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Trip Quest Travel Services

Happy April!

I hope you're staying safe and practicing your social distancing. It's a crazy time and the rules change every day.

Coronavirus, however, hasn't changed a thing about how I do my job. Our agency is working hard to get everyone cancelled and re-booked. As always, we are looking out for our clients' best interests because of our promise to work with you from your first consultation until you arrive safely back home, and everything in between. When it comes to travel, please don't DIY. You deserve better! In the wake of the recent travel bans, we've seen reports of people stranded, stressed, and out of pocket thousands of dollars in change fees because they used an online travel site. Work with a travel professional so that you will receive expert, informed guidance, and support.



Once this crisis is over, we're all going to be bursting to celebrate our freedom again. Now is a GREAT time to make your travel wish list. Just having something to look forward to helps get you through most things. Until next time be well, stay safe, and self-isolate. There's a Pina Colada on a sandy beach or a glass of Cabernet Sauvignon on a hillside vineyard waiting for you at the end of all this!

Lauren

My View on the Future of Travel

As the Covid-19 virus comes under control in the next couple of months, many predict that travel in the US, Canada, and the Caribbean may be the first steps for travelers returning to vacationing. For many, the economic fallout may be such that travel plans may be delayed for a year or two and that is understandable. However, just like adopting a long-range plan for investments, it is wise to take the same approach in planning major trips, particularly as you near retirement or are in retirement.

How has this affected clients of Trip Quest Travel?

So what has the virus done to my clients' travel plans? I have cancelled travel plans for approximately 30% of my clients as of today. Another 40% or so have delayed their travel plans to early fall or even spring of 2021. The balance of my clients will still be traveling in 2020! The cruise lines, the airlines, the hotel industry, the land tour companies, and even insurance providers have all been incredible to work with in providing a way for clients to recoup their losses in the event that they rebook rather than just cancel.

Trip Quest Travelers

A mission group ministered in India and also did some sightseeing!



While not traveling, we have enjoyed yard work, fishing, worshipping by TV, and even educating some of the grandchildren.

We appreciate you, teachers!

We had our 13th grandchild, Ivey Kate, on March 20th. Blessed!



Quick Links for Group Travel

The bucket-list trip for 2021! We have sixteen already booked for March, 2021 on Viking's unique Ocean Voyage itinerary shown below. You can even add on some time before or after to explore Italy in-depth. This will probably sell out before this summer, but right now there is some space still available. We are going to have so much fun

Iconic Adriatic Antiquities



The Holy Land

Our November 9, 2020 trip to Israel is quickly coming together. We have 24 who have deposited money for the trip and at least another 6 who are heavily considering it. It is not too late for you to register and invite a friend! Details are attached or give me a call for more info!

Fun Fact about Israel:

The Lancet Medical journal recently released a report that shows Israel is a country with one



Bible Land Exploration Brochure

of the least numbers of people suffering with obesity and other diet-related health diseases (and the food tastes great!). Look for more fun facts over the next few issues!

Email me here!



About Me!

I am Lauren Williams, a partner in Trip Quest Travel Services for the past five years. Moving from three decades in education to becoming a travel consultant has caused me to shift from "The Doctor of Education" to "The Doctor of Travel." My clients are often just like me – they want a rejuvenating vacation that teaches them about the world and the cultures around them. I love beautiful scenery, exploring new places, and learning something new every day! Aside from travel, I stay busy with my husband, Steve, and our four children and thirteen grandchildren. Staying active in the church and in our community feeds our soul as well. I love to play tennis, pickle ball, and bridge when I am not helping clients plan that perfect trip! Because our world is so much smaller now, I am happy to work with clients wherever they might live...but by referral only! Hope you enjoy my monthly newsletter – let me know if there is something you'd like to know more about!

