reviewed.
- ☐ Provider support page and order details saved.

Compare current Japan and Europe options

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