



## TIPS ON TRAVEL SCAMS



Sightseeing, sunbathing, skiing — who doesn't like a good vacation? But don't relax just yet.

Whether it's promising free or discounted trips, posting phony rental listings, or telling timeshare sellers they've got a buyer lined up, scammers are working to get a cut of your hard-earned travel money.

Here's what you need to know to avoid a scam.

## AVOIDING SCAMS WHILE MAKING TRAVEL PLANS

The key to planning a good trip is making sure you're buying from travel businesses you know and trust:

### Get Recommendations

Ask family and friends about the companies they use and like, and look online to see what people are saying about their service and prices.

### Call to Verify Reservations and Arrangements

Get the details about any "five-star" resorts or "luxury" cruise ships they promise — including what other travelers have had to say about them.

### Review the Company's Cancellation and Refund policies

before you pay for the trip, and ask "What if...?" Consider whether some form of travel cancellation insurance is appropriate.

### Pay by Credit Card

It gives you more protection than paying by cash or check. If you don't get what you paid for, you may be able to dispute the charges with your credit card company

### Consider Using a Travel App

Travel apps can help you search for airfares and hotel rates, get fare alerts and real-time deals, and manage your itinerary.

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