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If you run travel-related company, these are samples that I have written for other travel companies.

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HOW TO PLAN A TRIP TO CANCUN, MEXICO

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If there's one place that should be high on your travel list it's Mexico. More Americans have visited and relocated to the country since the pandemic and this trend is sure to continue for the foreseeable future.

One of the most popular locations in Mexico is Cancun. If you've wanted to plan a trip to Cancun Mexico, now's the time. But you must know how to prepare so you have the best time. Cancun is a popular tourist destination so you want to make sure you enjoy every moment of it.

Here's what you must know:

Decide When to Travel

While you can go to Cancun any time of the year, there are certain times that are better than others.

The winter season is when Cancun is at its busiest. If you're a solo traveler or traveling with a few friends, this is the best time to go. This is when there'll be non-stop parties. If you want to experience Cancun's nightlife, this is the best time.

However, what happens if you're looking for a family trip to Cancun? In this case, you want to travel around the end of May. Cancun is lively at this time but not overrun with tourists.

Also, at this time many restaurants are open and won't be overpacked. Check out the list linked here about the best places to eat in the city.

Book Your Accommodation In Advance

Cancun can get filled up rather quickly and you'll end up paying higher prices for accommodation.

As a result, you want to book your accommodation at least 3 months in advance. While there are many options available, you should always stay at a hotel.

Overall, Cancun is safe but there are always some dangers when you stay in a tourist-focused area of Mexico. Hotels, however, are always in the safest areas and have great security. Make sure you book a hotel that's near your desired excursions. If you want to be near the beach, book a hotel that's within walking distance. If you plan on going clubbing often, then you must be within walking distance from the hotel.

Book Your Flight

The final step is to book your flight well in advance. Flights to Cancun from the United States are frequent. However, depending on the season, prices can be costly.

Book your flight on the same day that you confirm your hotel. If possible, fly directly from Miami. These are the cheapest flights and are also the shortest distance. You want to book a round trip as Mexican immigration often requires it in order to be let into the country.

Plan Your Trip to Cancun Mexico

Now you know how to plan a trip to Cancun Mexico and make the most of your experience. Make sure you first decide what's the best time to travel. For partying, you've got to go during the winter. The end of May is best for family vacations.

You must also book your hotel at least 3 months in advance. Do the same when you book your flight.

We'll see you in Cancun! As you wait, check out the other travel tips on our website.

4 COMMON FLORIDA VACATION MISTAKES AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

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Rain or shine, mostly shine, silence or madness, Florida is always a place that tourists want to visit.

It has always been a popular state for vacations and one can only expect this to continue in the coming years. But before you consider traveling to Florida, you want to make sure you prepare in advance.

There are many mistakes you can make for your Florida vacation and this can ruin your experience.

Here are some common Florida vacation mistakes to avoid:

1. Staying In a Hotel

While this isn't necessarily a mistake, it's not the best way to enjoy Florida. There's no shortage of great hotels but you want to feel like you're living the Florida life not just experiencing it. You can consider a short home stay such as with Melbourne Florida vacation rentals. This lets you get a home in a beautiful location. You'll have more privacy and can control your environment more than you would in a hotel.

2. Staying Far from a Beach

While Florida has no shortage of beaches, if you're not careful you'll be rather far from them. Choose accommodation that's as close to the beach as possible.

You want to be within walking distance from a beach if you can. Traffic in Floridian cities is often chaotic. You might end up spending one or two hours on the road just trying to get to the beach!

3. Not Enjoying the Other Nature

Beaches are the highlight of visiting Florida. But there are a lot more nature excursions that you don't want to miss out on.

For example, there are many nature trails throughout the state. If you're up north, you want to explore the Chattahoochee where you'll find greenery and lakes galore.

If you're in South Florida, then you must visit the Everglades. You'll see a natural swamp. You can take an airboat tour to see much of Florida's wildlife up close.

4. Not Interacting With Various Cultural Groups

Floridians have common ideals but are quite a diverse bunch. You'll enjoy the traditional Southern culture in parts of the state. In others, you'll enjoy the spice of Latin culture.

In North Miami, you'll get to meet various Caribbean immigrants from Jamaica and Haiti. Of course, Florida is also home to the Miccosukee Indian Tribe.

Floridians are an odd bunch but are friendly folk. You want to meet as many as you can. Make sure you understand the diverse cultural groups that call the Sunshine State home.

Avoid these mistakes and you'll have the best experience with your Florida vacation destinations.

Avoid These Common Florida Vacation Mistakes

Now you know the common Florida vacation mistakes to avoid at all costs!

You want to stay in a rental property rather than a hotel. This gives you the best experience and full control of your stay.

Make sure you always stay as close to the beach as possible. You also want to enjoy the other nature sights that the state has to offer. As Florida is home to diverse groups, you want to make as many friends as you can.

We hope you'll enjoy your trip to Florida. Be sure to check out our other travel tips!

NAVIGATING CHANGE - ADAPTING YOUR TRAVEL BUSINESS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

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As most of the world has opened up and continues to open, travelers are eager to explore our beautiful countries.

But what do you do if you run a travel business? How do you adapt your business to work well in a post-pandemic world?

This detailed guide will show you how to emerge as one of the best travel brands in the post-pandemic world.

Here's what you need to know:

Get Extra Funding

The first thing you need to do is consider applying for travel merchant accounts. Your travel company probably took a huge hit over the past few years due to the pandemic. If you get travel merchant accounts it can help you receive high-risk payments.

Make sure you also clear your debts before launching your business again. You want to get off to a fresh start.

Create More Content

The next strategy is to create more content to promote your travel agency. As the world opens up, you have to compete more than ever with other travel companies.

You'll have to find a way to stand out and this comes from creating content. Among the content you can create, you should make blog posts, videos, podcasts, and email newsletters.

One of the ways to stand out is to discuss topics that are pertinent to the traveler in the post-pandemic world. This can include the following:

- COVID restrictions (if any) in each country
- How each country reacted to the pandemic
 - Some travelers will prefer to visit countries that had strict rules, while others prefer to visit countries that had fewer restrictions
- Best places for digital nomads
- Best places for relocation
- Cheap budget locations
- Luxury locations

You want to be able to reach out to as wide an audience as possible. Make sure you create detailed reports to provide your audience. The more you research and create content, the more authority you'll establish in your niche.

Sustainable Travel

While humans will always have a thirst to travel the world, many of us are also concerned about whether traveling harms the environment.

Regardless of your own views, you must find a way to encourage sustainable travel. For example, you must offer different travel routes for your clients.

Someone might wish to fly from Belgrade to Skopje. After all, the flight is just over an hour long and is rather affordable. But is it the most sustainable option?

You can encourage them to take the bus instead. While this is a longer route, it's a lot more sustainable. This also gives them the chance to enjoy the countryside of Serbia and North Macedonia en route.

Encourage Pre-Checking for Security

Another way to make your travel company stick out is to offer advice on pre-checking for security.

One of the most annoying aspects of air travel is going through security. At least in the United States, there are options to get approved for TSA pre-checks.

Make sure you offer your clients tutorials on how to do this. You must keep abreast of the latest laws at all times. Show your clients how they can minimize the hassle of going through security at the airport.

Private Air Travel

If you wish to reach out to high-end clients, you must help them travel via private jets. While this is not only comfortable, it's also great for any traveler who still wants to minimize the risk of catching COVID.

You want to educate them about the different ways to travel via private jet. Make sure they know how they can buy a private jet or charter one.

If they choose the former, you want to find a way to broker deals to help them buy their dream jet. If they wish to charter a jet, you should help them book their tickets.

Recommend Travel Options to Clients

This goes back to the earlier suggestion of creating content. As global citizens, we are now more aware of different cultures and countries. But with so many exciting options, we might not know where to travel.

For example, let's say someone wants to enjoy a nice beach holiday. They might be split among Bali, Cancun, and Marbella.

You'll need to provide expert advice to travelers. If they call your travel agency, you should be able to tell them within 5-10 minutes about the differences between these locations. By the end of their call, they should know which location works best for their needs.

More and more, travel agencies will have to adapt to relocation agencies. For example, entrepreneur Pieter Levels created NomadList. This is a website intended for digital nomad travelers.

However, as a spinoff, he created Rebase which helped remote workers relocate to Portugal. After moving to Portugal, Pieter realized that it was a great location for remote workers. He began helping remote workers apply for residency there.

You have to think ahead and offer such a service to your clients. Your client who wishes to travel to Bali today might want to move there tomorrow.

