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WHAT IS A TRAVEL CONSULTANT (PLANNER)?

Travel Tips for You

8 Great Travel Essentials You Can Find at Your Local Drug Store

1. Downy Wrinkle Release

An iron and ironing board are not always close at hand when you need those travel wrinkles gone in a flash!

2. Trail Mix

This healthy blend of nuts, seeds and dried fruit provides not only energy, but can help reduce jet lag eating the dried cherries before sleeping.

3. Colgate Wisp

A disposable toothbrush and pick that cleans the teeth and freshens breath without needing a sink!

4. Dry Shampoo

This is a great way to freshen up our hair when a hot shower is not in the itinerary.

5. Sunblock Stick

Many deem this the most packable and portable sunblock protection on the drugstore shelves.

6. Petroleum Jelly

The ultimate multi-use beauty product for travelers—moisturizer, lip balm, make-up remover, first-aid salve and more!

7. Daily Facial Cloths

Replace your liquid face wash with these disposable cloths and reduce your liquids.

8. Empty Carry-On Travel Bottle Set

Save on costly travel sized products that are easily refillable.

Don't forget the 3-1-1!

Three ounces max. per bottle,
One quart-sized clear bag,
One bag per person in their carry-on luggage.

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Many people have misgivings about using a travel agency and sometimes not without good reason! The problem is two-fold.

To begin with, our society has become increasingly more technically sophisticated and many feel thoroughly competent and secure in using the Internet to plan and book their own travel. Of course, when they do so, it is hoped that they have selected the kind of information that is reliable and backed by reputable suppliers. In addition, if flight or other reservations get interrupted, they can be stranded and left to their own devices. An experienced travel planner knows how to resolve such problems quickly and unemotionally. A significant number of people, having been "burned" once become aligned with a professional travel consultant.



The second difficulty lies in unwittingly selecting an "agent" who is inadequately trained and selling travel more as a hobby than as a profession. They are frequently limited to order-taking, lack depth and the background to provide trip-enhancing suggestions. Quality travel excursions can be expensive, your time and convenience precious and should be protected. Professional travel planners (consultants) have taken formal courses, accumulated extensive experience in planning quality personalized excursions, make assisting clients a career and carry professional insurance in order to protect client investments.

A considerable amount of time, stress, and anxiety can be eliminated by selecting an experienced professional who knows the track record and quality of products presented by tour and cruise suppliers and, just like any professional service, maintains their up-to-date knowledge about destinations, travel options, and vendor reputation. Every professional travel consultant, in fact, becomes the clients advocate when unexpected events occur, knows who to contact and the procedures to resolve problems as quickly as reasonably possible.

