

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR TRAVEL PLANNER

Can you imagine if you arrive at a “first class” hotel in Europe only to find that it’s not very luxurious? Most consumers, especially those booking online, would be unaware that in the rest of the world, a first class rating actually means average. However, if you had been privy to this prior to your booking you probably would have selected a different category of hotel.

This is where a travel planner such as **Vacation Planning By Christine** can provide this insider information, but most importantly be the key in making sure your vacation turns into a personalized experience.

Tips to help ensure a personalized vacation planning experience:

1. **Think of your travel planner as an “information sifter”** – Your travel planner will use her knowledge and experience to help you figure out all the options that are best suited to your budget and tastes. A good travel planner will also be able to make invaluable recommendations based on their own personal experiences.
2. **Plan ahead** – Whenever booking a vacation, the earlier you start, the better; especially if you’re planning a trip during a holiday season.
3. **Describe the people you would like to meet while traveling** – Although this may sound odd, it’s not. Other travelers on a cruise or tour could have a major impact on your vacation. A travel planner can provide you “inside” knowledge and let you know if the cruise you’re selecting has 2,000 salesmen who just won a cruise for most sales in the region.
4. **Openly discuss your travel budget** – To help you arrange a truly perfect vacation, a travel planner needs to know what you can and cannot afford but also get you the most value for your money.
5. **Share any special interests** – If you’re a novice photographer, always dreamed about hot air ballooning over the Alps be sure to tell your travel planner because they can help develop a personalized itinerary that includes your hobbies.
6. **Provide details on all travel partners** – Your idea of a vacation is sitting on the beach and your travel partners would rather be exploring the museums. Sounds like a nightmare huh? – If you let your travel planner in on likes, dislikes, personalities and style of each member traveling in your party, she can suggest destinations, options, and activities to suit everyone.