Offer Services to Travelers

You want to offer services to travelers that'll make their experience much better. If you can't offer the services yourself, consider offering discounts to third-party services.

For example, you might offer a discounted travel insurance policy to your clients. Or you might give them materials to learn a new language. You can decide whether you want to offer services, create content, or partner with existing brands.

Travel agencies are still an important business for the tourism industry. But the fact remains that a lot of what they offer becomes irrelevant. For instance, all of us can book tickets online today. As a result, you want to offer services that the average person can't do on their own.

Or, you must build special connections with travel companies. You want to offer special packages that no one can book online.

For example, you might want to build relations with certain airlines. These airlines will offer discounts to your clients.

Your clients can only receive these discounts if they book with you. They won't be able to receive these discounts if they book tickets through another party.

This is when you research your competition to see how you can triumph over them. Find a way to differentiate your travel company by offering what other agencies don't.

Have a Face Out There

The travel companies of the future will not only have a recognizable logo but also a known face. If you have a sunny personality, you can become the face. If not, make sure you hire a professional spokesperson who'll stick with your brand for several years.

Take a moment to look at the successful newcomers in the travel industry. They all have a face or a strong persona that makes them enduring.

For My Latin Life, you've got the persona of Vance who encourages Westerners looking to travel or relocate to Latin America.

Kristin Wilson is also a travel and relocation expert. She's got a sweet personality and has a friendly approach for anyone looking to explore Latin America, Europe, or Asia.

Andrew Henderson of Nomad Capitalist is an expert on pretty much anywhere in the world. If you're interested in luxury travel and high net-worth migration, you can't beat his expertise. The list goes on. You want to research these personalities to see how you can emulate them for your travel company. With so many travel companies out there, the average traveler has become more discerning.

There's also a growing frustration that corporate brands are generic and unhelpful. This creates great opportunities for independent travel brands such as yours.

But the only way to stand out with travel marketing is if there's a familiar face associated with a travel company.

Work With Influencers

Now let's return to creating content for travel marketing. This also follows along with the previous section.

You want to build connections with influencers in the travel industry. They're perfect for helping build your reputation. For example, let's suppose your travel agency is offering package deals to travel to Belize.

You might want to hire influencers who will travel or have traveled to Belize. They'll promote Belize and then mention how your brand will help travelers enjoy the location.

You can use these influencers for written and video content. They're also great for social media, especially Instagram.

Let's give a few examples. You can have one influencer make a video where he discusses the location and your brand. Another popular travel influencer can take perfect Instagram photos of the location and mention your brand in the caption.

A third influencer could write a blog post promoting your brand. This blog post can get hosted on one of her websites. Or she can write a guest post for your website.

This is an example of how you can reach out to different travel influencers to help them grow your brand. However, make sure you first grow your follower count and website traffic. You must establish a reputation in the travel industry first before you reach out to influencers.

Discuss Travel Issues

This is somewhat tied to sustainable travel. You must discuss the various issues related to travel. In the post-pandemic world, many travelers are eager to travel but are also on their guard.

For example, you want to discuss countries that might not have the best health infrastructure. If you can speak from personal experience or hire someone who can, this is always the best option. Travelers want to know what risks they'll take if they get ill abroad. You should still discuss what COVID services are available abroad for travelers. These can include where a traveler can easily get tested or receive health treatment.

Make sure you also discuss the safety of a particular country. For example, are there countries that aren't the safest for women? Are there places that aren't friendly to LGBT travelers? What about countries that might discriminate against certain races, ethnicities, nationalities, or religions?

These are all concerns that travelers have when they wish to visit or relocate to a new country. If you can share actual anecdotes then you'll give them the best picture of a country.

Discuss Responsible Traveling

The final step is to discuss responsible traveling with your clients. This establishes your travel company as being responsible and ethical. In the long run, this is what will cause your travel agency to outlive your competition.

For example, due to mass tourism and migration, many countries have lost their social cohesion. These are some of the complaints you'll hear in cities such as London, Paris, or Malmo.

You want to educate your clients on how they can show respect to the locals when they travel to such places.

In other places such as Mexico City, Lisbon, and Tbilisi prices have gone up for the locals due to tourism and migration.

This has caused neighborhoods to get gentrified. Make sure you educate your clients on how they can support the local economy and not be seen as a burden.

Likewise, it's important to tell your clients about the local customs in each location. Travel gives us a chance to experience other cultures. But we must be careful that we don't get seen as colonizers rather than explorers.

Let them know that they should dress modestly when visiting the UAE. Let them know to respect the Dharmic traditions when visiting India. Understand that the Japanese like politeness and order while Balkan people want you to be friendly and vivacious!

If you follow the steps in this guide, you'll have no problem adapting your travel business to the post-pandemic world.

Build Your Travel Business

Now you know how to build your travel business as the pandemic ends.

Start by focusing on getting extra funding. Sign up for a merchant account so you can deal with high-risk transactions. Take time to be fiscally responsible so your business doesn't go bust.

You should create more content and work with influencers for marketing. You want to discuss travel tips, safety, and how to show respect to different locations. Make your travel business as versatile as possible.

If you're ready to explore, be sure to first wade through our other travel content on our website!

WHY YOU SHOULD USE A STORAGE UNIT WHEN TRAVELING OVERSEAS

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Are you traveling overseas and planning on being away from home for a long time? As you're packing your bags and making sure your passport is up to date, there's something else that you might be concerned about. You might not feel comfortable keeping all your belongings at home.

If you rent, you don't want to pay rent just to have a place to store these belongings — as this will incur unnecessary costs that'll cut into your travel budget.

The best solution is to look for a storage unit before traveling overseas.

Here's what you need to know:

Storage Units Are More Affordable

As we alluded to in the introduction, one of the biggest stresses when traveling overseas is covering the cost of travel and your rent.

In most cases, you can store your belongings in a storage unit for much cheaper than your rent. After all, you'll only be paying to store your items. You won't have to pay any utility bills in addition to your storage rental fee.

This lets you save a lot more money for your trip and you'll have the peace of mind knowing that your possessions are safe.

Storage Units Protect Your Possessions

Perhaps one thing that holds travelers back is that they worry about whether their possessions will be safe in a storage unit.

Rest assured, they will be! When you rent a storage unit, you'll have a key to access your possessions when you return from your trip. Storage units also have video surveillance 24/7. Often, these 24 hour storage units also have security guards protecting the area.

Some self storage units might ask you to provide your own locks for the containers. Even in this scenario, you'll have control over how you'll lock your possessions.

Storage unit facilities also have great customer service. You can call them at any time to ask any questions regarding your storage unit.

Your Possessions Will Be Protected and Maintained

One thing you might worry about when you leave your possessions at home is maintaining them. You worry that they might not be in the best shape or might even get damaged while you're away.

Luckily, there's a solution that storage units offer. There are storage units that are climate controlled storage units and non-climate controlled storage units.

Let's delve a bit deeper into how these work for safeguarding your possessions.

Climate Controlled Storage Units

These storage units have heating and A/C units that are managed by the staff at the rental facility. They'll maintain a cool temperature during the summer and they'll offer heating in the winter. This ensures that your possessions, particularly furniture, don't get damaged while in storage. This type of storage unit is also great for leather goods, electronics, antiques, collectibles, and instruments.

Non-Climate Controlled Storage Units

If you don't need the protection of climate control, then you can opt for non-climate controlled storage units.

These are great for keeping the storage unit's temperature oscillating with the outside temperature. This is great for storing clothing, furnishings, kitchen items, and yard items.

What If Things Go Wrong?

When you keep your possessions in your home, you generally feel that they'll be safe. This is likely one of the main reasons why so many travelers splurge on their rent even when traveling overseas.

The great news is that storage unit facilities offer insurance to protect your possessions. This insurance can reimburse you if your possessions get damaged, lost, or stolen.

Sometimes, the insurance is offered directly by the storage rental facility. Other times, you'll have to buy insurance from a third-party service that offers coverage for items in storage units.

There Are Different Sizes of Storage Units

Another great reason to choose a storage unit for when you go traveling overseas is that there are different sizes to consider.

Storage units are usually broken down into three categories: small, medium, and large. Small storage units often come in 5x5 and 5x10 sizes. These are similar to closets and are ideal for storing clothes, small furniture, and basic household items. This is often a great option if you're single, in a relationship, or have a small family. It's not ideal if you have many large possessions that require regular maintenance.

Medium storage units often come in 10x10 and 10x15 sizes. The former is ideal for one-bedroom apartments whereas the latter is ideal for two-bedroom apartments or small houses.

