

2019 MRSPA Trips

Affordable, Convenient

Next year's travel vacations offer a world-wide variety which include some traveling by air, bus, and boat. MRSPA's Travel Committee has planned 10 affordable and convenient trips for members, friends, and guests.

In our Travel Insert you will find detailed information on each trip and preview meetings for you to attend at our main office at 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A, Odenton, Maryland 21113. To register, call the office at 410-551-1517 or toll-free at 877-625-6782.

Please don't delay if any trip(s) interest you. Some tours sell out.

If you want more copies of this Travel Insert, you may print the color brochures from the travel partners' websites or contact them directly for a brochure. **Don't forget to mention the MRSPA package for pricing. Our sponsored trips are discounted.**

To help you plan and/or decide on which trip(s) you want, **Trip Previews** are scheduled in the near future. Dates and times are on the last page of the **Summer 2018 MRSPA Newsletter**, and also may be found on the MRSPA website (www.mrspa.org) or by requesting that it be mailed to you.

Judy Adler Reiff
Travel Committee Chair

Packing Tips

Proper packing for your trip will save you time and space with the following tips:

1. Make a packing list

Start your packing process weeks ahead of your departure date to give you time to make a complete list and to purchase any additional items you might need.

2. Use your personal item wisely

It's standard for airlines to permit each traveler to bring one carry-on bag and one personal item onboard planes. This personal item is subject to specific size requirements (these vary by airline), but something like a purse, laptop bag, or backpack is generally acceptable.

3. Never check essential items

Keep your valuable and essential belongings in your carry-on bag, not in your checked luggage. (Your passport, identification, money, credit cards, jewelry, electronics, and other valuables)

4. Roll, don't fold.

Tightly rolled clothes take up less space than folded ones. Plus, they're less prone to getting deep wrinkles from fold creases. Use dry cleaner plastic hanging bags to protect clothes.

5. Layer

According to the TSA, "Pack items in layers (shoes one layer, clothes one layer, electronics one layer, etc.)" so that the security agent screening your bag can get a clear picture of what's inside.

(More tips on Page 7)



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8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Suite A
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Debbie Martinez, Mayflower Cruises & Tours
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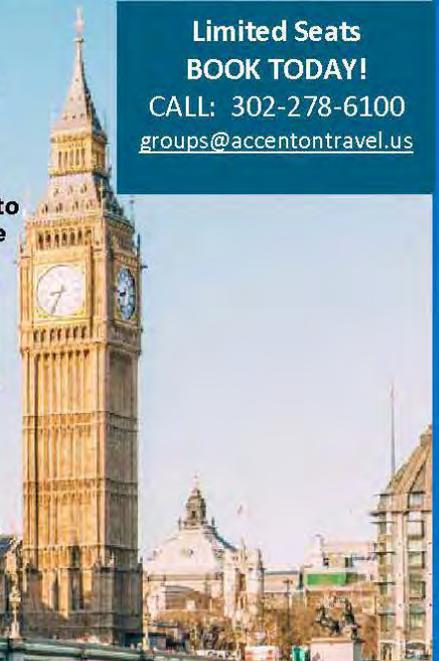
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JANUARY 19, 2019

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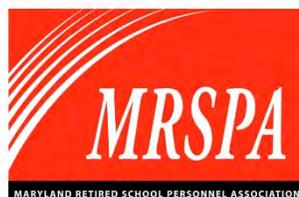
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ALL RATES ARE BASED ON 2 PEOPLE IN A CABIN.

More Packing Tips

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6. Take a small notebook to record your thoughts and impressions from day one. Write any important information in the notebook that you need to have with you (names and phone numbers; medications; flight info, etc.)

7. Pack a pair of small scissors in your checked bag. It will come in handy.

8. Take a small tote bag that can hold a map, snacks, tissues, etc.

9. Things for your carry-on bag: small flashlight, spare glasses/contact lenses, travel alarm clock, compact umbrella, zip-lock bags, toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries to freshen up, extra set of underwear, sock, change of shirt/top, book, passport, medications, and travel documents.

10. Know your airline's baggage-fee policy

While most airlines permit travelers to check at least one bag on international flights, the majority of U.S. carriers charge big bucks for bags checked on domestic flights.

11. Follow Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) rules

Get familiar with the agency's rules for carry-on luggage: All liquids brought onto planes must be in 3.4-ounce bottles or smaller and inside a single, clear, quart-size zip-top bag. It also helps to know which items are, according to the TSA, considered liquids or gels.

12. Wash your clothes on the road

You can wash clothes in sinks and hang them to dry. I always make sure to pack a travel-size packet of laundry detergent and a sink stopper to clean my clothes on the road. Portable laundry-drying lines that attach to showers via suction cups are also a good choice.

MRSPA Travel Hints



- For safety: Use a **money belt** or neck pouch for carrying money. Strap purses diagonally across, **not over your shoulder**, and preferably under your outer clothing.
- Never leave your **bags unattended** anywhere for any reason! Ask someone you trust to watch them or take them with you – even to the ladies’ or men’s room.
- Never pack **medications** in your suitcase, and always have a copy of your prescription with you when traveling out of the country. Pack the medications in your carry-on bag.
- Make **photocopies** of your passport, photo ID, and a list of credit card numbers.
- Never use a **telephone** in your hotel room unless you know exactly how much the surcharge will be. You can purchase telephone cards in the USA and/or have your cell phone set for international (but know the cost as well).
- Even though most **credit cards** now add a user fee when you purchase anything overseas, it is still cheaper to use the card(s) rather than worry about getting Travelers Checques.
- Most department stores and restaurants take **credit cards** such as VISA, Mastercard, and American Express. These cards give the best **exchange rate**.
- Credit cards, debit cards, and bank cards used at **ATM** machines generally give an excellent exchange rate, as much as 5% better than banks. Memorize your PIN to use your bank card.
- Take about \$200 of **local currency** with you. You can wait to purchase this at the airport or you can contact your personal bank a few weeks in advance.
- Neither **Medicare nor any other medical insurance** is accepted outside the USA so it is important to take Trip Cancellation Insurance to protect your investment and your health.



- Make sure that your **travel agent** and agency are **bonded and insured** as well as having much experience as a professional agent.
- To **calculate temperature** from Celsius to Fahrenheit – divide by 5, multiply by 9 and add 32.
- On the flight, get up and **stretch occasionally**. If you take off your shoes, expect to have a little trouble putting them back on as your feet tend to swell. Tours involve a good deal of walking. Walking shoes or sneakers are great! **Dress for comfort**.
- When packing items for the return trip, put **breakables** in dirty socks and then inside a plastic bag (such as the ones that held your purchases!).
- Prepare **labels** ahead of time for those people who want you to send a postcard. It’s an easy way to keep track of your list AND you won’t need your address book.
- Carry a postcard or business **card from the hotel** so you have the address and phone number with you.