

Access America Advantage: Top 10 Reasons to Buy Travel Insurance

Whether you take one vacation a year, or travel internationally on a regular basis for your business, a good travel insurance plan will cover you for virtually every unexpected contingency. From travel delays due to bad weather or a missed connection, a lost piece of luggage, or a medical emergency in a foreign country, help is only a phone call away. TODAY Travel Editor, Peter Greenberg, recommends purchasing travel insurance to protect your financial investment and your peace of mind. In a recently published article, Greenberg lists nine reasons why he thinks travel insurance is a must-have accessory, and we've added a 10th reason of our own:

- 1 Your flight has been cancelled.*
- 2 Your bags are lost and your medication is in it. You need to have an emergency prescription filled.*
- 3 Your passport and wallet are stolen, and you need emergency cash and a replacement passport.*
- 4 You're involved in an accident and adequate medical treatment is not available. You need medical evacuation.*
- 5 You need to cancel your trip due to illness.*
- 6 Your cruise line, airline or tour operator goes bankrupt. You need your non-refundable expenses covered and to get to your destination.*
- 7 You have a medical emergency in a foreign country.*
- 8 A terrorist incident occurs in the city where you're planning to visit and you want to cancel your trip.*
- 9 A hurricane forces you to evacuate your resort, hotel or cruise.*
- 10 *In response to our tough economy, we've added a 10th reason: you lose your job but you've already paid for your trip or cruise and need your cash back.*

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That's why even AAA employees choose Access America to protect their families: Betsy Sell, Director of AAA Travel Products, once helped her 85-year-old mother plan a trip to Prague. Wisely she included Access America insurance in the trip package. During the trip, the unexpected happened. Betsy's mother fell, suffered a head injury and minor stroke. "The tour company called to say mother had been taken in for tests. I called Access America and they basically took over and did everything. They were fabulous," Sell said. "They made it possible through translators and toll-free numbers for me to get to talk to my mother. They put me in touch with the doctors and nurses. They kept me fully informed." Access America made all the arrangements, including a stay in an overseas hospital, an American nurse to accompany her on the flight home and an ambulance to meet the plane on arrival in Boston. "My mother will never stop talking about all the attention and care she had."



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