

7 Android features that help reduce travel anxiety

Android phones can be a powerful tool when traveling. Several built-in features and handy apps have made the travel experience stress-free.

From turn-by-turn navigation to on-the-fly language translation, here's how your Android phone can help you on your trip.

1. Conversation mode in Google Translate to talk with locals

If you're visiting a country where you don't speak the local language, getting around and talking to locals can be difficult. Translation apps are very useful in such cases, but having to wait for translation after typing each sentence is very inconvenient. To make talking to locals seamless, Google Translate has a Conversation mode.

Once activated, you and the other person can talk as you normally would in a chat, and the app will continue to translate what you're saying in real time. You can read the translation on screen or set the app to read the translation out loud after you finish speaking.

To use this feature, open the Google Translate app, tap **Conversation** , and start speaking. To read the translation aloud, tap the settings icon and turn on **Auto playback** . You can also adjust the text size of the translated speech from the same menu.

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Google Translate



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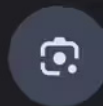
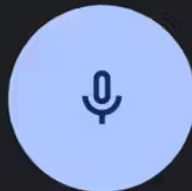
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Spanish



Conversation



Camera

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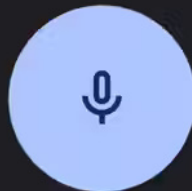


Tap the mic button to start

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Spanish



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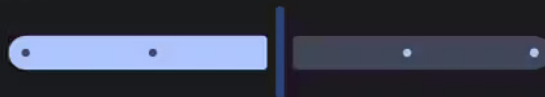
Listening...
Escuchando...

Settings



Text size

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Auto playback

Automatically read the translation aloud
after you finish speaking.



[Send feedback](#)

2. Offline maps for navigation without an Internet connection

Google Maps allows downloading offline maps so that a certain area can be navigated without an Internet connection. This is useful in case you want to save your mobile data or the signal is unreliable. To do this, open the Google Maps app, tap your profile picture, then click **Offline Maps** .

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Happy Minds

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Offline maps



SELECT YOUR OWN MAP

Downloaded maps

From your home address



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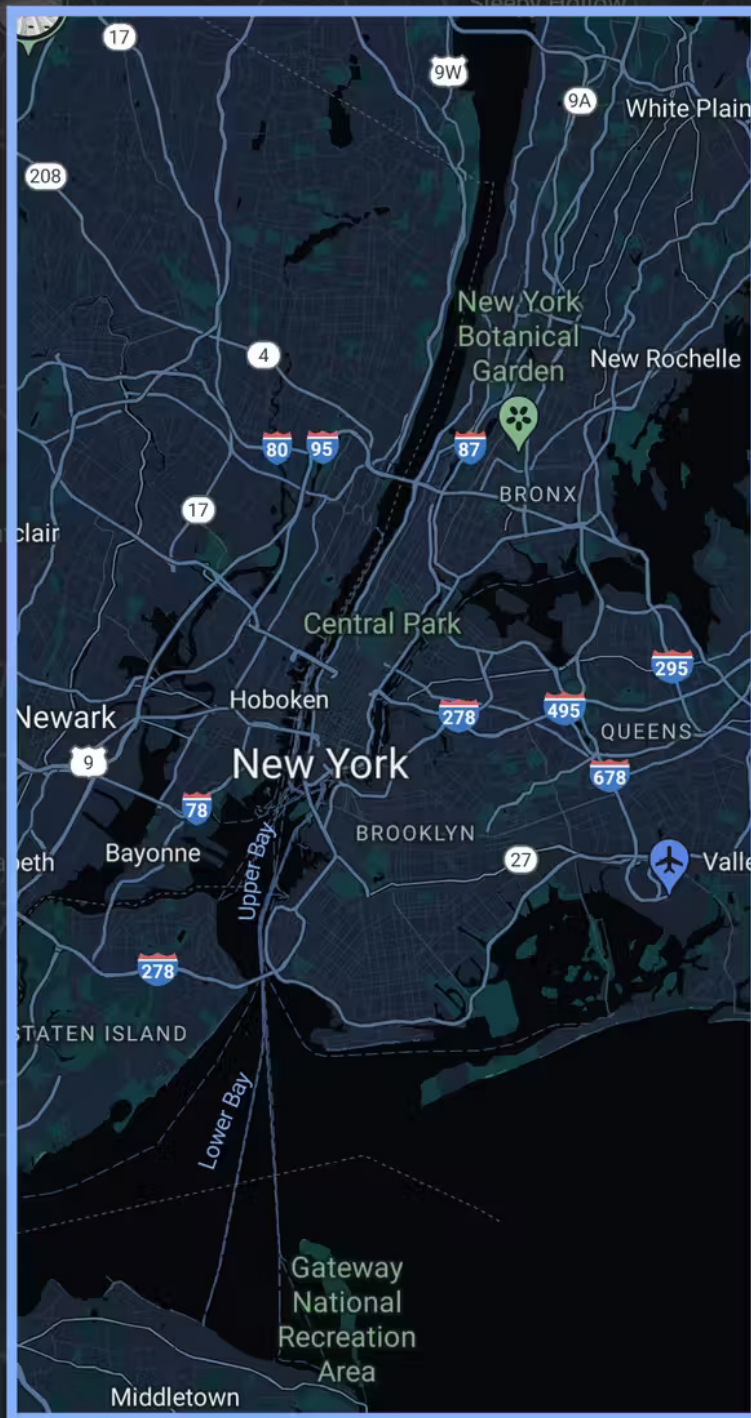
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Download a map of this area?



