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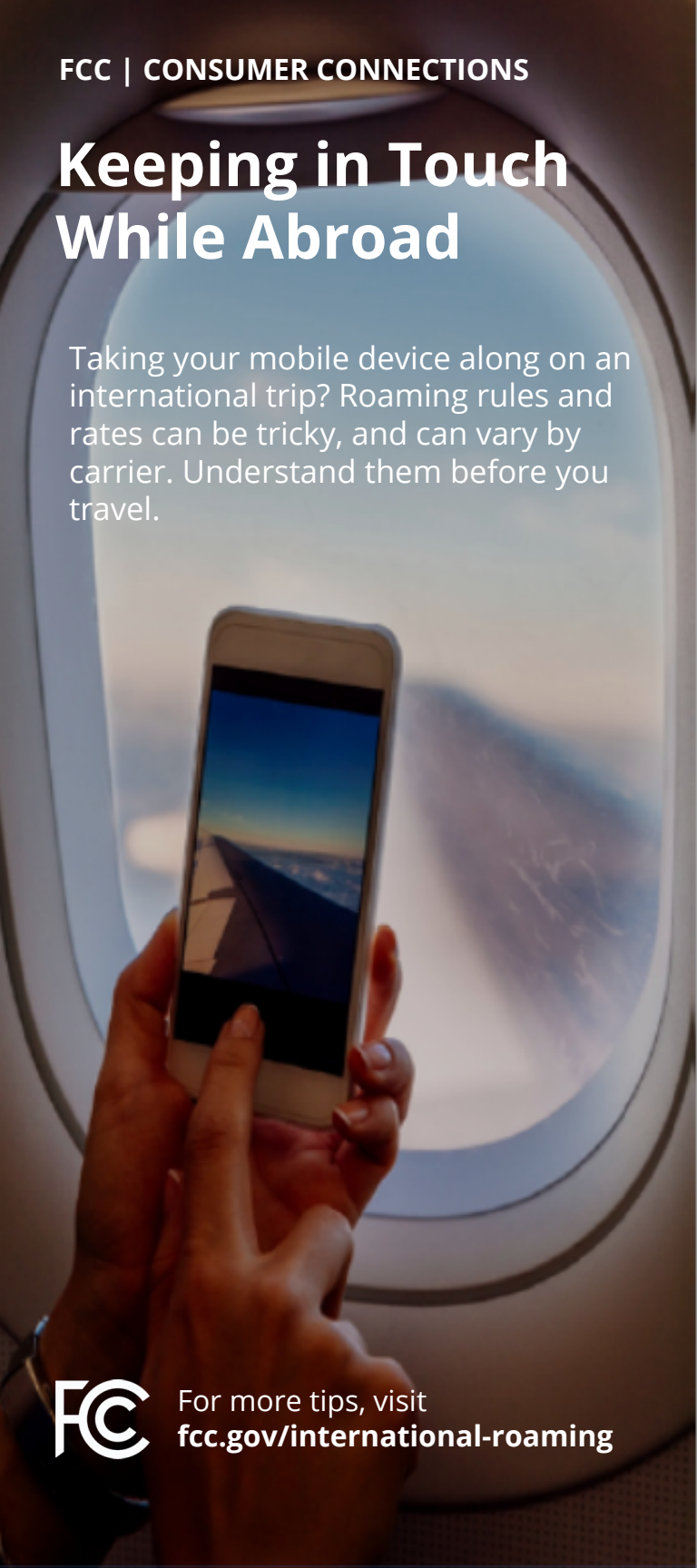
Taking your mobile device along on an international trip? Roaming rules and rates can be tricky, and can vary by carrier. Understand them before you travel.



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- ☑ Before you go, confirm your phone is compatible with networks and countries on your trip.
- ☑ If your phone will work abroad, check your carrier's roaming rates.
- ☑ Ask your provider about using Wi-Fi abroad and whether it counts against your data allowance.
- ☑ Wi-Fi may not be free abroad. Find out the cost before browsing the web or using your apps overseas.
- ☑ Track voice and data usage abroad. Charges may not appear on your bill right away.
- ☑ Turn off automatic downloads. They may result in additional roaming charges.
- ☑ Be aware of emergency calling numbers in the countries you're visiting.
- ☑ Check security risks before sending personal information over public networks.
- ☑ Explore other options: Pre-paid or pay-as-you-go handsets, calling cards and 'SIM' cards. Contact your provider for details.

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