



Notes:

## Hello

# Let's Talk Travel

Introduction

Travel Tips

By Land, Sea, Air and everything in-between

### **New – Update      Secure Flight program**

Starting on August 15, 2010 you need to be sure that your name matches your ID.

For example, if the driver's license or passport lists the passenger's name as "John William Smith" you should reserve your flight under "John William Smith" not "John Smith" or "John W. Smith."

In the second phase of the **Secure Flight program**, which started last August 15, passengers will also be required to enter their:

**date of birth, gender and watch-list redress number** (if it applies) when booking airline flights.

## Passports - NEEDED more now than before

New requirements for Passports

New type of Passports      Computer chips, scan reading

Canada - Mexico - YES

Check at your City Halls      US Post Offices

Now there "MINI" passports ( like credit cards)



Plan

### **à la carte**

Where, How much, money, time,

or Out of the Blue

Surprise?

Flexible?

PACKING

### Repack into smaller containers

K I S S      Keep it Small & Simple

Plastic Bags

Roll up





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**Notes:**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sox in shoes                   | Use and leave                       |
| Electrical Adapters            | Razors & spare                      |
| Money belt                     | Umbrella & head covering            |
| Locks                          | X pack (cross pack)                 |
| Plastic ties / Locks           | Key the same (look for TSA on lock) |
| NO Extra batteries for laptops |                                     |

<http://www.magellans.com>

Travel Supplies



<http://www.travelsmith.com/>

**Laptop Computers**

- Be safe
- Information on computers
- Random checks and seizures by customs agents

**Photo**

- Digital Cameras
  - Extra memory ( 1 or 2 GB cards)
- Film
  - Film bags for X-rays
- Cameras - Regular and Throw away

**Senior Citizens**

- Special Rates
  - ASK ( AAA / AARP / ????)
- Airfare
  - Restaurants
- AARP
  - Medical - Special Needs
- Elder hostel



**Air Travel**

## Know who's flying the plane !!!

What air line?

Reservations Remember – Codes Sharing 321 day out AIR

- On-line vs phone calls
- Extra cost \$\$\$ Phone at Airport ON-Line
- Special Needs Meals
- Pets & Kids Refunds

**E-Tickets** All carriers Disneyland?

What are they and how do you use them?

Pluses Minus



Notes:

Parking, Carry On , Luggage

the **3 – 1 – 1** rule

**Check weight limits by airline**

**Airlines are now charging for checked luggage ...**

Check in at some hotels (Call / Ask)



Ship your luggage before your flight

[www.Firstluggage.com](http://www.Firstluggage.com)

800-224-5781

[www.sportsexpress.com](http://www.sportsexpress.com)

877-235-5467

Airlines – On board service ? ? ?

à la carte

Cash / No cash on board **(New cashless on board )**

**Using Credit Cards - NO cash**

Sale of food & drinks

How to get to the airport

Parking

**Rent-a-car**

Fly-a-way busses

Stay at hotel | night before + parking



Fares

Best Price

Cheap Tickets ###

Discounts – Consolidators

Internet sites (see URL at end of handouts / notes)

Frequent Flyers Clubs

Mileage's Benefits

Credit Cards

Time of Trip AM Noon PM Midnight

?? Last flight out ??

Bumping Arrival

Check in ON LINE

At home or

Check in at some hotels and resorts

## Rule 240

Compensation for ...

Overbooking Yes

Mechanical etc No

Acts of GOD No

**Delay at gate & airport**

| Involuntarily

| (\$ 200 in 2 hrs \$ 400 longer delays)

| ( it's federal law )

**Need to ask**

**Voucher vs Cash**





Notes:

Visas

**Passport Expeditors**

Copies of Prescriptions

Credit Cards vs. Cash

**Extra FEES for Credit Cards out of country**

**\$ 1.00 bills**

"New money / Old money"- New \$ 5.00 \$ 20.00 & \$ 10.00 U S bills

**clean money**

Tipping in foreign countries A S K

Before you leave

Make copies of itinerary & leave with someone

Copies of your Passport & credit cards

Mail & Newspapers - S T O P

Pay bills, keep change accounts to a minimum #####

Lights on timer add a Radio to a talk radio station

Arrangements with Neighbors

Have a neighbor park their car in your driveway a few days #####

Confirm flights if necessary

Notify family about plans

Phone Numbers

Check you health insurance company

Packing & Wardrobe

Leave good jewelry at home

**Carry-on - One to two days clothing &**

**Toothbrush & medicine**

Wash n wear

Color coordinator

Conformable shoes **(don't buy just before the trip)**

Cosmetics

1 / 2 rule

Layered look

Be aware of weather

**Cross pack some closes in your travel partner ( X Pack)**





**Notes:**

### Use Buttons As Earring Holders

When you're packing jewelry, be sure to also pack a drinking straw and a few buttons.