Download will use up to 270 MB of your free space

Close

Download

Here, press **SELECT YOUR OWN MAP** , then pinch the screen to zoom in or out and set the area you want to download the offline map. You can also see an estimate of how much storage space offline maps will take up on your device. The larger the area selected, the more storage space is needed. Click **Download** to start.

Note : Offline maps expire after one year. Google Maps usually tries to update them automatically but if it fails, you can update them manually by tapping your **profile picture** > **Offline maps** > **expired or expiring area** > **Update** .

3. Share location for updates with loved ones

Google Maps also allows real-time location sharing with friends and family to keep them informed of your whereabouts. To share your location, open the Google Maps app, tap your profile photo, then select **Location Sharing** . On the next page, tap **Share location** .

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Location sharing



Offline maps



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Location sharing



Stay connected

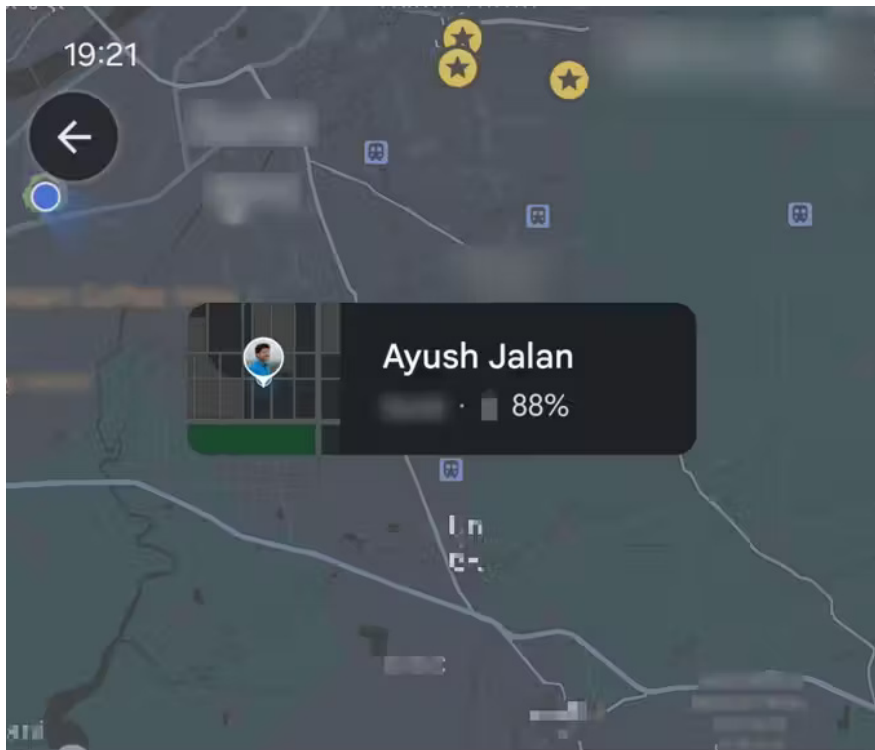
Share your real-time location with friends and family.


They can see where you are and share with you across Google apps and services. Your location is updated even when the app is not in use.