Large storage units often come in 10x20 and 10x30 sizes. These are ideal for larger houses and if you have a lot of furniture to store. These are the equivalent of one and two-car garages.

You Can Avoid the Hassle With Your Property

What happens if you're traveling overseas and enjoying your vacation, only to get a call from your landlord? They've asked if they can come over to the property as they want to show it to potential buyers.

You certainly don't want these potential buyers to see your personal belongings or possibly damage anything. In such a scenario, you'll wish you had kept your possessions in a storage unit. If you're permitted to sublet, you might wish to sublet your property to cover the costs while you're traveling. Putting your possessions in a storage unit means you don't have to stress about a new tenant potentially damaging or stealing anything.

Finally, it has to be said that if you live in a high-crime area you'll be stressed about potential burglaries while you're traveling overseas. Putting your belongings in a storage unit ensures that everything is safe while you're gone.

Traveling Overseas? We Can Help You

Now you know the benefits of storage units when traveling overseas and how they operate. You can choose among a variety of sizes and can opt for climate-controlled storage units or non-climate controlled storage units depending on your needs.

It'll give you peace of mind knowing that your possessions are safe while you're traveling overseas or even planning for moving overseas.

If you're looking for storage units in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, and are trying to find the best storage unit facility, we're here to help. Check out our services and let's talk!

DO YOU NEED TRAVEL INSURANCE, AND WHEN SHOULD YOU BUY IT?

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If you've been planning a trip abroad, you're likely checking and double-checking your bags to ensure you haven't forgotten anything.

But you have likely forgotten one thing: buying travel insurance. You might question, *do I need to buy it at all?*

This short travel insurance guide will help you understand what travel insurance is and to decide whether you should take this for your next trip.

Here's what you need to know about travel insurance for Canadians:

What Is Travel Insurance?

Our travel insurance for Canadians includes two types of coverage:

- Coverage of healthcare costs while abroad
- Coverage of unexpected costs or financial hardship due to cancelling a trip or any interruption in travel

It's not required for Canadians to have travel insurance when abroad but it's often highly recommended. You should consider buying your travel insurance coverage *before* you leave for your trip.

Many Canadians ignore buying travel insurance as one always wants to save money before an international trip.

While one should hope for the best, we think it's also ideal to prepare for the worst. If something goes wrong, you'll have peace of mind knowing your travel insurance has you covered.

Now let's look at a few situations in which you might need travel insurance and your life would be harder without it.

Do I Need to Buy It?

In many cases, your Canadian health insurance will only cover part or none of your medical expenses while abroad.

As a result, you can't always depend on the health insurance plan you already have to assist you. You might also expect that decent healthcare in other countries is often expensive.

For example, in many parts of Europe, you won't have to pay for public healthcare services. But there can often be long waiting lines and you won't get the best quality healthcare.

The private healthcare service is more efficient and will offer you better care. You want to ensure that you can pay for it and that's where your travel insurance comes in.

Another scenario is if your travel gets cancelled or interrupted due to unforeseen circumstances. Perhaps you had planned a trip in 2020 and it got cancelled due to the pandemic.

Travel insurance can ensure you receive compensation for trip cancellation. These are just some of the advantages of opting for travel insurance for Canadians. The insurance coverage can cover personal liability, replacement costs for damaged and lost baggage, and emergency travel expenses for returning to Canada.

Get Your Travel Insurance

Now let's return to our question: *Travel insurance? Do I need to buy it?* you now have your answer on why you should consider buying travel insurance.

The additional cost to your travel plans will give you peace of mind in case something goes wrong. The main purpose of travel insurance is to cover medical expenses abroad. But it can also compensate for trip cancellations, interruptions, personal liability, and issues with your baggage.

[REDACTED] is the best option for travel insurance for Canadians. You can learn about our services and how we can help you before your next trip!

HOW TO CHOOSE LUGGAGE STORAGE SERVICES

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While travel is fun, it can also be stressful, and managing your luggage is one of the most strenuous aspects of your journey.

Worst of all, luggage gets lost on a journey as well as during transit. Luckily, there is a solution to this. You can choose luggage storage services to protect your luggage when you can't take it with you.

These are high-security locations that'll keep your luggage protected until you're ready to collect it.

Here's how to find the best options for storage services:

Start Reading Online Reviews

The easiest way to find great options for storage services you'll find them by reading online reviews.

Make sure that you choose a luggage storage service that has at least 100 positive reviews. Make sure that the majority, if not all of these positive reviews are not older than six months.

You'll come across services such as mindmybag which help with storing luggage while traveling. Create your shortlist of luggage storage companies and then do further research to decide which is best.

Choose Luggage Storage Services With Great Features

The next step is to look at the features available from luggage storage services.

One of the first features you'll consider is luggage storage costs. While you don't want to overpay for services, you should never cheapen out on them either.

You might have to pay a few hundred dollars which can put a strain if you're a budget traveler. But the peace of mind you'll get knowing that your luggage is safe is priceless.

Next, you want to look at luggage storage safety. While all luggage storage services are supposed to be safe, in practice this isn't always the case. Make sure you research the neighborhood where the luggage storage service is located.

In most major cities, you want to choose a place that's in the city center. You must always choose a location that's located in a high-income area as well.

Best Practices

Let's end the guide by looking at a few best practices you should follow when you choose luggage storage services.

Make sure you choose a place that has an active staff. Many storage facilities are fully self-service but this causes issues when you run into issues. You should also call the company beforehand to inquire about how their process works.

Even if you find the best luggage storage service available, you must always prepare for the worst. Invest in luggage insurance and if possible, never keep your most valuable items in your stored luggage.

Enjoy Your Trip

Now you know how to choose luggage storage services you can enjoy your upcoming trip without any hassle.

Make sure you start by reading online reviews to find the best options for storage services. Create a shortlist of options and then inquire further.

Make sure you choose a service that isn't too expensive but not so cheap either. You want to research the neighborhood before you choose the service. Always opt for one that has on-site staff working to watch your luggage.

You can find more great travel tips on our website.

HOW TO PLAN A CROSS COUNTRY ROAD TRIP

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If you've been planning a cross country trip then you want to ensure that you plan in advance. You want to make the most of your trip but it can be rather stressful so you want to make sure you know what you're doing. So how do you plan a road trip?

This quick guide is the only cross country roadtrip planner you'll need to know about.

Here's how you get started with going cross country:

Choose Your RV

The first step is to rent a RV that'll work well for all the destinations you'll need to go through. You have to choose an RV that'll work with the type of terrain you'll drive on. For example, one RV might ride well on the beaches of Florida. But the same RV might falter on the dirt roads of Texas.

Make sure you test out your RV until you find one to your liking. After that, you're ready to plan your road trip.

You must also have a backup for your RV. Have at least two extra tires and a pump to fix any flat ones. Always have at least two extra tanks of gas with you.

You must also have all your mobile devices charged. Test out the Wi-Fi connectivity in your RV before you leave. Have a list of all emergency numbers in case you run into any issues.

Choose Your Stops

The next step is to determine where you'll stop on the way. For example, let's say you're driving from Miami, Florida to Savannah, Georgia. You might want to stop somewhere for a meal or even to sleep overnight.

You'll have to find a place where you can park your RV whether it's a hotel or campsite. You need to also research the safe locations on the way.

Plan at least two potential stops in each state you visit. This ensures that you always have a backup option and gets rid of any hassle.

Make sure you research the best stops through online RV communities.

Choose Your Fun

The last and most important step is to decide what fun experiences you want to have during your road trip.

You'll want to research the restaurants, pubs, nightclubs, museums, excursions, nature sights, campsites, etc. that you can find during your road trip.

Make sure you write a list of which ones are your priority. You have to expect that you might not get to see everything. Make sure you see and enjoy as much as you can.

That's Your Cross Country Roadtrip Planner

With this cross country roadtrip planner, you'll be able to embark on a great road trip across the USA!

First, you must find the ideal RV that'll work for the specific places and terrain you'll come across. Test drive it and have backup to avoid a stressful trip.

Make sure you also choose the right stops in each state you visit. Afterward, make a list of all the fun activities you wish to enjoy in each state. Once you've planned those three things you're ready for your road trip.

You can find more great travel content on our website.

INCREDIBLE BENEFITS OF A PUNTA CANA VACATION

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Without a doubt, the Dominican Republic is one place you should visit no matter what your travel preferences are.

Among the best places to see in the country is Punta Cana. Traveling to Punta Cana is great if you want a relaxing vacation where you can escape from the chaos of the world.