Drinking straws can protect your necklaces from tangling. Simply thread one end of the necklace through the straw and secure the clasp. The straw will keep it from tangling and knotting in the bottom of your bag.

And buttons can hold and keep your earrings secure. Simply put the earring post through the button hole. Then, place the back of the earring on the other end. This keeps them out of the creases of your jewelry bag (making them harder to lose). And you can put the other earring in the same button, to keep them together. That way, they'll be easier to find when you're dashing out for dinner.



### Communications

#### E-mail

Before the trip set up address links in a address book

#### Telephones

Use pay phones                      Calling Cards

At the dock not the boat

#### Mail

Cost of Stamps

**Address labels & Pre addressed                      #####**

### Hotels

Beware of extra fees / service                      ( Phones / spas ) ask at check in about

Prices (Rack Rates)                      Ratings    ♦♦♦♦♦

Frequent Guest Programs                      Credit Cards

Check In / Check Out                      (times)

Special Rates                      ASK    ( AAA / AARP / others )



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Notes:

Time Shares

***It's not an investment - just an opportunity to stay at a nice place***

Annual Fees + Taxes    \$\$\$\$

Guest vs. Owner

Maps

Auto Club    <http://www.aaa-calif.com/>

AAA Directions

Find door-to-door directions fast.

TripTik Travel Planner®

Plan your drive vacation.

Maps ON line at

[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

<http://maps.google.com/>

**Safety**

Count the number of doors from your room to an exit

Look for the Exits on the plans, busses and ships

**BE PREPARED**

Check with you health provider about shots and vaccinations

and on the WEB at the state department

for need vaccinations for the destination

## Don't Sweat it - Just do it !!!

**EXIT Fees**

Put money into a **small plastic bag** to keep aside

Tours and excursion Option - Add on



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Notes:

Senior / Elder Hostel, College Campus  
<http://http://www.elderhostel.org/>

Traveling Alone.

## ***Little white lies to tell to be safe***

Many tours welcome single traveler's BUT

Some tours have guarantee roommate plans or no extra charge ASK  
Add a single supplement to price

Club Med caters to singles

There are travel books aimed at single women who like to travel

Elder hostel is also open to singles

Some tour's to Italy & Spain have no single supplement

Singles need to use extra caution

Remember **à la carte**

- Have a good time
- Have patience
- Practice Safety
- Allow for extra time
- Thanking the **“Service person”** it can go a long way ...



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Helping those with disabilities

American Society of Travel Agents' ASTA

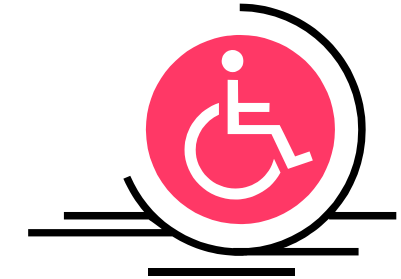
[www.asta.org](http://www.asta.org)

Society for Accessible Travel & Hospitality SATH

[www.sath.org](http://www.sath.org)

Cruise Lines International Association

[www.cruising.org](http://www.cruising.org)



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Cruise Lines websites listing ( Need to click through the 10+ pages )

[www.latimes.com/cruiselists](http://www.latimes.com/cruiselists)



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WEB sites            http://

<http://BING.com>

A.            <http://www.kayak.com>

B. <a href="http://www.farecast.com/">http://www.farecast.com/</a> now part of uses <a href="http://www.BING.com">www.BING.com</a>
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C.            <http://www.travelzoo.com>