Share location



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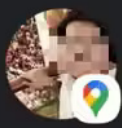


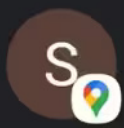



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Share your real-time location 

- For 1 hour
Until 20:21  
- Until you turn this off

SUGGESTIONS 

Maps Maps Maps Maps +91 93

-  Gmail
-  WhatsApp
-  Truecaller
-  Messages
-  Chats

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Here, choose whether you want to share your location for a fixed period of time (up to 24 hours) or until location sharing is turned off. Next, tap the contact(s) you want to share location with.

Note : Sharing your location requires location services to be turned on at all times, so the longer you share your location, the more battery your phone uses.

You can also share your location with a link via Gmail, WhatsApp, Messages or any other app if the desired contact doesn't appear in the suggestions. You can manually stop sharing your location at any time by accessing the **Location Sharing** menu .

4. Files application to store important documents

The built-in Files app on Android phones allows you to create a separate folder where you can store all your important travel documents in one place to conveniently organize everything and avoid last-minute panic.

Just open the Files app, navigate to your internal storage or SD card (if you have one inserted), create a new folder here and give it a name. Now go back to the main menu and use the search tool to find important documents and move them to the created folder.

5. Extreme Battery Saver feature to preserve battery life

Having your phone run out of battery while traveling is not only inconvenient but can even be dangerous. Unless you're going to be carrying a powerful power bank, not having a power outlet can be a challenge, especially if you're traveling somewhere remote.

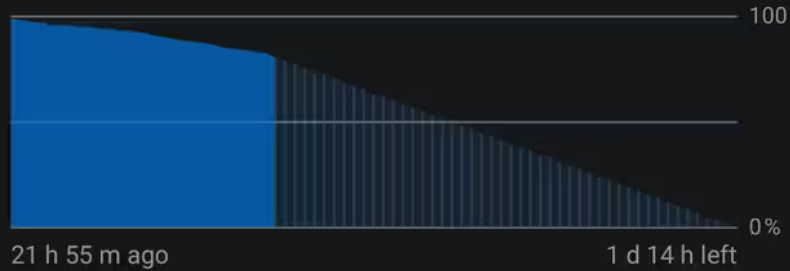
In cases where you are not sure whether you have enough battery when you need it, you should use the Extreme Battery Saver feature on your Android device. Each manufacturer names and implements this feature differently on their devices, but it's essentially the same.

Extreme Battery Saver saves more energy than regular battery saver mode by pausing all background processes, slowing down processing, turning off unnecessary features, and pausing or blocking apps. Use not allowed.

To enable this feature on Samsung devices, go to **Settings > Battery > Power saving** and enable **Limit apps and Home screen** . Now, when power saving mode is enabled while the feature is active, you will only be able to use 8 apps. 4 of these apps come pre-installed (Phone, Messages, Gallery and Settings) but the remaining 4 can be set manually.

< Battery

Usage since last full charge



Battery use
Estimated time

A full charge will last about:
1 d 23 h

Power saving



Background usage limits

Wireless power sharing

More battery settings



< Power saving

Off



Power saving battery life: 2 days

Background network usage, syncing, and location checking will be limited, and Motion smoothness will be changed to Standard (60 Hz).

Power saving options

Choose additional limits to save battery when Power saving is on.

Turn off Always On Display



Limit CPU speed to 70%



Decrease brightness by 10%



Turn off 5G



Limit apps and Home screen

For maximum power saving, allow only selected apps, limit all background activity, turn off Edge panels, and change to a dark theme.



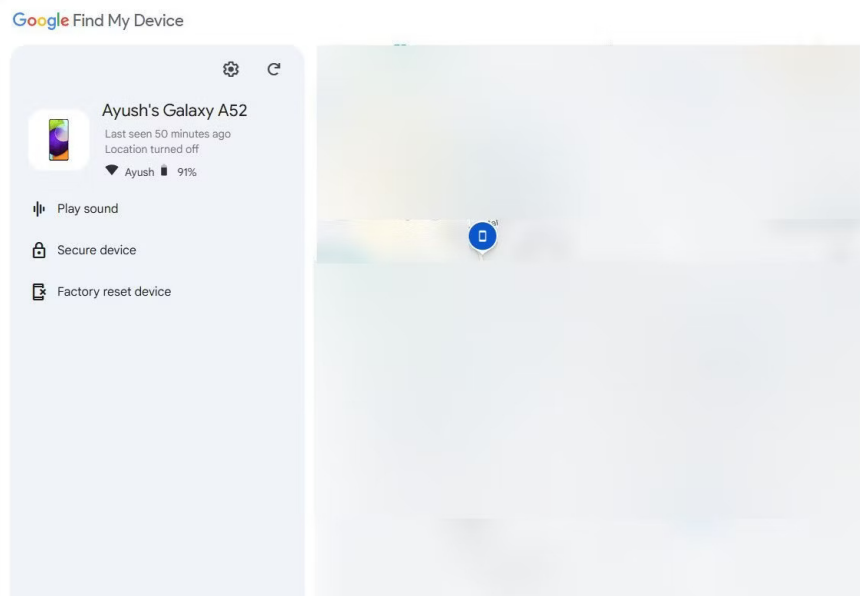
6. Locate your lost phone using Find My Device

