Don't Book *That Trip Yet.*

10 reasons to use a travel agent (that Google won't tell you)

"Why would I need a travel agent? I can book it myself." I hear it all the time. And sure, you can. Here's what you're leaving on the table when you do.

1 It doesn't cost you a dime more.

This is the big one. My personal travel planning comes at no fee to you. Cruise lines, resorts, and tour companies pay agents a commission, and in most cases you pay the same price you'd pay booking direct. You get an expert for free.

2 You get a real human when things go sideways.

Flight canceled. Hurricane in the forecast. Missed connection at midnight. When you book online, you're on hold with a call center. When you book with me, you call me, and I start fixing it.

Travel is 90% amazing and 10% "now what?" That 10% is where I earn my keep.

3 Perks you can't get on your own.

Through my agency's supplier partnerships, I can often add extras when they're offered: onboard credit, room upgrades, resort credits, free breakfast, VIP touches. Same trip, more vacation.

4 You get your evenings back.

No more 47 open browser tabs, conflicting reviews, and comparing cabin categories at 11pm. Tell me what you want, and I come back with options that actually fit.

5 I know what the photos don't show.

Which cabin sits right under the pool deck. Which resort beach is rocky. Which month is rainy season. Which "ocean view" is really a parking lot view. Knowing that saves your trip, and sometimes your sanity.

6 I keep watching the price after you book.

If a rate drops or a new promotion comes out before final payment, I can often get you the lower price or added value, depending on the supplier's rules. Most people never check again after they click "book."

7 Everything in one place.

Flights, hotel, cruise, transfers, excursions, dinner reservations, travel insurance. One itinerary, one person to call, and no piecing together confirmation emails from six different websites.

8 No rookie mistakes.

Passport expiring too soon. A flight that lands after the ship leaves. A connection that's too tight. The wrong documents for your destination. I catch these before they become a crisis at the airport.

9 Groups without the headache.

Girls' trips, family reunions, milestone birthdays, retreats. I handle the rooming lists, the deposits, the payment reminders, and the "wait, who's paying for what?" so you get to be a guest at your own trip.

10 A trip built around you, not an algorithm.

A website shows you what's popular. I build what's right for you: how you like to travel, what you can't stand, what you've been dreaming about. And next time, I already know you hate red-eye flights.

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LET'S CLEAR A FEW THINGS UP

Myth vs. Truth

MYTH	TRUTH
"Booking online is cheaper."	In most cases, the price is the same, and with an agent you often get perks on top. Plus someone keeps an eye on the price for you.
"Travel agents went extinct with the fax machine."	We just got smarter. Today's travel advisors are specialists with supplier relationships, training, and tools you don't have access to.
"Agents are only for big, fancy trips."	A long weekend deserves to go right too. Simple trips are where the free perks and the backup really shine.
"I'll lose control of my trip."	You make every decision. I do the legwork, give you options, and tell you the truth about them.

How it works

1. Tell me the dream.
Where, when, who's coming, the budget, and the vibe. A quick chat or a short form.

2. I do the work.
I research, compare, and come back with options that fit, plus my honest take on each.

3. You pack and go.
I handle the bookings, the details, and the backup. You just show up and enjoy it.

Bottom line

You can book it yourself. But why would you, when an expert costs you nothing and has your back the whole way?

Let's plan *your next trip.*

Cruises, all-inclusives, girls' trips, family vacations, and getaways you've been putting off for way too long. Reach out and let's talk about where you want to go.

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