



“Travel Tips for 2010”

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What does it mean to be a travel agent in 2010? Well this is often asked of me, and it is a very interesting question, I even wonder myself, at times, with this economy?

However here is the million-dollar answer, for such a question. The airlines basically control your travel arrangements, as well as your trip convenience, and pleasure. It is not only a ticket purchase, but also a baggage cost, food, a simple pillow and blanket, would be a courteous gesture to you since you paid top dollar for the ticket to fly, on their airline. And lets not forget, the possibility of cost, when it comes to using the lavatory on that flight you are about to take, on that overseas trip?

You may think that your air travel agent is, knowledgeable when it comes to these, very important issues. Take for example, the individual person who went on-line one day and booked his family trip. Filled with emotion, he tells his family, don't worry about a thing; I just booked us on a great flight, leave the worries to me.

Next they are off to the airport, and that is when, the nightmare begins. Let use this family of four, as a perfect example?

They would start with their baggage check in, and then they find out the average price per person, would be \$25.00 per bag. However, that price does not include overweight cost, on that baggage, and wait until that hits your credit card.

Then the screening begins, your shoes, need to be removed, as well as cell phone, belt, all purses and wallets into a container. This takes extra time of course, however this is something we do not mind doing, given the climate, of terrorist action being threatened to our country, so alright we are on the way.

Of course we must hurry to the gate, because they called the flight a few minutes before you put your shoes back on. At the gate, the airline attendant says, the plane will be boarding soon, please have your ticket ready upon boarding

Now you're at the gate waiting, and you need to get that quick cup of coffee, and lets not forget the children, we need to get them a hot dog, or a McDonald's hamburger prior to boarding. Well you better keep your cash

or credit card handy, after boarding you would like a blanket for the trip, attendant replies, no problem Sir, \$7.00 dollars please, and when you ask for that pillow, be ready for another charge. Well, little Joey, would like a bag of potato chips, or Pringle's, that will be another \$6.00, by the time they reach their destination, there is no telling how much these extras will take out of your pocket.

So, the next time you're at your computer, preparing to book your flight by Internett to *Your Destination*. You should inquire, about all the details entailed, in the small fine print, from the original, discounted price, by the time you are finished booking, you would have spent another \$200.00 that really, should have not been added.

That is why your travel agent of the 2010 era is most important for your economical well being, where as your Travel agent is up to date with all the constant changes, from every airline out there. A good travel agent is knowledgeable, in all facets of your trip.

And there are more changes coming, everyday, the airlines are always looking for that extra dollar, when you use their airlines you can fly. When I first started Venus travel

started in 70,s everything that is mentioned in this article, was free due to your purchase with the airline, for your traveling convenience.

Maybe the airlines should think about how they can get their clients back, and offer them better service, for the money they spend on a flight. Lets face it, when things are purchased in large quantities, as the airline purchases, they are more then able to offer those perks to the traveler.

So the next time your sitting at your computer ready to make those traveling arrangements, remember this article, and look for that professional travel agent that will give you the best for your money!

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