Google's Find My Device service is a lifesaver if you've lost your Android phone and need help finding it. If you lose your phone, visit the Find My Device website on another device and sign in with your Google account.

Here it is possible to see the current battery percentage of the lost phone, last seen status, network connected and whether location services on the phone are enabled. If location is enabled, you will be able to track the device in real time.

Click the **Play sound** option if you are near the location where your phone was lost. If someone takes your lost phone, they won't be able to turn off the sound. And if you feel your personal data may be at risk, use the **Secure device** option to lock your device and sign out of your Google account.

If you cannot recover your lost Android phone for any reason, use **Factory reset device** to erase all data on it. After resetting, Find My Device will not be able to track the device's location.



7. Emergency feature

Android devices have several emergency features that can save you when in danger. First, emergency contacts and medical information can be added on the lock screen so that if there is an emergency, the first person on the list can notify loved ones and assist you.

To do this on a Samsung device, go to **Settings > Safety and emergency > Emergency contacts** . Here, turn on **Show on Lock screen** and tap **Add emergency contact** to start selecting the desired contacts. Once done, tap **Done** .

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Settings



Biometrics and security

Face recognition • Fingerprints



Privacy

Permission usage • Permission manager



Location

Location requests



Safety and emergency

Medical info • Wireless emergency alerts



Accounts and backup

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Advanced features

Android Auto • Labs • Bixby Routines



Digital Wellbeing and parental controls

Screen time • App timers • Bedtime mode



Battery and device care

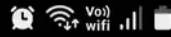
Storage • Memory • Device protection



Apps

Default apps • App settings

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Medical info

Emergency contacts

Emergency SOS

Emergency sharing

Silence notifications while driving

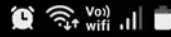
Emergency Location Service

Wireless emergency alerts

Earthquake alerts

Unknown tracker alerts

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Emergency contacts



Emergency contacts are people you trust to help you in an emergency. They'll be contacted if you start [emergency sharing](#). You can also show them on the Lock screen for quick access in an emergency.



Bhaiya



Dad



Mom



Add emergency contact

Show on Lock screen

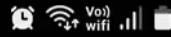


Emergency SOS does not require manual setup. If you are in an emergency situation, pressing the power button 3 times quickly will call the local emergency number. On non-Samsung phones, you may have to press the power button 5 times.

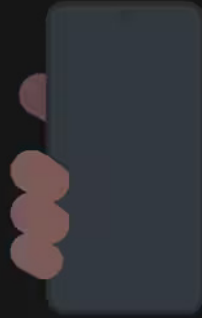
In addition to Emergency SOS, you should also know about the emergency sharing feature, which sends the current location and request for help to emergency contacts, and lets them know if the location your battery has changed or the battery is about to run out.

To enable this feature on your Samsung phone, go to the **Safety and emergency** menu , tap **Emergency sharing** , and select **Continue** . Here, you will see the **Start emergency sharing** option . Clicking this will enable this feature.

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< Emergency SOS



Press the Power key quickly 3 times to call emergency number 112 when you are in an emergency situation.

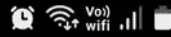
Send SOS to emergency contacts

Text your location and an SOS message to your emergency contacts.

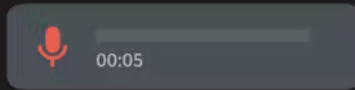
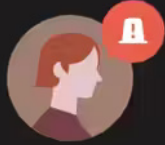


[Emergency sharing settings](#)

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< Emergency sharing



Emergency sharing sends your current location and a request for help to your **emergency contacts (3)**. Then, it lets them know if your location changes or your battery runs low.

※Messages won't be sent if you've reached the message limit imposed by the country or region you're in.

[Start emergency sharing](#)

Android offers many features that can be useful when traveling, so it's worth diving into your device's settings and looking around. Smartphone manufacturers often add a bunch of new features on Android through custom skins, which can be very useful.

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