

Tips on Trips

Safe And Simple Travel Tips

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(NAPS)—Remembering eight simple travel tips can help make your next trip a fonder memory.

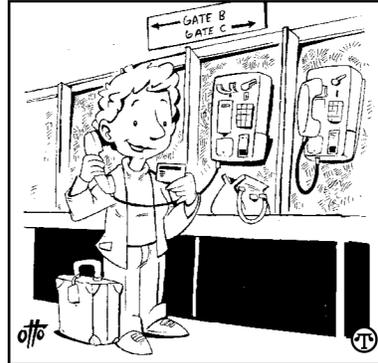
1. Always carry three cards. Travelling with a credit card, a calling card, and ID card will make your life much easier. According to some polls, only 44 percent of American travelers use a credit card to help earn miles and use a calling card from the leading telecom company to earn miles for every dollar they spend. Companies like MCI offer 5 miles for every dollar spent on phone calls.

2. Accept Awards. American, Continental and TWA do a very good job of offering award seats at the last minute. Check their respective Web sites every Wednesday for special promotions (or save time by visiting webflyer.com/deals).

3. Check your ticket and check it twice. Reconfirm your flight directly with the airline 24 to 48 hours before departure. Sometimes e-tickets get lost in the e-world, plus, reconfirming will give you one final opportunity to be assigned your preferred seat.

4. Transportation tricks. Depart from the Arrivals area and return through the Departures area; that way your ride won't have to hassle with traffic.

5. Food. A delayed flight mixed



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with an empty stomach can be a recipe for disaster. Your stomach will thank you for travelling with a bottle of water, peanuts, raisins, an apple and a pack of gum.

6. Be a lover of literature. Skip the in-air entertainment and read the book that's been gathering dust.

7. Carry-on and carry light. Remember, long and thin bags are easier to store than short, flat ones.

8. And finally, be courteous and smile. Both go a long way.

Have a great trip.

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