

Travel Club of Sun City Hilton Head presents **TRAVEL 101**

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Welcome

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Travel 101

Agenda:

- Tips for Smart Air Travel
- Trip Insurance
- TSA Pre-Check/Global Entry
- Traveling with Disabilities
- Flight Delays/Cancellations
- Check or Carry-on Luggage
- Packing Tips
- Shipping Luggage



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Before you book your trip, let's verify what you might need:

- Passport must be valid for at least 6 mos beyond the period of stay in a foreign country



- Beginning May 3, 2023, every air traveler 18 years & older will need a REAL ID-compliant driver's license. REAL-ID compliant cards are marked with a star at the top of the card



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Tips for Smart Air Travel:

- Snag a Deal, Cancel Later. Book, but must cancel within 24 hours

When to Book:

- Domestic one to four months out
- International trips – begin watching 8-9 months out & look to book around 6-8 months out
- Fly between Tuesday & Thursday for prime deals



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Tips for Smart Air Travel:

- **Book Directly** with airline. Look at 3rd party sites but don't book with them
- **Best Day to Fly:** Monday morning & Thursday afternoons are not good. Tuesday & Wednesday are good. Saturday & Sunday are busy during the summer months
- If you book airfare with a Tour Company, you cannot use airline upgrade coupons with them
- Notify bank of travel dates & country. Highly advisable to **only** use a debit card at an ATM

Tips to be posted on Club website



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Trip Insurance

- Buy insurance with your tour in case of cancellation
- Buy insurance directly from companies that offer individual trip or annual insurance against cancellation & interruption limits, lost, stolen, or delayed baggage benefits
 - Travelex
 - Allianz
 - Insure My Trip
 - John Hancock
 - HTH Travel Insurance - Seniors
 - International Medical Group
 - Nationwide – Cruises

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Which is better –

Clear, TSA PreCheck or Global Entry?

- **Clear** privately-run program using finger-prints & eyes for ID. Shortcut through airport screening. Select airports.
- **Pre-Check** membership allows travelers to use an expedited airport security line. (*Savannah in the summer on Saturdays has a long wait time*).
- **Global Entry** saves you time at customs & and immigration upon arrival in the U.S. after traveling internationally.



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TSA Pre-Check:

- Government-run membership program
- Expedited airport security line
- Less-intrusive airport security screening
- Go through metal detectors and keep **SOME** shoes on & can leave light jackets on
- Leave laptops, I-Pads, Kindle's, Phones in bag
- Leave 3-1-1 liquids in suitcase or carry-on bag
- Submit online application & schedule an in-person appointment – *closest is Savannah Airport*
- Cost \$85 for 5 years
- www.tsa.gov



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Global Entry

- Membership program of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- Reduced wait times with self-service kiosks
- Includes TSA Pre-Check
- Use Global Entry at more than 75 airports when returning from traveling abroad
- Schedule an interview at an Enrollment Center:
 - Atlanta International Airport
 - Orlando International Airport
 - Tampa International Airport
 - Ft. Lauderdale International Airport
- Once accepted, membership will last for 5 years & includes Pre-Check \$100



Tour Companies for Travelers with Physical Challenges

- **Easy Access Travel** – trips for land & sea
- **Iceland Unlimited** – self-driving, tours w/ private drivers & guides, small-group guided tours
- **Morocco Accessibility Travel** – day trips & 5 to 14-day guided tours
- **Tapooz Travel** – 5 to 21 days to 30 domestic & international destinations
- **Wheel The World** – US and International Trips

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The Summer of Airline Chaos!



Your Flight is
Canceled!

You Checked
Luggage and
It's Lost!

Now What?



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Your Flight is Canceled!

- Airlines notification by email, text, or app notification. Check-in 24 hrs prior to flight
- Airline will likely automatically rebook you on next available flight
- If at airport, head to the airline help desk, but also call them while in line. Don't forget about checked luggage.
- Three Main Options to Rebook:
 - Airport Help Desk
 - Phone (*easier to call International Phone Line*)
 - Text



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Your Bag is Lost or Delayed, Now What!

- Always take a day or two of clothing in your personal item on the plane
- Never leave the baggage claim area without a file reference # from the airline to help track your delayed bag or to check on a claim
- Know airline delayed bag or lost bag rebate is
- Some credit cards provide bag delay insurance, as well as other benefits
- For items left at TSA security checkpoint, call 866-289-9673, or visit tsa.gov.

