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Mission Vacation: Traveling After Coronavirus

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With most people's vacation plans cancelled or delayed due to Coronavirus in 2020, one big question on many people's minds is when vacationing will be safe for most of us. While doctors and scientists do not know exactly how the trajectory of the Coronavirus will be for the United States, here are five ideas for planning your vacation in the next year or two.

Go International

There are many areas of the world who effectively responded to the pandemic of Coronavirus in a timely way and have gotten the infection rates under control relatively quickly. Some of these places include Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Norway, Czech Republic and Germany. While the infection rates may ebb and flow, the fact these countries gained control of their infections so quickly bodes well for their overall ability to manage Coronavirus in their population in the weeks, months and years ahead.

Cruise the High Seas

While cruises are currently shuttered due to the pandemic, the cruise line industry is working hard to look at how to mitigate the risk of catching coronavirus aboard a ship. The demand for cruises will likely be quite a bit lower for some time and so [booking 2021 cruises now](#) will save you a lot of money and allow you to be some of the first people to enjoy cruises again when they are back to sailing. Many companies will unveil new ships and new features on ships in 2021-2022 so you will be able to access some of the best new cruise ships for some of the lowest prices.

Road Trip Now

If the itch to see more of the world has become too much to bear, then consider a short daytrip or a local road trip to see sites near your home. While traveling comes with risks, a road trip can be done with minimal risks to yourself or others. Some of the main things to consider are ensuring you plan out where you can stop for restroom breaks or food and what activities will allow you to social distance. Camping or utilizing nature as your primary playground are easy ways to keep yourself safe while traveling. Many families are renting RVs or campers for a place to stay that does not involve sharing spaces with other families. With basic access to a cooktop and microwave and fridge you can cook more food in the comfort of your own space and rely less on restaurants or non-local grocery stores.

Call Your Agent

Finding and utilizing a [travel agent](#) might be one of the smartest decisions you can make when planning travel during and post-pandemic. Travel agents who are experienced in the destinations you are looking at booking can help you navigate the tricky pieces of re-opening and how to deal with cancellations. They know the regulations of countries and will know how to make sure they can accurately relay the procedures and policies in places to protect you and your family on your trip.

Insure Your Trip

One of the most important pieces of advice for travel in this age of Coronavirus is the importance of [investing in quality travel insurance](#). While many people forego this expense, the time is now to make sure your entire trip can be cancelled without issue should this pandemic or any other type of emergency make it necessary. With this type of insurance, you will not suffer any major financial losses which can be just devastating on top of having to forego your anticipated trip. However, read all fine print carefully and realize that many times policies will not cover events like a worldwide pandemic. But there are policies available specifically for Coronavirus or cancel for any reason policies but make sure you are aware of the details of your coverage before paying for it.

The world will never quite look the same after Coronavirus but the joys and pleasures of travel will return. Starting to dream and plan your future vacations in the next year or two is one of the best ways you can spend your time now and give you hope for better days ahead.

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