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November 2018 - Getting Organized for Your Upcoming Flight

Are you nervous when it comes to flying? Well maybe a bit more organization might make this task a little less nerve-racking. Here are some helpful tips:

-Gather your documents together. Make sure your passport is not expiring in the next six months because some countries may not allow you to enter. If you are flying nationally, make sure you have picture ID, such as a driver's license. Some people may choose to buy a passport holder that goes around your neck — just always be careful with that and your wallet, too.

-Make sure you are traveling with a pen and your readers /cheater glasses (now this is becoming more of an issue when you are approaching 50, right?) You always have to fill out paperwork, especially if you are traveling internationally. Then make sure you hold onto that paperwork until you are safe, back at home. Sometimes you need those documents to show the immigration people before you exit their country.

-Several helpful things to have with you include: gum or breath mints, hand sanitizer (less than 3 oz. size), lip balm, tissues, snacks, Dramamine or other motion-sickness pills, empty water bottle that you can fill up once you get through security.

-Electronics, chargers and headphones. It's a good idea to walk onto the plane with a fully-charged electronic item.

-Download a few movies or TV show episodes from Netflix to watch on your flight.

-Bring a book to read.

-Cash, including small change for tips, taxis and snacks or meals at the airport.

-Travel pillow, ear plugs and sleep mask.

-Use only a carry-on bag for a quick trip makes sense and makes your travel easier.

-Luggage tags with your home address. Some airlines are very picky where they need each piece of luggage to have different people's name. For example we were just traveling this past Christmas and our kids were with us. We were asked to put the kids' names on the pieces of luggage and not ours.

-Print out two itineraries and boarding passes — one for you and a second to put in your luggage in case it gets lost and your tags fall off.

-Be sure you download the airline app so you can be aware of your upcoming trip, before and during it.

Carefully choose your traveling outfit. Don't wear a lot of metal items, which will trigger the metal detectors. Often, you have to remove your shoes, so be sure to wear socks. Take any electronics out of your pockets, which should only contain limited items. People behind you would appreciate you following the rules, and you'll get through the lines faster.

If you are traveling to many different cities, an accordion file folder works well to keep your paperwork organized. I encourage you to print things off and have hard copies — plus all customer service numbers, in case you run into any troubles. Plus I like to have a Travel Journal so I can remember where we went each day and what we did.

Safe travels,

Your local professional organizer,

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