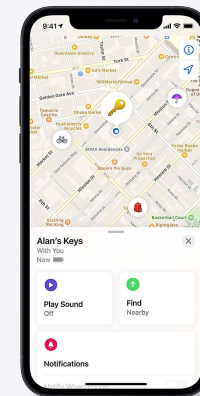
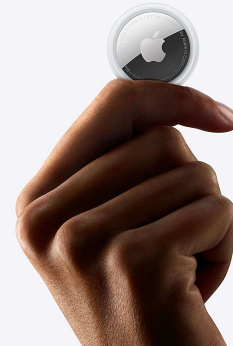


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Tracking your Luggage

In April 2022 alone nearly 220,000 bags* were mishandled, damaged, delayed, stolen, or lost

- Many airline apps will track checked luggage
- Buy a Luggage Air Tag Tracker:
 - Apple Air Tag #1 seller, single or pack of 4
 - Tile Mate Bluetooth tracker
 - Samsung SmartTag Bluetooth tracker (only for Galaxy users)
- Air Tags are good in the event you must check your carry-on bag.



*DOT Air Travel Consumer Report

Carry-On vs Checked Bag?

Carry-On Benefits:

- It's stress free. Bag is with you
- Faster Airport Arrivals. You're golden once you've cleared customs and immigration
- Moving Around:
 - Changing accommodations frequently
 - Your bag is light so you can carry it up stairs easier
 - Save \$\$ on Checked Luggage Fees
 - If your flight is canceled, you have your luggage with you



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Carry-on Luggage: The Dark Side

- Your wardrobe will be extremely limited. No outfit for any occasion
- Winter – forget it. Bulky clothes means limited selection – layer clothing
- Hand Washing Clothes
- General airline carry-on dims are 22 x 14 x 9, but some airlines are smaller & there may be weight limits even with carry-on
- If you are boarding the aircraft in a later zone, chances are the overhead bins may be full



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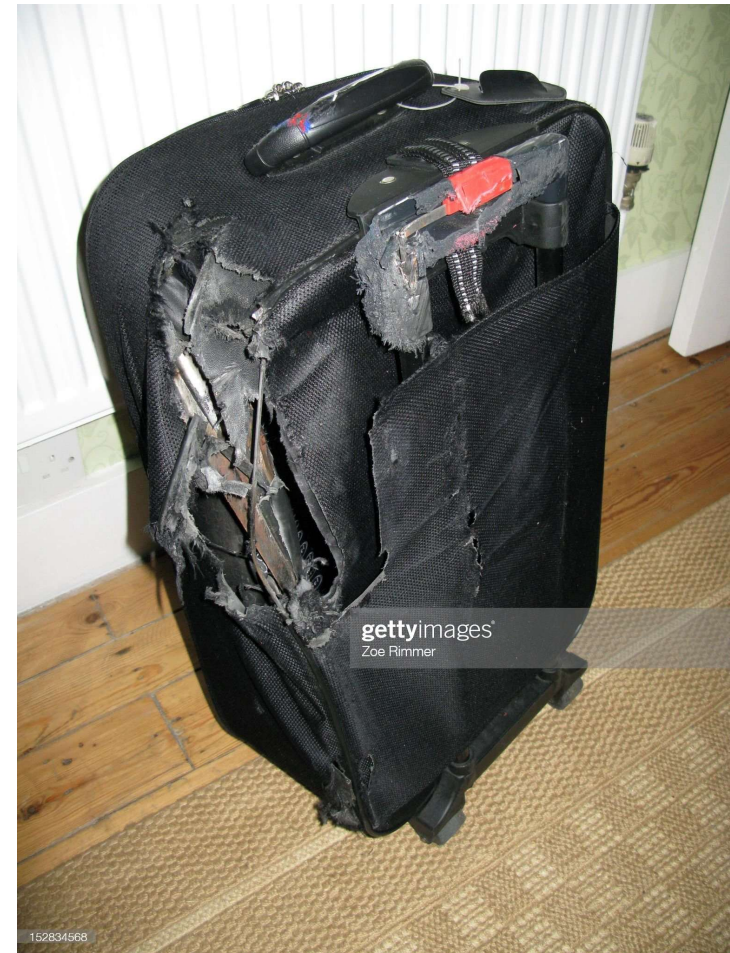
The Case for Checked Luggage

- Bring What You Want
- Packing is easier, except heaving a heavy checked bag up a flight of stairs. Keep in mind your destination – small elevators or no elevator...
- You aren't sacrificing comfort or style
- Traveling through multiple climates
- Souvenirs – I don't recommend checking them unless you are willing to lose what you bought and can replace it.
- Specialized sport or activity requiring "gear"



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Soft Shell Luggage



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Soft or Hard-Shell Luggage?

