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Imagine going to a country you have always dreamt about. A country where everyone is so diverse and people speak in languages you do not quite understand. The spring I turned 18, I had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to travel to Turkey, with my girlfriend. She and I went on vacation to Kusadasi. For both of us it was our first time travelling to a country which was that far away from home without our parents.

We had to prepare ourselves, mentally and physically, for the twenty-four-hour bus journey we had ahead of us. It was tough, we were stiff from sitting, our backs hurt a lot. The anxiety that ran through our minds once we left the Bulgarian border and entered Turkey was just too much. But, when we arrived safely, it was the best feeling in the world. We felt relieved because the difficult journey was over. However, another problem that we were faced with was to find an English-speaking person and ask them for help. We were worried about how we would communicate with people.

Everything was great that day: we left our luggage at the hotel after they had called our names, then we had lunch and after lunch, we went to the beach. But when we decided to take a walk in the evening an event happened that changed the whole vacation. We were walking down the street and suddenly some man turned up from some dark place and he started talking in Turkish. We didn’t understand him so we tried to talk to him in English but it didn’t help because he couldn’t speak English. In the beginning, I wasn’t frightened, I thought he would walk away when he realised that we were foreigners, but he didn’t give up, he showed with his hands that he wanted money. At that moment I felt like we were in trouble because he was reaching for something in his pocket and his intentions were absolutely unclear to us. We gave him all the money that we had and then he left as nothing had happened.

Later I was thinking about everything that I could have done to stop him, but then I realized that the most important thing in the world is health and safety. I was glad I had done the right thing. You must be careful and smart in such situations, especially in a foreign country when you are without anyone around you.