Despite its popularity, there are still many avid travelers who end up skipping Punta Cana travel altogether.

Here's why you should consider a Punta Cana vacation:

1. It's Not Expensive

Many travelers ignore all-inclusive resorts because they worry about the high price tag. But you'll soon find that Punta Cana travel doesn't have to break into your budget.

You can find many great deals that'll give you a discount on hotels. You might get a room for around \$200 per night.

While this might sound expensive, it's much cheaper compared to similar resorts elsewhere in the Caribbean. The latter can cost around \$300 to \$400 per night!

You can also travel during times that aren't busy. This can include the summer months when many travelers find the weather to be too hot. During these months, the prices will be a lot lower than usual.

Whether you book online or through a travel agent, you'll find that you're able to secure discounts. If you buy a package tour you might get further discounts at restaurants, bars, etc.

2. There's Lots to Do

Most all-inclusive resorts don't offer much other than a beach, swimming pool, and an open bar. When traveling to Punta Cana, you'll get all three *plus* many other fun activities. For example, you can check this out to learn about Buggy Tours in Punta Cana.

You can also meet many other interesting travelers and locals alike at Punta Cana. You'll meet tourists, retirees, digital nomads, entrepreneurs, artists, etc. all congregating in Punta Cana! It's also great for indoor and outdoor sports. You can expect movie nights, kayaking, billiard tournaments, etc.

3. It's Safe

One of the biggest concerns for travelers heading to the Caribbean is safety. This is a serious concern as much of the Caribbean, sadly, has high crime rates.

Luckily, Punta Cana is likely one of the safest destinations in the Caribbean. The all-inclusive resorts take your safety very seriously. They'll ensure that security patrols the resort and the nearby locations.

This ensures that you can enjoy your trip without having to look over your shoulder. Whether going for an early morning walk or going on an evening bar crawl you'll have top-level security protecting you.

Book Your Punta Cana Vacation

Now you can book your Punta Cana vacation and enjoy a fun time in the Caribbean. It's not expensive compared to most other all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean. You can also buy package deals to get further discounts.

There's lots to do in Punta Cana in terms of activities. Whether you want to relax or have an adventure you'll enjoy it. You'll also find that it's one of the safer locations in the Caribbean.

You'll find more great vacation tips and tricks on our blog.

A BUSINESS OWNER'S GUIDE TO CORPORATE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

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Do you travel often for your business or are planning business travel in the near future?

If so, you might want to consider investing in corporate travel software. Corporate travel can be lots of fun, but it can also be a logistical nightmare and one that requires a lot of planning. So how do you do it? What's the best way to plan your business travel and ensure a successful corporate travel journey?

Here's what you need to know about travel management:

The Fundamentals of Travel Management

For business travel to succeed, you want to ensure that the trip to your destination goes well. The second half is to ensure that any business meetings or work is also productive.

Make sure you plan your transportation method first. You want to ensure that you prioritize speed and comfort with your method. You can use corporate travel management software to help you keep track of different transportation methods.

The next step is to find the appropriate accommodation for the trip. With your software, you can schedule the days when you and your team members will stay in the accommodation. For long business trips, it's always preferable to stay in a hotel catered to business travelers.

Airbnbs and other similar arrangements only work for solo travelers for shorter business trips. Make sure you choose arrangements that are suited for business travelers as opposed to tourists. Once you've planned your trip and confirmed it with your staff you can then use travel management software to manage the trip.

Best Practices For Corporate Travel

Now let's look at a few best practices for working with travel management software. You want to use the software to keep track of your travel budget. Make sure that you input your budget within the software before you take your trip. Each time you make a purchase you can record this expense within the software.

The budget gets updated in real-time so you'll see if you're staying within your limits. This is the best way to ensure you don't have to worry about a financial burden once you return.

This corporate software also helps you plan your trip as you wish. You can schedule your meetings, plan social events, and also organize excursions with your team.

Through the corporate software you can also interact with your fellow business travelers. You can send emails and direct messages to help you coordinate your trip with them.

Bon Voyage

Now you know how to succeed with corporate travel and how to use travel management software to help you with your trip.

You want to first focus on choosing your mode of transport to reach your destination. You want to choose the method that's most comfortable and fastest for your staff.

Make sure you also follow our best practices on how to use travel management software. You can set a budget and keep track of it in real-time. You can also plan your business travels and communicate with your team through this corporate software.

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VACATION CLUBS THAT OFFER BEST VALUE FOR MONEY

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Are you looking to take a vacation soon and can't seem to find an exciting holiday option?

You want to consider looking into the best vacation clubs for when you book your next trip. These vacation clubs offer you luxury accommodation and other amenities that make your holiday more enjoyable.

But how do you choose the best vacation club for your next vacation? In fact, what are the best vacation clubs that have a great value for money?

Here are our picks for the best vacation clubs to join:

1. Hilton Grand Vacation

Staying in Hilton Grand Vacation Club resorts are a great holiday in themselves! These offer luxury accommodation for different types of travelers. Whether you're a solo traveler, traveling with friends or family, or on a business trip this is a great option.

You'll also get many luxury amenities including:

- Gourmet restaurants
- Bars and nightclubs
- Swimming pools
- Gyms and spas
- Beach access or proximity to city center

Wherever you vacation within the United States, you'll enjoy staying at a Hilton Grand. This experience will make even the most boring or chaotic trip a lot more enjoyable.

This is one of the most expensive vacation club options available. As a result, it turns off many potential buyers. However, the range of amenities and incredible hospitality are certainly worth the money!

2. Marriott Vacation Club

This is a great vacation club that's more affordable to the average traveler. With Marriott Vacation Club, you can choose a smaller package that gives you access to standard rooms with basic amenities.

You can also choose luxury suites that offer premium amenities and priority room service.

With the Marriott Vacation club, you can find accommodation in apartments and condominiums owned by the Marriott Group. You can also choose to stay in luxury hotels near city centers.

This is a great option for travelers within the United States and abroad.

3. Hyatt Residence Vacation Club

If you want to focus on a luxury family vacation then Hyatt Residence is a great option.

This vacation club focuses mainly on accommodation suited for larger families away from city centers. If you're looking for all-inclusive vacation clubs then you'll find them with Hyatt.

You can get premium amenities as well as first-rate hospitality. You'll have access to swimming pools and other on-site recreation.

Many Hyatt residences are near beaches or in rural areas. This is a great option if you wish to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Those Are the Best Vacation Clubs

Now you know the best vacation clubs and can choose which one works best for your holiday goals!

If you want to enjoy as much luxury as possible then you can't go wrong with the Hilton Grand Vacation Club. You'll have locations in both rural areas as well as near city centers.

Marriott Vacation Clubs are great to enjoy luxuries at a lower cost and without too many amenities. Hyatt residencies are great for enjoying luxury vacations with your family.

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THE BEST COSTA RICA VILLAS TO RENT FOR YOUR VACATION

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If you're looking for a luxurious, adventurous, and relaxing vacation you can find all 3 things in Costa Rica!

Costa Rica has incredible nature, food, and a rich culture. It's a great destination for travelers and expats. If you want to make the most of your Costa Rican vacation you should consider renting a villa.

But with so many Costa Rica villas available, you're likely stumped as to which ones you should pick?

This quick guide will show you how to go about finding the best villas in Costa Rica.

Here's what you need to know about Costa Rican villas:

Vista [REDACTED]

If you go to [REDACTED] you'll find some of the most luxurious Costa Rican villas. You'll have incredible views in the jungle or by a beach.

You won't be completely cut off from civilization however! You'll find nearby shops, restaurants, and bars so you won't have to travel distances for recreation.

The estates will also have fast Wi-Fi so it's perfect for digital nomads or for keeping in touch with friends and family back home.

These are great villas for solo travelers, couples, and families. You'll also find this is one of the most affordable options for most travelers.

[REDACTED]

If you want to focus on beachfront villas that have private swimming pools then you'll get it with [REDACTED].

You'll have access to a sheltered beach that won't have large crowds. You'll only share the beach with other residents in your community. You'll enjoy modern architecture so you won't have to worry about appliances or infrastructure.

You'll also have concierge services and other on-site services in the villa. You'll feel like you're staying in a hotel but you'll have much more space to yourself.

[REDACTED]

If you prefer to look at nature such as forests and mountains then you'll love staying at [REDACTED]. This allows you to experience the grittier side of Costa Rica while also enjoying a quiet time in a luxurious villa.

You'll also have access to a private swimming pool and you'll have greater privacy in comparison to other options. You'll have access to a daily housekeeping service including catering and laundry service.