Soft-Shell Pros

- Easier to manipulate into small spaces: overhead bins, luggage racks on busses or trains
- More durable for longer periods of time
- Due to flexibility, more items can be put into soft shell
- More accessible with more pockets

Soft-Shell Cons

- Not water resistant – can absorb water
- Not as easy to maneuver as hard-shell luggage
- Most have 2 wheels vs 4 on hard-shell
- Limited options for suitcase colors



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Hard-Shell Luggage



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Hard-Shell Luggage Pros

- Water resistant. No weird smells
- Protects items in suitcase from liquids
- More easily to maneuver – most have 4 wheels
- Comes in many colors—easy identification

Hard-Shell Luggage Cons

- Firm edges can make it harder to fit into overhead bins
- Cracks on corners – damaged when checked
- Not as flexible to pack
- Not as easily accessible – difficult to open in small hotel or cruise line rooms
- 4 wheel hard to roll on uneven surfaces or carpet



6 Packing Hacks to Lighten Your Suitcase

- Pack for a week (or less) & plan to do laundry.
- Pack around one basic color.
- Don't pack any more than 3 pairs of shoes.
- Pack visually – 3:1 packing ratio.
- Know what to roll & what to fold.
- Use compression cubes & bags.



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How Do I Fit All these Clothes & Accessories In My Luggage?



SPACE SAVING



Pack more in less space



Fold-Up Duffel | Slim Packing Cubes



Liquid Carry-On

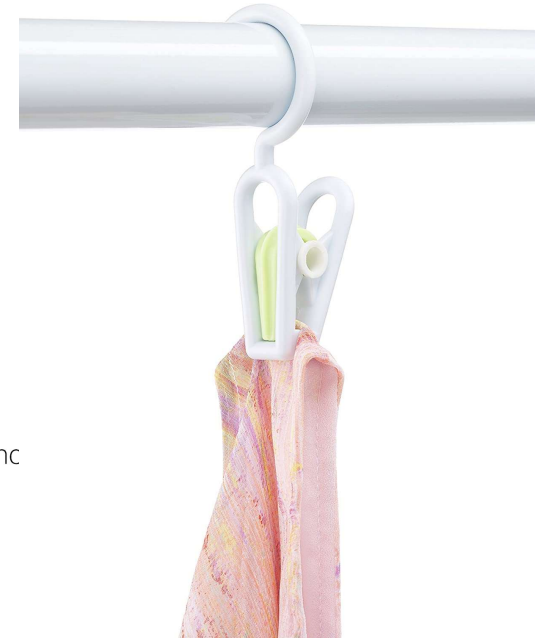
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Note: Always pack a few quart & gallon Zip Lock bags!

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Noteworthy Accessories



Scientifically Proven Neck Support



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Worldwide Charging

All in one design, Cover more than 150 countries



Compact Design Fits Everywhere



A list of Travel Items available via Amazon are posted on Travel Club website.



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Shipping Luggage

Luggage Forward:

- \$89 for a 25 lb. bag; \$99 - 50#; \$149 – 75#
- \$89 for standard skis or snowboards
- \$99 for a standard golf bag
- \$189 bicycle case for five business day shipping

Luggage To Ship:

Prices begin at \$30 & increase based on distance & weight

Luggage Free*: Door to door service

ShipGo*: Door to door service

ShipSticks: #1 service worldwide for shipping golf clubs.

Options: Ship DHL, FedEx or UPS!



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Don't Forget!

- Make a copy of your Passport, Credit Card #'s & their phone numbers
- Contact your bank of travel dates & locations
- Telephone Service – international plan or SIM card. WhatsApp lets you make free calls & text
- Have your Airline App & phone #
- Tour company emergency phone #
- Enroll in Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive alerts & make it easier to locate you in case of an emergency
- Envelopes/cards for tips



Happy Travels

