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Winter Vacations 2011



It is never too soon to plan your winter vacation! Winter vacations are what get us through the darkest and coldest time of the year. Once the holiday season is over, winter vacations give us something to look forward to until the flowers bloom. Whether your idea of the perfect winter holiday is an escape from winter or a total winter immersion experience, a longer getaway or a shorter break, playing in the snow or building sandcastles on the beach, we have you covered with our extensive array of offerings. Part of the fun is getting to your destination. Air travel has become a real hassle for some people over the past couple of years, with

long check-in lines and closer inspections from Transportation and Security (TSA) officials. But here's some air tips that hopefully will make your flight planning less stressful:

1. It will be cheaper to fly, as usual, on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day than on other holiday days.
2. In the past two years, we noticed that on many routes air fares were quite high for peak holiday travel, but a couple of weeks before the holidays airlines reduced fares on less popular flight times, such as early morning (7 a.m.) departures and red eye flights. As such, people who bought far ahead ended up overpaying. But it's impossible to generalize if and when airlines will decide to adjust holiday fares if seats are going begging on certain routes.
3. We suspect that peak holiday fares will be higher this year than last year, due to airline consolidation and capacity cuts.
4. Although you might pay a bit less by grabbing the last seat on an inconvenient flight time closer to the holidays, if you want to choose your favorite seat or preferred flight times, you're probably better off booking now. Equally true if there are several of you flying together and you don't want to all end up sitting far apart from each other.
5. In general, you can save money on peak holiday travel by taking connecting flights rather than nonstop flights. But since foul winter weather can foul up connections, you're better off paying extra for nonstops.
6. Alaska Air, JetBlue and Southwest will give you a voucher good for future travel, without extracting a rebooking fee, if the fare goes down between the time you buy and the time you fly. Other airlines charge up to \$150 on a domestic fare, \$250 or more on international ones.
7. With peak holiday fares so high, holiday travel is generally a good time to cash in frequent flyer miles, assuming that award seats are available for the route you're flying.

Now onto some favorite winter travel destinations....see Page 2.

I know many of you must have already started to pack your bags and are all set to hit the vacation. Yet, some of our busy bees haven't been able to decide on anything, probably due to lack of time or a confrontation of where to go on this winter vacation? So here's some of the best winter vacation destinations.

Caribbean - Sun & Sand!

Go the cool Caribbean way! Well, cool is the attitude of the Caribbean and warm is the climate! Caribbean is amongst the most popular winter vacation destinations. Believe me, this is a completely different experience! Glamorous beaches, exotic cuisine and friendly atmosphere! This is the trio for which Caribbean most popularly visited by a millions of tourists each year.



Bahamas - Delve into the Blues!

If you have always dreamed to spend a vacation in Bahamas, Caribbean Islands, then this is the right time! Aqua blue, golden beaches and numerous sport activities are not sufficient enough to describe Bahamas, as there is a lot more, which you need to explore yourself! Other great features of this great place are the sumptuous cuisine and world class amenities and speaking of natural beauty... Well describing it in words is beyond my scope!

Hawaii - Its Sunny Out There!

Hawaii is another great place, you can think of visiting this winter. Hawaii is furnished with some of the best beaches in the world and also an ideal place for couples as well as families. You can relax and watch the sunrise and sunset, or you can head off for a ride on your bike to explore the beauty yourself. Waimea canyon is another good place to visit in Hawaii.



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Florida - Not to be Missed!

Florida, also known as the tropical paradise of America, is home to some of the most popular vacations spots in the world. Exotic beaches, top class living facilities and enjoyment. All packed in one package and that is Florida! Some of the best places, worth visiting are Tampa, Pensacola, Palm beach, Everglades and of course... Miami!

So these were some of the best winter vacation destinations. Give Grandview Travel a call today and book your favorite vacation winter getaway! Remember to book EARLY!

