



# Global Travel Hot Spots Roundtable

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## **Istanbul, Turkey**

- Discuss what happened in Istanbul back in June, how the Turkish government responded, and how the private sector reacted at the time.
- Discuss current developments and the potential for clashes to re-ignite now that university classes have resumed, as well as potential spillover violence from Syria.

## **Johannesburg, South Africa**

- Discuss crime in Johannesburg, particularly new “follow-home robbery” crime trend, where armed criminals impersonate South African police and rob foreigners while in transit from OR Tambo International Airport to their hotel.
- Discuss South African police response and mitigation strategies.

## **Mexico City, Mexico**

- Discuss crime, drug-related violence, and best security practices in Mexico City.
- Discuss State Department’s Mexico Travel Warning, as well as crime and safety resources for all 10 Consular districts.

## **Mumbai and New Delhi, India**

- Discuss incidents of sexual violence in India and rise in reported rape cases.
- Discuss the Indian terrorism landscape and Kashmir border violence, putting the threats into context for the U.S. private sector traveling or operating in India.

## **Seoul, South Korea**

- Discuss how seriously the private sector should take threats from North Korea.
- Discuss how organizations operating in Seoul responded to recent rhetoric from North Korea, particularly after tripwires had been crossed.

## **Sochi, Russia**

- Discuss recent anti-American/Western legislation and its impact on the U.S. private sector.
- Discuss new law prohibiting “gay propaganda” in Russia and private sector concern that employees could be prosecuted, harassed, or deported under this law, particularly those attending the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics.