



Deb's Travel Tips for the Caribbean

Review your documents thoroughly and call Deb with any questions or apprehensions.

Call your airline 24-48 hours prior to departure to reconfirm your flight times. Have your itinerary in front of you to give the agent your confirmation number. This is also a good time to reconfirm your seats, add your frequent flier number or sign up for the frequent flier program. Airlines advise international fliers to be at the airport 2 and 1/2 hours prior to your departure time.

Lost luggage is rare but can be very inconvenient when it does happen. When packing share suitcases mixing up each other items in each of the bags. Any item you couldn't live without place in your carry on bag. Check with the Transportation Security Administration website for the latest regulations and recommendations for getting through airport security.

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

Report any damage to luggage immediately to the airline. Waiting to report the damage when you get home will probably void claims with the airline.

Passports are required for all travelers. Pack a photocopy of your passport to facilitate an easier replacement if your passport is lost or stolen. If your passport is lost or stolen, file a police report and take that report with you to the airport.

Advise your credit card company about your travel plans so a "fraud alert flag" is not placed on your account because of non-customary charges. Use your credit cards for purchases whenever possible. (Visa and Master Card most widely accepted) (Leave Discover at home)

Even at all-inclusive resorts, a little money goes a long way. To get the best service or drinks mixed the way you like them give the server, bellman, or bartender a small tip. Take along several small bills \$1s and \$5s for any tipping incidentals such as luggage handling.

Beaches can have sharp rock and or coral; take water shoes or sandals that can protect your feet.

Insect repellent and sun protection should also be on your packing list.

At your destination airport "time-share representatives" can be very pushy and deceitful. Make sure the transfer company that takes you from the airport to the resort is the same one named on your documents.

One or two days prior to your return, contact the transfer company named on your documents and reconfirm your pick up time.

Like at home crime can even happen in Paradise so keep your valuables safe or leave them at home, use your resort room safe for cash and passports, have a 2nd credit card and or travelers checks for emergency back up.

Relax, enjoy the good times and remember the minor frustrations are all part of the normal "Paradise Experience".

Have a great trip!

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