

LOOK INTO TRAVEL FORUMS FOR TRAVEL SAVVY AND NEW FRIENDS!

People who love to travel are always looking forward to their next trip. Much as we might like to, few of us can travel year-round. The die-hard traveler starts planning the next trip shortly after arriving home. When you're a seasoned traveler, the steps required to plan your next adventure become shorter. Planning is lots of fun, but sooner or later, you've exhausted the planning possibilities and all that's left is to pack your suitcase. Novice travel lovers may spend more time poring over the planning, but with equal relish. Both the novice and devoted travelers are well served by participating in online travel forums, enclaves of like-minded people who enjoy sharing travel stories and keeping the travel bug alive until that next trip time rolls around.

Travel forums are populated with people in varying degrees of travel obsession. Some are planning their first overseas vacation and have many questions and lots of enthusiasm. Others have many destinations under their belt and just love to dream of places yet unseen. Some travel agents frequent the travel forums, just to keep an eye on the pulse of the current concerns and interests of travelers.

No matter what category of traveler you fit into, you'll benefit from the travel forum experience. These forums give you many opportunities to learn little tidbits you might never run across otherwise. The travel agent may well be able to answer your question on finding accommodations in the Fiji islands, or good options on cheap courier flights to Rio de Janeiro. Maybe you dream of visiting London for an extended period, but need tips on doing so on the cheap. Chances are good you can find travel forums with members who have done just that and will share their secrets with you.

Even if your travel budget is currently non-existent, there's much to learn. Travel forum members are a diverse group, having visited places you may not have even considered as a possible itinerary. Chatting online with the woman who spent a month in Chile may spark your imagination to the extent that you start saving your money for a trip to Chile.

Websites with travel forums are likely to have a travel newsletter, free for the asking. Such newsletters can keep you abreast of the latest information on travel security issues, bargain flights and all-inclusive vacation packages. The valuable information garnered there may prompt you to question forum members on more particulars on a given subject or destination.

If you love travel, joining a couple of travel forums is a rewarding avenue that pays you in knowledge and friendships. Learn all you can from experienced people

and contribute what you know. It's a win-win situation for everyone!