



### New plans for global roamers

Over the past year, options for US-based travelers who want to take their phones overseas have expanded to four major carriers. So which is best for you? The chart below shows global roaming rates, along with each company's most innovative stateside calling feature. In terms of the phone itself, you'll find cheap (or even free) handsets for use all across America – but will pay more for features like color screens, high-speed Internet access, and new generation ring tones. And if you're headed overseas, you'll need a GSM triband world phone to access foreign cell networks.

PLAN	US HIGHLIGHTS	GLOBAL COSTS AND RANGE
<b>AT&amp;T mMode</b> <a href="http://www.attws.com">www.attws.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>Find Friends</b> feature allows you to "see" and be "seen" by selected friends.</li> <li>• Your phone displays in plain text your respective locations ("corner of Main &amp; 1st"), by knowing which cell tower your phone is accessing. Accuracy is determined by proximity to the nearest tower – within a city block in dense urban areas. This service may be more useful for tracking your kids' general whereabouts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TDMA Network:</b> \$1.24–\$1.94 per min.</li> <li>• <b>mMode GSM Network:</b> \$1.29–\$5.99 per min.</li> <li>• <b>Additional charges:</b> \$25 set-up &amp; \$7.99 monthly access service fee (TDMA network); no setup or monthly charges for new GSM/mMode network</li> <li>• <b>Works in 120 countries</b></li> </ul>
<b>T-Mobile USA</b> <a href="http://www.t-mobile.com">www.t-mobile.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <b>T-Zones</b> feature takes advantage of new high-speed data services. Customers can send – via the new MMS (multimedia service) – color digital photos, graphics, sounds, in addition to plain text messages. T-Mobile's GSM coverage is the nation's largest. Its coverage area has a population of 211 million.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.99–\$4.99 per min.</li> <li>• <b>Additional charges:</b> none</li> <li>• <b>Works in 90 countries</b></li> </ul>
<b>Nextel Worldwide</b> <a href="http://www.nextel.com">www.nextel.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nextel's <b>Direct Connect</b> feature lets customers contact one another's handsets directly like walkie-talkies and quickly bypass the terrestrial switching networks that all telephone numbers must use. Customers are limited to contacting each other within a specific market, but next year Nextel customers should be able to reach one another across the country as easily as across town.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1.29–\$5.99 per min.</li> <li>• <b>Additional charges:</b> none</li> <li>• <b>Works in 80 countries</b></li> </ul>
<b>Cingular</b> <a href="http://www.cingular.com">www.cingular.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The only company that allows you to "roll over" unused minutes from one month to the next, so you can hoard minutes and perhaps subscribe to a cheaper plan. Any <b>Home</b> or <b>Preferred Nation</b> plan of \$39.99 and above is eligible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.21–\$1.21 per min.</li> <li>• <b>Additional charges:</b> \$3.50 monthly fee, \$1.50 per min. for incoming international calls</li> <li>• <b>Works in 68 countries</b></li> </ul>

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