On weekends and holidays you'll have the villa to yourself and can enjoy a relaxing vacation. You'll have access to fast Wi-Fi which makes this ideal for business travelers.

This is the best solution if you're traveling with a large group as well. It's often the preferred option for retirees.

Find Your Costa Rica Villas

Now you know the best options for Costa Rica villas and what you can enjoy with them. If you want the best villas in Costa Rica then you can't go wrong with [REDACTED] . These offer you accommodation near cities but also having proximity to the beach or nature.

If you want to focus on beachfront property then you'll love [REDACTED] . For nature and enjoying a quieter vacation then you want to stay at [REDACTED].

You can find more tips on traveling abroad on our blog.

ESSENTIALS TO PACK FOR YOUR NEXT BACKPACKING CAMPING TRIP

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Are you looking to escape the madness of your city and are hoping to go camping?

Before you pack your bags — you've got to know *what* to pack into your bags! A backpacking camping trip can be one of the most fun vacations you'll take. But if you don't pack right, it'll surely turn into a nightmare!

This quick guide will tell you about the essentials you'll need to take with you if you're going camping.

Here's what we recommend you buy:

1. Two-Way Radios

Whether traveling alone or with a group of friends, you want as many communication tools as possible. While you might get tempted to escape from technology, you'll depend on it to keep safe.

In addition to your smartphones, you want to invest in great two-way radios. You can visit this link to see great examples of these radios.

These let you communicate with others when you lose connection to the internet or satellite. It's perfect for keeping in touch with others during an emergency.

2. Sleeping Bag

The most comfortable way to sleep when going camping is using a sleeping bag. Even if you're traveling with an RV or have a lodge, you want a sleeping bag as a backup plan.

This protects you from cold weather as well as from any bugs, snakes, or other wildlife. Sleeping bags are also easy to carry in most backpacks.

3. Backpacking Tent

Once again, even if you have luxury accommodation, you'll want to spend at least one night camping in the forest. This gives you the most authentic experience when you're going camping.

A backpacking tent ensures that you're protected while you sleep. It'll keep you warm during cold nights and is also perfect for protecting against wildlife.

4. Food and Beverages

Make sure you have an abundance of food and beverages when you go camping. You have to expect that there won't be any nearby stores or restaurants to replenish.

Bring plenty of dried foods that you can cook on a pan over an open fire. Make sure you bring large gallon bottles of water. You should have lots of instant coffee packets to maintain your energy throughout the day.

5. Emergency Money

You should take a substantial amount of money with you in case you need to pay for products or services for your survival.

Consider having at least \$1K to \$2K in cash with you. You might also consider bringing along a few ounces of gold and silver in case you need to barter with someone. A cryptocurrency paper wallet is also a great option as emergency money.

Enjoy Your Camping Trip

Now you can enjoy your upcoming camping trip without having to worry about things going wrong!

Make sure you bring along two-way radios so you can communicate with others in case your smartphone doesn't work. You want to also carry sleeping bags and a backpacking tent for sleeping in the woods.

You must also have an abundance of food and beverages. Bring some emergency money in case you need to rely on someone else to assist you in case things go wrong.

Since you love traveling so much, make sure you check out the 'travel' section on our blog!

TIPS ON HOW TO PLAN VACATIONS

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Are you tired of kicking about and feeling you need a change of scene?

Before you pack your bags, you want to ensure that you plan a trip well in advance. Travel can be rewarding but it can also be one of the most stressful events if you don't take vacation planning seriously.

This quick guide will show you how to plan vacations so that you can make the most of your adventures.

Here's what you need to know about vacation planning:

1. Book Your Accommodation In Advance

Many vacation destinations, especially if you're traveling domestically, don't require you to book your accommodation in advance.

However, poor accommodation can ruin an otherwise enjoyable vacation. You want your accommodation to feel like a home away from home. If you're planning a longer trip, make sure that the accommodation has enjoyable amenities.

Make sure you choose accommodation that's near the locations you'd like to travel to. As a general rule, you want to stay in a hotel or lodge near the city center.

2. Plan Fun Activities

For many travelers, the excitement of travel includes history walks and museum tours. But beyond the usual tourist experiences, you want to also have fun with your fellow travelers. You want to look for places where you can enjoy fun activities on your trip. For example, you can visit the Arlington escape rooms if you're traveling to Texas.

This is especially great if you're traveling with children who might otherwise get bored with too much exploration!

3. Look Up Restaurants

Eating food on a vacation can be a great hit or miss. Either you'll enjoy fine dining or wind up with food poisoning!

Make sure you research the best restaurants at your destination. Look up the dishes you're interested in and read online reviews.

This doesn't mean that you can't be spontaneous when you arrive at the location. However, if you research restaurants in advance you won't have to spend hours finding the right place to eat.

4. Pack Light

No matter where you're traveling to, you want to pack as light as possible. Try your best to only travel with one bag that you'll carry with you.

If you don't have enough clothes or other items with you, then you can buy or rent them at your new destination. Don't waste your time with packing and stressing about losing your possessions. Don't take multiple changes of clothes for short trips. Don't take electronics such as laptops unless you need to work during your trip.

That's How to Plan Vacations

If you follow the steps in this guide you'll have no problem with planning a vacation in the future.

The best ways to plan vacations include finding your accommodation in advance. Make sure you find your home away from home.

You want to also find fun activities to do in addition to the usual tourist fare. Research the best restaurants in advance and ensure that you also pack light for your trip.

You'll find even more trips for planning a vacation and where to travel to on our blog!

HOW TO TRAVEL MORE - 6 EFFECTIVE TIPS

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Are you a wannabe wanderlust?

Do you wish you could travel more often rather than just live vicariously through your favorite travel vloggers?

There are many ways to increase the number of your trips. A vacation doesn't always have to be something that you have to save up for years to experience!

We've put together this detailed guide on how to travel more. You'll see that taking a trip isn't as big of a challenge as you might think.

Let's start with affording a vacation:

1. Budgeting

If you're serious about affording a vacation, you want to put aside money each week to pay for taking a trip.

You want to set an amount that you can easily commit to each week. Even if it's as low as \$5 per week, you can set aside this amount to help pay for a future trip.

Even while you're traveling, you want to try to save some money for your future trip. Never spend your entire budget on your trip unless you have no other option.

If saving up is a huge challenge for you, then consider using a service such as Plenti Travel Loan to borrow money for your trips.

2. Look Out for Days Off

For most of us, we have to look for time off for taking a trip. Make sure you mark your calendar for long weekends and holidays for taking your trip.

For example, if Thanksgiving is a few weeks away you want to book your trip now. If you need to request time off work, consider asking for days off around a long weekend or holiday.

If you've got Thanksgiving and Black Friday off, you might want to see if you can get Thanksgiving Eve or the following Monday off as well. This will give you 5 days to enjoy your vacation.

You should also consider long weekends for taking trips. You can use a 3-day weekend to take a short road trip or even a short flight. For example, if you live in Miami you can use a 3-day weekend to visit Key West. If you live in London, you can spend a 3-day weekend exploring Paris.

3. Focus on Cheap Destinations First

You likely have a huge bucket list of all the places you wish to travel to. Look at this list and you'll probably see a list of cheap destinations and expensive destinations.

If you want to travel more often, focus on getting the cheap destinations out of the way first. For example, if you wish to travel around Europe, visit Serbia, Moldova, and Belarus before visiting Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Monaco!

This will help you knock off many destinations on your bucket list. While you enjoy the cheaper destinations you'll also get to save money to visit the expensive destinations later on.

4. Earn Money Online

You don't have to become a remote worker or digital nomad, but it's always helpful to earn money online if you want to enjoy your trip. This ensures that you'll have no trouble with financing your trip as you're traveling.

You can set up a profile on a freelancing website and take a few short gigs as you travel. You can spend your mornings working online and then enjoy your vacation for the rest of the day.

You can also consider investing in stocks that pay you dividends. This is an easy way to receive income as you're traveling, without having to work. If you can also sell digital assets online this is the easiest way to earn money online.

If you own property, consider renting it out while you're on vacation. You can rent it out using Airbnb or a similar service and use the money to pay for your trip.

If you plan longer trips, then you'll need to earn money online. This helps you enjoy your trip without worrying about cutting into your savings.

5. Don't Splurge on Accommodation

You aren't taking a trip to spend all your time in your hotel! This is what cuts into most travelers' budgets and what holds them back from enjoying everything about the destination.

