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Things to Consider If You Use Hotel Review Sites or Hotel Sites

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Have you ever looked at reviews of a hotel where you have stayed? Did they seem as though they were written by someone who had never been there?

Some properties offer perks to guests who write good reviews. Some properties' managements write their own glowing reviews or have employees or spouses do so. Some properties try to have a bad review removed from a review site. And then there are the unrealistic tirades of unhappy guests. For whatever reason, a slight disappointment can turn into something that makes the hotel seem as though they had made a trip to Hades.



Usually it is better to rely on a travel professional or a professionally written guide book for a more realistic view of a hotel or spa.

If you use a hotel site to learn about the hotel, remember that they will put their best foot forward and the information and photos may not be recent. Think of it as a profile on a dating site. If you have questions, it

might be a good idea to call the hotel and ask. Even then, the information you receive may not be correct or complete.

Word of mouth recommendations from family, friends, or a travel professional are usually the most realistic.

Make an Historic Hotel a Part of Your Holiday

Times and tastes change. The needs of the traveler have changed. The old grand hotels became neglected, faded, and worn because of these changing needs. Some of these historic buildings were razed, which caused historic and preservation societies to save those pieces of history still standing. Some travelers want to stay in a hotel that was important to the location's history. But

they also want modern amenities. This can be a careful balancing act. Dark oak, stained glass, and art deco design are among the features that have to be restored to return a hotel to an earlier glory. There is an ambiance that accompanies these things and the millions spent on the restoration of them seem to have been worth the effort and expense.

Hotels around the world have been restored.

Some of the most well know are those in Miami Beach. These hotels have been returned to their Art Deco history. And the Fontainebleau Hotel has undergone an extensive redo.

When you next consider a vacation, think about staying at a centrally located, often downtown, hotel that will take you back to a different time and way of life.

Allergy Free Hotel Rooms & Meeting Space

Health-conscious travelers suffering from allergies and asthma may breathe easier at Wyndham(R) hotels thanks to the upscale chain's Wyndham ClearAir(SM) initiative to offer allergy-friendly guest accommodations. Wyndham was the first national upscale lodging chain to mandate allergy-friendly rooms systemwide. All of their

properties are required to have 10 percent of their rooms or a minimum of 25 rooms that are allergy-friendly environments. These are called ClearAir rooms. The entire room is treated with a long-lasting microbial shield which reduces or eliminates odors in the room and makes it resistant to bacteria and viruses. Then a medical-grade air purification system is

installed.

In hotel meeting rooms, the air is purified and filtrated eight times more frequently than standard air-handling systems to help eliminate allergens.

SOURCE: Wyndham Worldwide

"Never accept a room if the clerk loudly calls out your name and room number."

Hotel Security for Women Traveling Alone

Learn as much about the destination as possible, especially when traveling to a foreign country.

Get to know the staff who will be familiar with guests and are able to more effectively monitor who enters and exits the building.

Ask beforehand if a member of the staff will be available to escort you to your room if you arrive late at night.

Ask for a room on a higher floor near, but not next to, the elevator and away from emergency exits, stairwells and any renovation work. Never accept a room if the clerk loudly calls out your name and room number.

While at the front desk, grab a card from the counter with the hotel's name, address and phone number on it, and keep this card on you at all

times.

Once inside your room, make sure the door has a peephole and a deadbolt. If it doesn't, make sure you don't open the door to someone you don't know.

Guava Duff – very popular dessert in the Bahamas

VERY RICH dessert
12-15 lg Guavas, 3 c flour, 4 tsp baking powder, ½ tsp salt, ¼ c sugar, ¼ c butter, ¼ c Crisco, 2 eggs separated, 2 tsp vanilla
METHOD

Core & peel guavas. Rub cores through sieve to obtain some of the pulp, and mix with cut up guavas. Add sugar to taste.

DOUGH

Beat butter, Crisco with

the sugar, then beat in the egg yolks. Sieve flour, baking powder & salt and fold in. Add vanilla. Divide dough into 3 balls. Place in refrigerator for ½ hour until firm. Spread out each of the balls on a piece of foil; cover with guava. Starting from one end, fold into roll. Cover with foil, then place in baking bag and seal. Boil for 1 hour in a large pot with hot water. Slice and serve warm with

Butter Sauce.

BUTTER SAUCE

1 c granulated sugar, 1 c butter, 2 egg whites, 2 tsp vanilla

METHOD

Beat egg whites in dish until foamy. Cream butter & sugar in a separate dish until sugar has dissolved. Gradually add egg whites & vanilla and continue beating till smooth. Add to top of warm Guava Duff when serving.

Why Women Travel

Education rewards of a vacation are often key in where they choose to spend their getaways.

Women value vacations that include: emotional rewards of relaxation away from the daily routine; re-connection with family and friends; opportunity to re-invent or re-ignite their personal passions with adventure, freedom and escapism.

Some women want to

travel with other women if they will be traveling without a companion. There are companies dedicated to these types of trips and even some of the mainstream companies have developed a "women only" product.

Resorts have developed "girlfriend escape" packages as well as Mother/Daughter packages.

Romance is also a big reason for travel. Women want some time alone with their significant others, away from the responsibilities of everyday life. There are couples only resorts, private vacation rentals, tree house properties, cottages on private islands. Each of these has its place in a romantic getaway.



Travel Scams – make money, travel free

Some are "travel clubs" where you pay a membership fee for "discounted" travel, but today's focus is the work at home "Business Opportunity". Most of these are nothing more than Multi Level Marketing (MLM) which generally have very few success stories. They claim that you can become a "credentialed" travel agent as soon as you pay a fee.

They promise upgrades, discounted air, free travel, and discounted travel for your friends and family. They claim you will be selling travel and earning a substantial income.

Most times, you are buying a cookie cutter sub-site on a larger Web site with no traffic. And you are pressured to recruit more travel agents under you. There is very little travel sold by these

"instant" agents. When you go to one of these sites, the focus is on joining the ranks and reaping the benefits. While travel does have some perks, most of them have gone away or are greatly reduced.

Take a look at www.scam.com and search travel opportunities.

"upgrades, discounted air, free travel, and discounted travel for your friends and family ."

Benefits of Travel Packages and Tours

While Americans react to the economy by staying closer to home and taking shorter trips, the majority of people don't know that vacation packages and tours can save them an average of 30 percent over planning their own trips. In addition, a package takes care of the

travelers from beginning to end, including transfers, hotels, and sometimes tours and meals. This means that a family can be on vacation the minute they leave home.

Metro dwellers are more likely to say the economy is not impacting their vacation plans, while

people living in non-metro areas are more likely to stay closer to home.

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Human Being or Computer to Be Your Advocate?

There will always be a need for Travel Agents because people are starved for true customer service, from a real person. There are too many automated systems, and press 1 for this and 3 for that. Part of the package price you pay for is one on one customer service, knowledge, and

consultations. No matter how much the computer age tries to take over, there are still going to be quite a number of people who will want human contact.

Some other reasons for choosing to work with a Travel Agent are:

1. ability to provide best options and prices
2. saving money
3. product knowledge