



Where Will Your Culture Take You?

Black history, African diaspora connections, culture, food, music, and fun.

Q & A

Why Travel with a Group?

Group travel isn't just about the destination; it's about the people you share it with. Traveling with a group is **highly cost-effective, significantly reduces planning stress, and provides enhanced personal safety**. Whether you travel with lifelong friends or join an organized tour company, exploring the world together completely transforms the journey.

Built-in Itineraries: Professional travel agencies, escorts or tour leaders map out routes, meals, and daily activities.

Streamlined Logistics: Booking transport, private shuttles, and complex flight transfers is handled for you.

Language Barrier Help: Tour directors bridge communication gaps and handle interactions in unfamiliar countries.

Safety in Numbers: Large, visible groups are less likely to be targeted by pickpockets or scam artists.

Local Expert Navigation: Experienced guides keep you away from high-risk neighborhoods and tricky terrain.

Built-in Backup: Group members can watch your bags, help navigate, or lend medical support during emergencies

Champion Services Travel takes care of the details so you can focus on enjoying the experience. From accommodation and transportation to excursions and activities, we help make your group vacation **easy, organized, and memorable**.

Packing & Luggage?

How do I avoid overweight baggage fees? Weigh your bag at home using a luggage scale and wear your heaviest jacket and shoes on the plane.

What items are strictly prohibited in checked bags? Standalone spare lithium batteries, power banks, e-cigarettes, smart bags with non-removable batteries, all explosives and flammable liquids like gasoline or lighter fluid, non-toiletry aerosols (and loose matches or lighters must stay in your carry-on).

Is it better to exchange money before I travel? No, you usually get much better exchange rates by using a local ATM at your destination or at the country airport. In most cases, the tour guide can assist.

When is the best time to book flights? Domestic flights are typically cheapest 1 to 3 months before departure, while international flights favor booking 2 to 8 months out.

How do I avoid jet lag? Adjust your sleep schedule to your destination's time zone 3 days before flying and stay hydrated.

Why do you need to turn off all your electronic devices before an airplane takes off and lands? It may cause flight interference with the airplane's sensitive electronic systems, and because the pilot asked. The worst yet, we might, somehow, enjoy the days when a chatty seatmate couldn't make an hour-long phone call.

Do you have to be rich to travel the world? The beauty of travel is that it's accessible to everyone, in some form. You don't have to go far to experience a new culture. Plus, there are several ways to make travel more affordable, by being flexible, searching websites, or just by planning ahead. Consider this: if you spend \$3-\$4 daily on a beverage and \$10-\$15 on lunch, you spend a conservative estimate of \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually. This is comparable to the cost of a trip. I realized this after calculating my own expenses and adjusting my priorities. With your significant savings, you could simply book with Champion Services Travel and make traveling the world your 9-to-5.

What are some common items smart travelers bringing with them (that less-smart travelers don't)? A small power strip is ideal for sharing a crowded outlet in an airport, and a simple way to keep all devices close once at a hotel. (Combine that with a Zolt laptop charger plus, the size of lipstick and is even handier.) Invest in an international electric outlet adaptor which will fit most countries' outlets. Keep photographs of your luggage and passport on your phone; should you lose either, you will be grateful for the reference. Ladies, always pack a scarf.

What are the top Countries and Notorious Hotspots for pickpockets? Italy, France, and Spain record the highest rates of pickpocketing in Europe, driven by heavy tourist crowds at major historical landmarks. Keep wallets and phones in front zippered pockets or an inner jacket pocket, never in back pockets. Wear a crossbody bag with the zipper facing forward and your hand resting over it in crowded areas. Be wary of strangers approaching you with unsolicited help, petitions, or cardboard signs asking for signatures, as these are common diversion tactics. Make this a common practice on all travel journey's.

Should I buy travel insurance? Yes, it is highly recommended to cover unexpected medical emergencies, trip cancellations, and lost luggage. Protect your investment and never leave home without it!

 **Travel. Connect. Celebrate. Experience.**

The world is waiting with much more to discover. Consider "Travel Where Culture Lives" to experience the diaspora connections, culture, food, music, and fun. It is "Worth the Detour."

What's on your 2027 – 2028 travel bucket list?