D.            <http://www.orbitz.com/>

E.            <http://www.cheaptickets.com>

F.            <http://www.biztravel.com>

G.            <http://www.priceline.com>

H.            <http://www.vantagetravel.com/>            #####

I.            <http://www.bobscauses.com>

J.            <http://www.voyij.com/>

K.            <http://www.johnnyjet.com/home.asp>

L.            <http://seat61.com/>

M.            <http://www.cruisecritic.com/>

N.            <http://www.flyertalk.com/>

O.            <http://www.theinternettraveler.com/>

P.            <http://www.unclaimedbaggage.com>

Q.            <http://www.travelocity.com/>

R.            <http://www.seatguru.com>

S.            <http://www.frommers.com>

T.            <http://travel.airwise.com/>

U.            <http://vantagetravel.com/>

V.            <http://gadabouttours.com/>            ###



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- W. <http://www.myvactionpassport.com/>
- X. <http://www.airfarewatchdog.com/>
- Y. <http://joesentme.com/>
- Z. <http://www.creditcards.com/>
- AA. <http://eventful.com/>
- BB. <http://www.usatoday.com/travel>
- CC. <http://megabus.com/us/>
- DD. <http://www.smartertravel.com/>
- EE. <http://www.frequentflyer-miles.com/>
- FF. <http://www.lastminutecruises.com/>
- GG. <http://www.cruise411.com/>
- HH. <http://www.elderhostel.org/>
- II. <http://www.travelofamerica.com/>
- JJ. <http://www.onebag.com/>

<https://www.annualcreditreport.com>

<http://www.travel.state.gov/>

<http://www.travel.state.gov/passport>

<http://www.urgentpassport.com/>

<http://www.google.com/>



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More WEB Sites

<http://www.magellans.com>

Travel Supplies \*\*\*\*

<http://www.travelsmith.com/>

<http://www.tripit.com>

Organizing Travel Details \*\*\*\*

<http://www.expertflyer.com>

Arranging tricky itineraries

<http://www.yapta.com>

Getting the inside scoop \*\*\*\*\*

<http://www.milemaven.com>

Maxing out your miles

<http://www.momondo.com/flights.aspx>

Searching price > 450 sites

<http://www.gethuman.com/> To bypass 'all' the computers - of course reality changes faster than these updates.

