



1. What can I do with my mobile phone?

Use your mobile phone to add diary entries to your bepacked.com travel blog using SMS and MMS. There is no need to be connected to the internet! Enjoy the sun at the beach while updating your friends & family.

Most of the time you will be using a computer connected to the internet to add new diary entries and upload new pictures to your travel blog. This can be a problem in rural areas, at odd times of the day or you simply don't want to pay for internet access.

Save time and money by sending a sms or mms (with photos) message with the latest news. Bepacked.com will automatically add it as a diary entry to your travel blog and send email notifications to all your nominated friends.

2. What do I need?

All you need is to...

- be registered as a traveller on bepacked.com
- have a mobile phone with an Australian SIM card
- enter your Australian mobile phone number in the user profile settings on bepacked.com
- have at least one location point in your trip planner on bepacked.com

3. How much does it cost?

The service to add a diary entry on bepacked.com and all email notifications to your friends and family is 100% free.

The only cost is the message fee from the mobile phone provider. Since you are using an Australian SIM card, the cost of sending a local text message is minimal. Some providers offer it for as little as 1cent per message!

4. Simple to use

It is as simple as creating a normal text message (SMS) or multimedia message (MMS). We assume that you are familiar with these services on your mobile phone.

1.1 Text only (SMS)

Send text only messages to the following phone numbers:

0407 909 663 Telstra Network or
0403 236 412 Optus Network

The first 20 characters of the message will also be used as the title of the message.

1.2 Text with photos (MMS)

Send text messages with image attachments to the following phone number:

0403 236 412 Optus Network

Only the text in the body of the message is used, the "Subject" text is ignored. Photos with these formats will be recognized: jpg, png, pjpeg, jpeg, gif

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5. Can I send more than one diary entry per day?

Yes, you can send as many diary entries per day as you would like to. Bepacked.com will assemble all text messages of a particular day into one diary entry.

6. How much text can I send?

We recommend sending less than 480 characters (3 chained SMS's) per message. If you want to write more, just send a second, third etc text message. We will assemble your messages into one diary entry.

7. How does bepacked.com know where I am

Good question. Unfortunately the Australian mobile phone carriers don't give us the information from where the call originated. Therefore, unless you specify a new location in the message (see below) the message will be saved as a diary entry for the location according to your trip planner.

You CAN create a new location by sending a message; the only thing you have to do is indicate the postcode of your location at the **beginning of the message** text like this:

@xxxx

(xxx is the postcode)

For example, if you moved from Sydney to Freemantle in Western Australia and you want to create a diary entry in Freemantle, you would type your text message as follows:

@6159 Arrived in Freemantle, having a great time visiting....

This will automatically create a new entry point in Freemantle (postcode 6159) and your diary entry will be associated with this location. Once you have access to a computer with internet access again, you can move the pin in the trip planner to the exact location where you really were.

8. What about privacy of my diary entries sent via SMS?

You have the same privacy options as you have when using a computer browser:

- public - anyone can see the diary entry & photos
- friends - only nominated friends can see the diary entry & photos
- private - only you can see the diary entry & photos

By default, the message you send will be public unless you specify another privacy setting. You can specify other privacy settings by adding the words "private" or "friends" at the beginning of the message, for example:

private Huge Bikini Party in Byron Bay....

friends My first encounter with a Koala Bear....

Since we assemble multiple text messages of one particular day into one diary entry, the most restrictive privacy mark will apply to all other messages of the same day.

You can change privacy settings anytime later when you log on to the bepacked.com website.

9. REFERENCE

Reference of special words to include at the beginning of your mobile phone diary submissions::

"**@xxxx**" is optional and creates a new location at the xxxx Australian postcode

"**private**" is optional and marks your diary submission private

"**friends**" is optional and restricts access to friends & family

Full example, marking a new diary entry for friend access only and creating a new location point in Sydney:

friends @2000 Arrived by train in Sydney this morning and already went on a harbour cruise.....

Other useful documents

- We are continuously enhancing bepacked.com and will add new information to this document. The newest version can be found at:
http://www.bepacked.com/content/docs/usermanual_en.pdf
- Detailed explanations how to use mobile phones with bepacked.com:
http://www.bepacked.com/content/docs/mobile_phone_en.pdf
- Hints & Tips for hiring / renting / buying cars: coming soon

Questions Suggestions & Tips?

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Alternatively, send an email to info@bepacked.com