



TRAVEL SMART TIPS



A Better Way To Plan Your Vacation

(NAPSA)—Whether you're a serious traveler or just a beginner planning your family vacation, making the most of your money is likely a very important consideration. If so, heed the advice of your fellow travelers: consider timeshares. Timeshares are vacation properties that provide an alternative to traditional hotel stays and offer a number of unique benefits for travelers.

A timeshare unit provides each owner with a pre-set amount of time (usually a week) at a resort property. These properties can range from lakeside cottages in Minnesota, to ski resorts in Vail, to oceanfront villas on the Mediterranean. Unlike hotels, which are always raising their rates, timeshare fees remain constant—giving vacationers more control over their travel budget. And more and more vacationers are finding that they can shop for and find exciting deals on timeshares from the comfort of their own home at sites such as www.ebay.com/timeshares. By searching online, travelers can check out timeshares from around the world without the pressure of a salesperson but with all of the information and resources they need to make an educated decision.

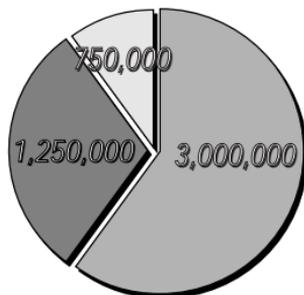
Travel agents say timeshares offer vacationers a number of other distinct advantages as well:

- See the world using your property—Your timeshare unit can be traded for other resort properties around the world. For example, a Florida timeshare owner traveling to Jamaica can trade their annual time for a stay at a property at their destination.

- Great gifts or investments—When not being used, vacation properties can also be shared with friends or business associates. They can also be rented out by owners—turning them into great investments.

- Enjoy the comforts of home—For many people, timeshares feel like a home away from home. That's because the units often feature large, well-equipped accommodations and are frequently decorated by the owner for a more personal feel than some hotels.

Number of households that own Timeshares



Top Six Resort Areas in the U.S.

1. Orlando
2. Hilton Head Island
3. Tahoe
4. Southern California Coast
5. Hawaii
6. Colorado



Timeshares can save vacationers effort and money. That's one reason a growing number of people now own vacation properties.

Cut down on your pre-trip homework and make the most of your vacation by using sites like eBay Real Estate. The site offers properties from around the world and a number of resources to help you buy or sell a timeshare. These include a timeshare valuation tool to help buyers or sellers determine the accurate value of a timeshare unit. In addition, buyers can find and purchase a timeshare easily, with no hidden fees. The site offers a large inventory of resale timeshares, which provide all the benefits of a new timeshare, but usually at a fraction of the cost.

Sellers can also take advantage of a number of tools to facilitate the selling process. One of these is the SuperLister, which uses a database of high-quality pictures and information-rich templates to make describing your timeshare hassle free.

For more information, visit www.ebay.com/timeshares.