<http://infotwg.com/>

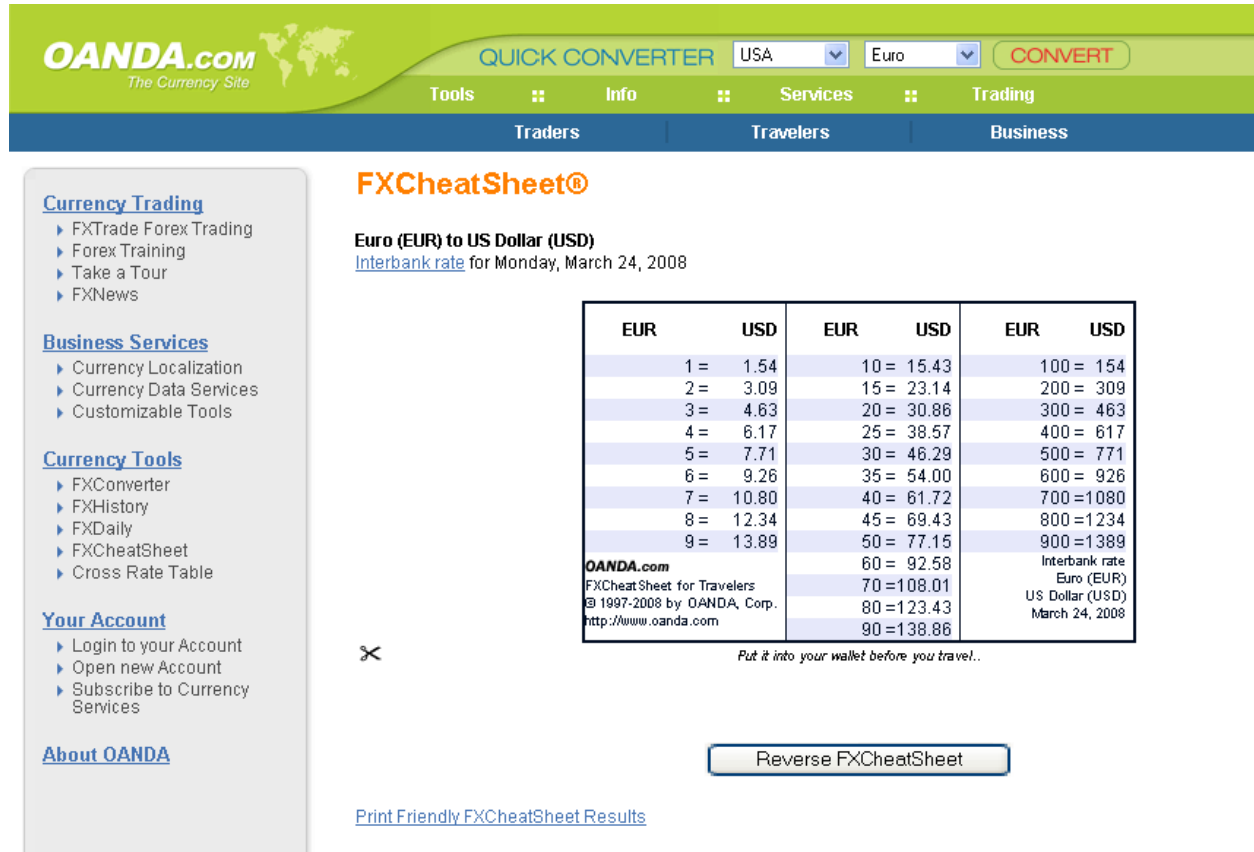
**My home page WEB site for notes**



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<http://http://www.oanda.com/>



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**Euro (EUR) to US Dollar (USD)**  
Interbank rate for Monday, March 24, 2008

EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD
1 =	1.54	10 =	15.43	100 =	154
2 =	3.09	15 =	23.14	200 =	309
3 =	4.63	20 =	30.86	300 =	463
4 =	6.17	25 =	38.57	400 =	617
5 =	7.71	30 =	46.29	500 =	771
6 =	9.26	35 =	54.00	600 =	926
7 =	10.80	40 =	61.72	700 =	1080
8 =	12.34	45 =	69.43	800 =	1234
9 =	13.89	50 =	77.15	900 =	1389
		60 =	92.58	Interbank rate	
		70 =	108.01	Euro (EUR)	
		80 =	123.43	US Dollar (USD)	
		90 =	138.86	March 24, 2008	

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Reverse FXCheatSheet

[Print Friendly FXCheatSheet Results](#)

USD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	EUR
1 =	0.65	10 =	6.48	100 =	65
2 =	1.30	15 =	9.72	200 =	130
3 =	1.94	20 =	12.95	300 =	194
4 =	2.59	25 =	16.19	400 =	259
5 =	3.24	30 =	19.43	500 =	324
6 =	3.89	35 =	22.67	600 =	389
7 =	4.53	40 =	25.91	700 =	453
8 =	5.18	45 =	29.15	800 =	518
9 =	5.83	50 =	32.38	900 =	583
		60 =	38.86	Interbank rate	
		70 =	45.34	US Dollar (USD)	
		80 =	51.82	Euro (EUR)	
		90 =	58.29	March 24, 2008	

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## EXTRA

<http://www.travel.state.gov/>

Health  
Shots / Vaccinations  
Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
<http://cdc.gov/>

CDC Travelers' Health offers information to assist travelers and their health-care providers in deciding the vaccines, medications, and other measures necessary to prevent illness and injury during international travel.

Health      Take copies of your prescriptions  
                 Take an extra pair of **EYE GLASSES** (cheap pair, also your prescriptions)

Baggage      **Take Photos of you luggage – before you go**  
                 **E-mail photos to self**

Trip / Travel Insurance  
<https://www.globaltravelshield.com/>  
<http://www.worldtravelcenter.com/>  
<http://www.insuremytrip.com/>  
<http://www.travelsafe.com/>  
<http://www.tripinsurancestore.com/>

Credit Cards  
<http://www.lowcards.com/>  
<https://www.annualcreditreport.com>  
<http://www.creditcards.com/>

C R T A      <http://calrta.org/>      Look for travel

A A R P      <http://www.aarp.org/>

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