



MARINER'S TOP TIPS



1. Budget – Please be as honest as possible about this so that we can ensure finding the very best value holiday within your price range.

2. Look beyond the starting price - Seemingly low-cost flights and holiday packages often end up costing a lot more than the advertised price because of hidden extras. When comparing deals check carefully what is included – one no frills airline now even charges passengers meals, seats together, resort transfers,



for checking in at the airport! Hidden extras soon add up – baggage fees, in flight children's cots etc. can considerably increase your holiday price. At Mariner Travel – we always ensure that all costs are either included in the price or clearly advised to you as extras.

3. Weather – Be realistic about the weather - there are always great deals to be had out of season – but do you want to risk a hurricane in the Caribbean, a monsoon in the Far East, shivering in Alaska, or sweltering in Egypt. Have a look at our weather chart and do ask our advice - we will always be honest with you about the best times to travel.



4. Internet recommendation sites – can be a useful and interesting tool but do be wary – you do not know if you share the same personal taste as the reviewer and not only criticisms, but also recommendations, may not necessarily be justified. Our own Gazetteer site has impartial, unbiased and objective reviews of many hotels and resorts – please ask us for details, we will be delighted to email you a review.

5. Accommodation you can afford, somewhere you will enjoy.



- The standard of accommodation can often make or break your holiday so always go for the best whether it is a hotel, villa, apartment or cottage, it is invariably worth a little bit extra to stay in. Many a holiday budget has been blown away in resort trying to redeem that suspiciously cheap bargain.

6. Check your documents - It may seem an obvious one but check well in advance that your passport is valid. Some countries have a minimum passport validity requirement of three or six months, so about renewing your passport before it expires as the additional maximum of 6 months) For some destinations, you may need a visa at the time of booking. We can also help with the speedy processing



do renew your passport in good time. (Don't worry your period will be credited to your new passport, up to a visa and we will advise you of any requirements at the time of last minute visa applications.

7. Book airport extras in advance – Make your experience at the airport easy and enjoyable. Airport executive lounges are quiet, comfortable, relaxing and very good value for money – most include unlimited snacks, soft and alcoholic drinks and tea and coffee. Book your airport parking in advance - long stay prices at major airports can be expensive, however if you book before with us before go, you can cut the cost of parking significantly. Better still, many airport hotels include up to 15 days parking in their room tariff, giving you a great deal and a relaxing start to your trip.



8. Tie up loose ends at home - Make sure you prepare your home as much as you do your holiday. You really do not want to be worrying about your dog, your garden or your mail while you are supposed to be relaxing in the sun. Leave travel details with a trusted family member or friend at home. Give this person a copy of your itinerary as well as instructions for cancelling your credit cards should you lose them on the trip and always keep a photocopy of your passport separate from your travel documents.



9. Packing – toiletries and of your the rates



Glossy magazines often advise to pack everything you want to take with you, including clothes and then force yourself to put half of these items back in the wardrobe or drawer! If it is unrealistic to leave half favourite outfits at home, some airlines do offer reasonable charges for excess baggage – but always check with us in advance rather receive an unexpected bill at the airport.

10. Relax! Sit back and we will do the hard work for you. Booking your holiday should be easy and pleasurable – let us do the research, source the best prices, advise you which accommodation will suit you best. Enjoy yourself – we are here so that you can have a wonderful time!

