



‘Tis the Season to Travel and MacNair Travel & Cruises Provides Holiday Travel Tips to Help Vacationers Start New Traditions

ALEXANDRIA, VA—October, 12, 2006 – MacNair Travel & Cruises/American Express announced today tips for travelers preparing for vacations during the upcoming holiday season. From Bora Bora to India to London to Paris to Mexico to Hong Kong, MacNair Travel has the expertise to wrap up a dream trip for vacationers for all seasons, according to MacNair’s Vacation Manager Skip Fortier.

“Imagine spending the holidays singing holiday carols with sand in between your toes, watching an island sunset, experiencing European culture, skiing down black diamond runs, tasting Asian cuisine or sailing the high seas,” Fortier suggests. “Journeying to new destinations for the holidays can be an early gift for travelers, but time is of the essence.”

To ensure its clients’ holiday dreams come true, MacNair Travel & Cruises recommends the following planning tips:

- **Plan Now:** While space is still available in many unique destinations, it is imperative to book now to secure your airline flights and accommodations/cabins.
- **Flexibility:** There are still opportunities for traveling over the holidays, but have a second and third choice available or be open to recommendations. Being flexible with your travel dates opens up additional opportunities as well.
- **Expect to Pay More:** Holiday space is at a premium and you can expect to pay almost double on certain cruises or other vacations.
- **Use a Travel Agent:** A travel agent can wrap up a holiday dream vacation with all of the trimmings. Leveraging supplier relationships, they can uncover the hidden gem on your wish list.
- **Arrive Early:** Since airports experience high traffic over entire holiday season, and with newly imposed security restrictions, it is important that you arrive early to the airport. Normally, for domestic flights, arrive a minimum of two hours and for international flights arrive at least three hours in advance. However, during the holidays, we recommend to add an additional hour for either type of flight to ensure you get through security smoothly and in case of long lines.
- **Gift Bags:** If traveling with holiday gifts, consider using gift bags as you will not have to worry about your packages being unwrapped through baggage screening.
- **Identification:** Check with your travel agent and local tourism boards for travel identification requirements, including a VISA or Passport. Starting January 8, 2007, many new destinations such as Bermuda and Caribbean islands will require a Passport for re-entry into United States (this includes all cruise passengers). Apply now to beat the rush. Visit: <http://travel.state.gov>

- **Give the Gift of Travel:** For any holiday occasion, a travel gift card makes the perfect gift. No guessing on sizes or what someone needs! We wrap up the gift card with brochures and extra special items to make this a gift your loved one will always treasure.

MacNair Travel & Cruises Dream Trip Designers can design a holiday tradition travelers will want to repeat for years to come. Call a travel consultant today at 703-836-1100 or email at dreamtrips@macnairtravel.com.

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