You should try staying in a budget hotel, hostel, or cheap Airbnb. You can also try couch surfing if you're willing to stay in someone else's home. These are the best ways to cut down on your lodging expenses.

If you're traveling to a popular travel destination, you can also consider working part-time in your place of accommodation. Some hostels will let you stay for free if you work part-time during your trip.

You can also try house sitting or pet sitting. This is when you'll stay at someone's house while they're out of town. With pet sitting, you'll do the same but you'll also have the responsibility of caring for their pets. This is one of the easiest ways to find free accommodation.

6. Use Travel-Friendly Products

Does your credit card offer opportunities to accumulate miles for traveling? Does it give you cashback bonuses for your travel expenses?

If not, you want to choose a credit card that offers such benefits. Make sure you also get a travel-friendly debit card. This card won't charge additional fees when you're overseas. This type of card will also reimburse ATM fees when you're abroad.

You also want to make sure you purchase high-quality travel products such as your luggage. You don't want to have to waste money on having to replace your luggage every few years. The longer your travel products last, the more you can spend on your destination.

That's How to Travel More

Now you know how to travel more and explore as much of the world as possible!

You want to start by saving as much money as possible each week. Make sure you mark your calendar for any potential days when you can travel.

You've also got to find a way to earn income online and cut down on your travel expenses. Start by traveling to cheaper destinations before visiting the more expensive places.

You can find more great traveling tips on our website!

EXPERIENCE MORE MAGICAL VACATIONS AT DISNEY

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Are you looking to enjoy your next vacation at a Disney park or resort?

Are you wondering what are the best magical vacations you can experience at Disney? You want to consider looking at the various Disney Vacation Club (DVC) options.

These listings give you discounts and other offers to make the most out of your Disney vacations.

But which are the best DVC reservations you should consider?

Here's are the best DVC vacations you should check out:

Disney Old Key West Resort

We often think of Orlando as being the place in Florida to enjoy a Disney experience. But you can enjoy one of the most magical vacations down in Key West.

This is one of Florida's most charming small towns. Key West is the southernmost point in the United States. It's a great town to enjoy beaches, delicious food and drinks, and excellent nightlife.

The Disney Old Key West Resort is the best place to stay in Key West. You'll have a fitness center, 4 swimming pools, and a cafe. You'll also enjoy a golf course and unlimited access to Disney films and TV shows.

Make sure you check out the discounts for the Disney Vacation Club listings so you don't break the bank for your magical vacations!

Bay Lake Tower

If you want a more luxurious stay, you want to consider staying at the Bay Lake Tower. This is located in Orlando at the popular Lake Buena Vista district. This is the ideal home resort if you want to take a respite from the world. You'll have access to different swimming pools.

You also can enjoy a drink at the Top of the World Lounge. This is a lounge where you can get a great view of the city. There's also monorail access to EPCOT from the Bay Lake Tower. If you want a luxurious stay at a Disney resort, this is one of the best options available.

Copper Creek Villas and Cabins

Are you looking for a retreat vacation that you can enjoy with your family? Then you'll love the Copper Creek Villas and Cabins at Lake Buena Vista.

It's part of Disney's Wilderness Lodge and it's a great place to relax and enjoy nature. It has 26 waterfront cabins each with a hot tub!

You'll also have access to 2 large swimming pools. It's a great place to relax and go "off-grid" without having to sacrifice too many creature comforts.

BoardWalk Villas

This is another charming resort if you want to enjoy proximity to Disney parks. The BoardWalk Villas is close to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios.

It's a waterfront resort that also offers great options for dining, shopping, and nightlife. You'll also have a few swimming pools that you can enjoy at the villas. There are also cafes and rides for the children to enjoy. It's one of the most family-friendly options if you want an enjoyable Disney vacation.

Hilton Head Island Resort

Hilton Head Island in South Carolina is one of America's best beach resorts. If you're heading to Hilton Head Island, you should consider staying at the Disney resort.

You can stay in a hotel room or rent out a beach house. You'll have proximity to Atlantic Beach. You'll also get some of the best hospitality and food options at this resort. This is the ideal Disney resort if you're a solo traveler or traveling with your partner. It's a great way to get away from the chaos of the city.

If you want comfortable accommodation without too many frills, then you want to stay at the Hilton Head Island Resort!

Vero Beach Resort

Do you want to enjoy a quiet vacation in sunny South Florida? Then you should visit Disney's Vero Beach Resort. It's about a two-hour drive from the Walt Disney World Resort and is a great place to enjoy time with your family.

There are many activities and games that the children can enjoy at the resort. There's also a large swimming pool and a golf course. You can even enjoy miniature golf.

There are other great sporting options including tennis courts, water sports, and a basketball court. You've also got a first-class gym and a collection of Disney DVDs to enjoy.

You can also order groceries to get delivered to your room. There are also laundry and housekeeping services. This resort is perfect if you want to enjoy longer stays at a Disney resort. You want to try to book this resort in advance as it can get filled up quickly. It's one of the most popular beach resorts run by Disney.

Beach Club Resort

Are you looking for a beach resort that offers exciting amenities and proximity to theme parks?

The Disney Beach Club Resort is located in Lake Buena Vista and is part of the EPCOT Resorts. It's close to EPCOT and Hollywood Studios. You're also close to many great restaurants and shops.

There's an exciting beachfront waterpark that you can also enjoy. There's an activity center for the children as well as a spa for the adults. You'll also find a great fitness center and high-speed WiFi.

This is a great place to stay if you want to relax on the beach. It's ideal for families, solo travelers, couples, and groups. If you want to enjoy a luxury stay and have a short taxi ride to a theme park, this is the perfect location.

You'll also find that this is one of the most affordable locations for a Disney resort. If you join a DVC membership, you'll be able to cut your costs even more!

Ready for Your Magical Vacations?

Now you can book your magical vacations at any of these Disney home resorts. If you want a luxury experience you can consider accommodation at the Bay Lake Tower where you can take a respite from the busy city. There are also Disney resorts where you can enjoy the fun that your surroundings offer.

You should also ensure that you use the DVC membership so that you can get discounts for your experiences.

You can find more great tips on finding magical vacations on our website!

INSIDER TIPS FOR BOOKING DISNEY VACATION CLUB RENTALS

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Are you looking to go on a Disney vacation soon?

Before you pack your bags, you should consider getting accommodation at the Disney resorts. This makes it more enjoyable as the resorts often offer fun amenities — so you don't always have to depend on the rides and amusements!

If you want to find great deals at Disney properties you want to look into Disney Vacation Club rentals.

Here's what you need to know:

How Disney Vacation Club Rentals Work

You can visit resales.dvcshop.com to see the various offers available from the Disney Vacation Club.

You'll find discounts on many luxury apartments that you otherwise couldn't afford in your hometown. You'll rent these apartments as timeshares and reserve them for the duration of your trip.

With the Disney Vacation Club rentals you'll also get to shop by your desired features. For example, you can choose proximity to the nearest Disney park. Or, you can consider amenities such as a swimming pool or clubhouse.

The Point System

When you become a Disney Vacation Club you accumulate points for any purchase related to Disney.

You can then use these points towards getting further discounts at Disney accommodation. For example, if you enter a Disney park make sure you show your Disney Vacation Club ID card. This ensures that you receive points for purchasing entrance tickets. When you buy souvenirs from the gift shop, you'll also earn points with every purchase.

As these points add up, the discounts you'll receive are incredible! For example, you might get a night in a Disney resort for \$80/per night when the usual rate is \$400/night!

Booking Your Space

You want to ensure that you book your space in a Disney vacation as soon as possible. The spots get filled up quickly and prices often increase during holiday seasons.

You want to try to book one week of availability even if you plan on staying for a few days. This gives you ample time to make changes if you need.

If you want more availability, consider going during the spring. This is when there are few holidays and most families aren't traveling to Disney. The one exception is the spring break season in Florida which usually lasts an entire week.

You'll also find that the greatest availability is at vacation rentals that are intended for singles and couples. Even if you have a family, you might consider these rentals to save on the overall cost.

If you sign up with Disney Vacation Club, you'll often get email alerts on when accommodation is available!

Take Advantage of the Disney Club Vacation Rentals

Now that you know the benefits of the Disney Club Vacation rentals, you can sign up for the club.

You'll get to choose the type of rental you'll like. You can base your preferences based on features such as amenities and proximity to the parks.

You'll earn points for every Disney purchase you make. These points help you earn discounts for your rentals. Make sure you also book your space well in advance.

You can find more tips on Disney vacations on our blog!

