

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Save Time, Trouble, Money

(NAPSA)—You don't have to take Santa's sleigh to enjoy traveling this holiday season—or at any time—if you heed a few hints:

- **Pack wisely:** Put such essentials as phone chargers, important



With weather uncertainty, flight delays and cancellations, it's good to have a travel agent on your side who can navigate the confusion.

travel documents, music player, medications and snacks in your carry-on bag.

- **Maximize membership rewards:** Using something like American Express Membership Rewards points can offset travel costs for a portion or all of a flight, prepaid hotel, rental car, cruise or vacation booking. In addition, unlike many rewards programs, there are no blackout dates.

- **Holiday helpers:** Higher airfare prices and hotel rates are two of the biggest frustrations of holiday travel, but travel agents can provide a level of expertise, service and knowledge of the industry that can help.

- **Take advantage of card benefits:** Platinum Card members have access to more than 600 airport lounges worldwide and an annual \$200 airline credit that can be applied toward baggage fees, in-flight food and entertainment, and more.

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