

Travel Myths

The Truth about Travel

Myth: My trip will cost more if I use a Travel Agent.

Fact: Your trip will actually cost the same. With the help of a Travel Agent, your trip will also include amenities you wouldn't get if you book travel yourself.

Myth: If I use a Travel Agent, I will have to pay them separately and make my costs go up.

Fact: 90 percent of the times Travel Agents are paid by the supplier – and the costs are included in your price. An agent may ask you to pay a service fee if the itinerary is an independent trip and is created by the agent.

Myth: I can get just as good of a deal myself using the Internet.

Fact: The Internet can increase the scope and reach of a consumer's efforts and allow a person to check hundreds of options or research destinations in depth. But to make the Internet work effectively, a person has to understand where to look and what questions to ask, otherwise hours can be wasted surfing the Web and ultimately produce unsatisfactory results. This is where a travel agent can make a world of difference.

Myth: The Internet has replaced Travel Agents.

Fact: A professional Travel Agent is trained to guide a client through the entire process of planning a trip. Travel Agents take classes, participate in seminars, become destination specialists and join professional associations in order to ensure they make each client's travel experience as personalized, convenient and memorable as possible. Also, during a travel emergency, the Internet can't replace the personal touch or care of a human being who will work to help a client.

Myth: It's too hard to find a Travel Agent.

Fact: At World Less Traveled we are your committed travel partner – before, during, and after your vacation. If you're not satisfied, we'll advocate on your behalf to make sure your vacation is delivered as promised.

Myth: You have to speak the native language when you travel.

Fact: While it is a nice gesture to greet local people in their native language, it is not essential as Tour Guides and/or local experts will normally be able to assist you. All tours are conducted in English. If you are traveling on an independent trip a working knowledge of the language by at least one member of your party should be sufficient.

Myth: There are too many options – I will never pick the right place to start.

Fact: The best family vacation starts with choosing a destination that will be fun for everyone in the group. Involve your family in the planning process. Read about what you will see and do and look at pictures of the places you will be visiting; the more everyone is involved, the more exciting the trip becomes.

Myth: If I go on a group trip I won't have any "Me" time.

Fact: Absolutely you will! Most itineraries are designed with the perfect balance between planned itineraries and time on your own to explore.

Myth: I can only bring one bag right?

Fact: Each air carrier, cruise line and other form of transportation may have its own restrictions and requirements including weight, size and number of bags allowed. We recommend that you contact your travel agent for the requirements for your specific trip. Most airlines will allow one or two suitcases to be checked. Each individual suitcase may not exceed 50 pounds. They will also allow one carry on bag and one personal item such as a purse. Many airlines are now charging for a second checked piece.