HOW TO SAVE MONEY AT DISNEY WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS

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If you're looking to have a great vacation this year, you've got to head to Disney World! But before you pack your bags, you want to ensure you have the means to save money at Disney World.

As more tourists are flocking to Disney World now that it's opening up, you want to ensure you can enjoy as much as possible without breaking the bank!

So what do you do? How can you enjoy a trip to Disney World without having to shell out too much?

Here's how to save money at Disney World:

Join the Disney Vacation Club

If you become a member of the Disney Vacation Club (DVC) you can get discount coupons or buy package deals for traveling to Disney World.

If this interests you, then you should look into the pros and cons of buying DVC resale vs. direct. Even if you don't visit Disney World often, DVC is a great option to save money at Disney World.

It's also great for getting discounts once you reach Disney World. You can get discounts on rides, food, and items from the gift shop. You can also get Disney World resort savings through DVC — so you won't have to worry about booking an expensive hotel.

When to Travel

While one can expect an influx of tourists for much of the year, there are likely to be "low periods" where you might save on costs.

If possible, you want to visit Disney World during the week when costs are usually much cheaper. If you visit over the weekend, you want to avoid holidays or long weekends.

If you don't need perfect weather, you want to consider going to Disney World when the weather is 100% to your liking! If you can handle visiting during the winter, you'll likely have lower costs when compared to visiting during the summer.

You can also consider visiting Disney World when school is in session. Visiting during children's holidays ensures that prices will skyrocket.

If you travel with your family, you might be able to take your kids out of school for a few days to take them to Disney World!

Cut Down On Costs

There are many ways to cut down on costs when you want to save money at Disney World.

You should avoid buying any souvenirs from gift shops and don't take any rides that charge additional fees. You can also bring your own snacks and drinks rather than buying these items at the park.

You should also rely on public transport to get to each park and resort. This cuts down on paying for gas and expensive parking fees.

That's How to Save Money At Disney World

Now you know how to save money at Disney World and enjoy the parks and resorts without breaking the bank.

The first step is to sign up for the DVC club. This gives you options to get discounts and package deals for Disney World parks and resorts.

You should also travel at specific times when the costs are much lower. You should also find ways to cut down your expenses when exploring Disney World.

You can read more about what to do at Disney World on our blog!

HOW TO PLAN THE PERFECT TRIP TO MIAMI

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Are you planning a trip to Miami this winter?

While most of the country will be dealing with cold winds, heavy snow, and gloomy thunderstorms — it'll still be fun in the sun down in Miami!

That should be enough to convince you to book your tickets for your Miami vacation.

But before you start packing your bags, you want to plan ahead. You want to make sure that you can prepare for as much fun as possible!

Here's what you need to know about the perfect trip to Miami:

Check the Weather Forecast

While the weather in Miami is almost always perfect, there are times when it can be unpredictable!

There are days when you can expect heavy rain and even mild flooding by the beach. While you're probably eager to soak up the rays, sometimes the intense heat can be too much for some people.

You want to check that there won't be too much rain. You might want to avoid traveling during the summer months if you can't handle too much heat.

The winter is warm compared to most of the United States. But even in Miami, there can be occasional cold fronts.

Check the weather forecast and then book your tickets!

Get the Best Accommodation

Sure, Miami has its share of cheap Airbnbs and budget hotels and a few seedy motels if that's your thing!

But if you want the full Miami experience you've got to stay in a luxury hotel near the action. In other words, you've got to book Miami Beach hotels with amenities and proximity to the beach.

As Miami is one of the best cities in the country to visit, you can expect these hotels to get filled up quickly. Make sure you book your accommodation as soon as you've booked your flight.

Make sure you also include your hotel as part of your itinerary. While you want to see as much of Miami as possible, your hotel can also include fun activities.

You might find that the best pool parties, nightlife, or restaurants are at your accommodation. Factor these into your schedule before you reach Miami.

Visit South Beach at Least Twice

Well, you should visit South Beach as many times as you'd like during your trip to Miami.

But you want to make sure that you make at least two trips to South Beach. One trip should be during the day so you can soak up the rays or go for a swim. The second trip should be during the evening so you can watch the sunset and enjoy some tranquility.

This will give you the best experience in South Beach. During the day it's a great place for partying and socializing. In the evening, it's the perfect place for relaxing.

Grab a Bite

Miami is a great place to visit if you're a foodie. The diversity of the city has contributed to its uniqueness. Among Miami's unique features are the incredible food options.

You have to first try Latin cuisine when you arrive in Miami. Cuban food is the staple and you should find a local cafeteria to enjoy a typical Cuban breakfast.

You should have *tostada*. This is toasted bread laden with hot butter! You should pair this with scrambled eggs and bacon. You can also add rice and black beans for the authentic Cuban experience.

There are many other great Latin cuisine options in Miami. You should try Nicaraguan, Peruvian, and Mexican food — all of which are in abundance in the city.

There are also other great cuisine options in Miami. You should try other Caribbean cuisines such as Haitian and Jamaican cuisine. Miami also has a great selection of Asian cuisines including great Chinese and Japanese restaurants.

If you want to try African food, you should visit The Big Easy at Miami's Brickell City Center. Here you'll have great food options from Nigeria, Ethiopia, and South Africa.

There are also great options for North Indian cuisine. Some of the best Indian restaurants in Miami include Saffron and Bombay Darbar. If you love Balkan cuisine, you've got to visit Rakija Lounge in Miami Beach.

Nightlife

You can't come to Miami and not enjoy the nightlife. The best nightclubs are located in the Miami Beach area.

You can go to nightclubs such as Story if you want to dance with your friends. If you're a solo traveler, this is also a great place to meet others. You can also check out Bongos near the American Airlines Arena.

For a mix of clubbing and adult entertainment, you should stop by Club Eleven which has become one of Miami's most popular venues for nightlife. Don't be surprised if you see some of your favorite celebrities there!

Of course, clubbing isn't the only way to enjoy the nightlife in Miami. It's also a great place if you enjoy going to bars and enjoying a conversation with your friends. There are also great places to grab a beer and enjoy live music.

You can check out Boogie's near Sunset Place where you can enjoy cheap beer and live music. It offers an intimate experience and is better for those who enjoy a laid-back experience.

The Wynwood Art District is also a great place for grabbing drinks. Bars such as Gramps and Wood Tavern are perfect for having a few beers and bonding with your friends.

You can also enjoy your night at any of the popular gastropubs throughout the city. If you're into trivia nights, there are plenty of them at almost any gastropub. Make sure you plan ahead for these!

Ready for Your Trip to Miami?

Now that you know all the fun things to do in Miami, you're ready to plan your trip. A trip to Miami will be one of the most fun vacations you'll have this coming winter!

Make sure you first check the weather forecast. You want to make sure you'll be able to handle the climate before you go. You've also got to stay in a hotel in Miami Beach if you want the best experience.

While you're in Miami, make sure you visit South Beach as often as you can. You want to also try the diverse cuisine that Miami offers and enjoy the nightlife that the city is known for!

You can find more travel tips on our website.

AWESOME REASONS TO TAKE A TRIP TO WISCONSIN

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So you're looking to travel around the United States?

You might be thinking of visiting major cities from Los Angeles to Miami. Those places are fine, but if you're looking for a great time you've got to plan a trip to Wisconsin!

It's a place where you'll enjoy great food and drinks, partake in fun activities, and enjoy incredible nature. Not to mention, the friendliest people live in Wisconsin!

Here are the things to do in Wisconsin:

1. Eating and Drinking

Wisconsin is one of the hidden food capitals of America. It's great for eating delicious cheeses and meats.

There's farmland all over the state so you don't want to miss out on a farm-to-table experience. You can also visit any of Wisconsin's several micro-breweries to sample delicious craft beer.

Wisconsin is the home of Miller, Coors, and Pabst so you know you'll find great beer at a low cost throughout the state.

2. Accommodations

One of the best things about visiting Wisconsin is that you can have fun without always having to leave home!

The state has excellent accommodations regardless of where you stay. For example, if you want to enjoy nature you can get a cabin in the mountains. These cabins, however, offer more comfort than the best five-star hotels.

If you visit during winter you should look for cabins with hot tubs for the ultimate luxury experience!

You'll love your stay in Wisconsin so much, that you may even consider settling there permanently!

3. Enjoy Nature

The nature in Wisconsin is some of the best you'll find anywhere in the country.

If you love taking photos, make sure you stop by Devil's Lake. This is a great spot if you're looking to take the perfect Instagram post. You can also go hiking along the trails near Devil's Lake. You can also go sailing, canoeing, or kayaking on the lake.

