



Tips On Trips

Be An Informed Traveler

(NAPSA)—Experts say proper planning is one of the most important steps a traveler can take towards having a great trip. Many experienced travelers recommend using trusted area resources to get the local lowdown on destinations before hitting the road.



Finding out about activities in an area before you go is a smart way to plan a fun vacation.

Services such as convention and visitors bureaus (CVB), for example, can provide out-of-towners with general information about local attractions, accommodations, restaurants and events to help visitors make the most of their vacations.

The bureaus are staffed with professionals who have a detailed knowledge of their local areas and make it their business to answer virtually any question a traveler may ask.

Travelers can use CVBs to:

- Request travel brochures
- Get a hotel or restaurant recommendation
- Plan a family vacation
- Plan a work-related meeting
- Extend a business trip into a vacation
- Organize a family reunion
- Find a specific area vendor
- Find community activities for children
- Explore a local cultural and artistic scene
- View a year-round calendar of events

CVBs can be found throughout the world and can easily be contacted by calling information in a specific area or visiting the Web site, www.officialtravelinfo.com.

***Note to Editors:** Although this article is good for anytime, National Tourism Week is May 7-11, 2001.*