You should also take a sunset cave cruise at the Apostle Islands. You can take a guided tour during the summer or winter. During the winter months, you can see the icy caves! You can enter the caves and go hiking or snowshoeing!

4. Festivals

Whenever you visit Wisconsin, there's bound to be an exciting festival that you can enjoy. For example, Halloween in Madison, Wisconsin is arguably one of America's biggest outdoor Halloween celebrations. There are also many great music festivals throughout the year.

If you visit during football season, you can't miss out on watching a Green Bay Packers game!

Plan Your Trip to Wisconsin Today

Now you're ready to plan your trip to Wisconsin! Make sure you plan your dates so you can attend festivals and enjoy the nature you want to see!

It's a great place to enjoy delicious food and beer. It's got a great selection of meats and the cheese is world-famous! You can go hiking or sailing to explore Wisconsin's beautiful nature.

You can also relax in a luxury cabin somewhere in the mountains. When you're fully relaxed, go out and enjoy one of the state's famous festivals.

You can find more great traveling tips on our website.

COMPELLING REASONS TO VISIT TANZANIA

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Next time you consider vacation planning why not consider a place that you can relax *and* explore at the same time?

You should consider a trip to Africa and more specifically, you should plan a trip to Tanzania. Located in East Africa, Tanzania is one of the continent's fastest developing countries and one of the best to experience an African vacation.

But what are the best reasons to visit Tanzania? What can you see and do in this fascinating country?

Here's why you should plan a trip to Tanzania:

1. Ascend Mount Kilimanjaro

It's no surprise that one of the biggest attractions in Tanzania is Mount Kilimanjaro. This is a dormant volcano and is also the highest free-standing volcano on Earth. It's 19,341 feet above sea level!

It's one thing to see it in photos and another to be in awe of its beauty when you see it up close. Ascending the mountain with a guided tour will truly be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life.

2. Animal Migration

One of the greatest events that you'll witness if you visit Tanzania is the animal migration — including the Great Wildebeest Migration.

The best time to visit Tanzania is between April and May. This is where you'll see over 1 million wildebeests, antelopes, and zebras traverse from Tanzania to Kenya's Maasai Mara region.

You'll also see predators chasing after their prey. You'll see lions and leopards chasing after other animals as they traverse the lands.

This is one of the most fascinating things that you'll witness so you'll want to take a few cameras along! You can arrange for a safari tour to take you along to witness the migration.

3. Serengeti National Park

If you're a nature lover, then you've got to visit the Serengeti National Park on your trip to Tanzania.

You'll arrange a safari tour and in some cases, you can even camp at the Serengeti. You'll see the largest and most diverse variety of animals at the Serengeti.

You'll spot thousands of lions, elephants, zebras, leopards, cheetahs, hippos, and rhinos throughout this vast land. Serengeti translates to the "land that lasts forever" and you'll feel a great sense of serenity when you explore it.

4. Meet the Maasai

The Maasai are one of the oldest tribes living throughout East Africa. They have an ancient culture and have maintained their traditions.

The Maasai are open to meeting outsiders so you can arrange a tour to meet them. You'll have an interpreter who'll help you communicate with them.

You'll learn about their culture, traditions, and perspectives on life. You'll also get to experience becoming a Maasai for the day! Be prepared to dress up in their clothes, learn a bit of their language, and attempt to jump as high as you can!

5. Relax and Party on the Beach

The beaches of Miami and the Caribbean can't compare to the majesty of Tanzania's beaches! Tanzania consists of mainland Tanganyika and the island of Zanzibar. When you visit Tanzania, you'll likely spend much of your time on the mainland.

However, you should spend a day or two in Zanzibar to relax on the beach. You'll love the crisp white sand and the turquoise blue of the Indian Ocean. The waters are calmer compared to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and are also much warmer.

The beaches are great for getting away from the chaos that you'll find in Tanzania's larger cities. It's also a great way to bond with your fellow travelers. The beaches are also great for making friends with other travelers and locals alike.

At night, many beaches go from a relaxed vibe to a party vibe! You'll enjoy listening to live music and dancing.

6. Visit Stone Town

Stone Town is one of Africa's oldest cities and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's located in Zanzibar and is often mistaken for the capital due to its classic architecture and fast-paced vibe.

You'll see the House of Wonders, Old Fort, the Palace Museum, and a few churches. It has a rustic charm that'll make you feel like you've stepped back in time.

At the same time, it's often frequented by locals and tourists that it still has the same energy today as it had a century ago. It gives you a glimpse of what living in Africa used to be like.

7. Visit Dar es-Salaam

Of course, you can't plan a trip to Tanzania without visiting its most exciting city Dar es-Salaam. It's so popular amongst travelers that many mistake it for the country's capital.

Dar es-Salaam is one of Africa's most vibrant cities and it's likely to become one of the future megacities that'll rival New York, London, or Shanghai.

Here, you'll see where Tanzania and Africa, as a whole, are heading. You'll see that the future is bright and that Tanzania is a future land of opportunity.

Dar es-Salaam is great for restaurants, bars, and nightlife. It's also great for shopping, creating media, and living a great life. Many Tanzanians emigrate to Dar es-Salaam in hopes of a better life.

Many immigrants and expats alike find Dar es-Salaam to be a city that offers a great quality of life and lots of opportunities. Most travelers visit Africa to see the incredible nature and Old World charm.

While you should definitely experience these things, it's also fascinating to get a glimpse of modern Africa.

The continent is going to play a bigger role in the future of the global economy. Tanzania will be at the helm of this development and now's the best time to visit Dar es-Salaam!

Ready to Visit Tanzania?

Now you're ready to visit Tanzania and enjoy one of the best vacations you'll ever have! You want to experience Tanzania's incredible nature by ascending Mount Kilimanjaro. You should also witness the animal migration and see the game at Serengeti National Park.

When you need some rest and relaxation, you can't do better than on the beaches of Zanzibar. While you're there make sure you also visit Stone Town. You also want to explore Dar es-Salaam to see what an African city has to offer!

You can find more tips to plan your trip to Tanzania on our blog!

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO GO ON A CRUISE ON AVERAGE?

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Have you ever considered taking a cruise?

It's one of the most fun ways of traveling and taking a much-needed vacation.

It's possibly the only form of travel where the journey is as enjoyable as the destination. Even the return trip is enjoyable and packed with fun!

But what holds people back from going on a cruise is the worry that it'll break your bank. But we want you to dispel this fear and go on the cruise of your dreams!

So how much does it cost to go on a cruise? Here's what you need to know:

Cruise Line

There are many great cruise lines and you can choose the one that works best for your budget.

For example, Royal Caribbean and Norwegian focus on high-end cruises. If you want a luxury experience, you can find it on these cruise lines. If you want something more affordable, you can choose Carnival Cruises.

Even when you choose your cruise line, you can choose smaller cabins and forgo amenities to save money.

It's also best to pack light so you don't have to pay extra for baggage fees. As a side note, make sure you also check out these cruise packing tips.

Where Are You Going?

The next step is to look at where you're going on your cruise. For American travelers, the most popular locations are often in the Caribbean.

These cruises will usually be among the most affordable options. The only time they'll be expensive is if you travel during the holiday season. Otherwise, you won't break the bank traveling to Cancun, Jamaica, or The Bahamas.

The expensive cruises are the ones that travel to far-flung destinations. These can include Trans-Atlantic cruises, cruises to Alaska, and cruises to Hawaii — among others.

Onboard Costs

You also have to consider the onboard costs on a cruise. For example, alcohol on cruises is known to be expensive.

You might expect to spend at least \$10 on a cocktail. Often, meals get included with your cruise tickets. You'll also have options to pay more for finer meals and beverages.

However, if you wish to cut down on your budget you can stick to eating in the cafeteria. There'll also be temptations on the cruise that can break your bank. These will include casinos, comedy shows, or movies.

You can take advantage of the free entertainment on board. This can include dancing, sports and games, and relaxing at the library.

You also want to consider how much you want to spend when you reach your destination. You don't want to break the bank on board and then forgo the fun onshore.

That's How Much Does It Cost to Go On a Cruise

Now that you know how much does it cost to go on a cruise, you can choose the best option for your budget.

Start by choosing the ideal destination for you and your companions. Then you want to choose which cruise line works for everyone's budget.

Set aside a budget for onboard amenities and entertainment. Create a separate budget for enjoying the amenities at your destination.

We hope you enjoy your cruise! You can also find more travel tips on our website.