



Other Important Facts

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.”

St. Augustine

In the first Global Summit on Peace through Tourism, more than 450 world leaders of the travel and tourism community ratified an “Amman Declaration,” which recognized travel and tourism as a global peace industry.¹⁰

The right to annual vacations of a minimum duration is prescribed by law in 78 countries; some are so convinced of the necessity that there are penalties for deferring the vacation.³

One out of four American leisure travelers believe a vacation is a birthright (24%).²⁶

One in four American leisure travelers would be willing to trade an increase in pay for an increase in vacation time (24%).²⁶ But even so, Americans get the least amount of vacation time among countries in the industrialized world – an average of 8.1 days after a year on the job and 10.2 days after three years, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In addition, the average American works one month more per year today than in 1976.

Business travel can be fertile ground for discovering creative ideas for work or even a new business, many travelers say. The reason travel spurs inspiration is the stimulus, said Jeannine McGlade, co-author of “Stimulated! Habits to Spark Your Creative Genius at Work.” “When you’re in a new environment, you have what we call ‘eyes wide open. It’s not the ‘same old, same old’ where you tend to get into a rut and aren’t alert to having a ‘spark moment.’ Things are different and fresh during travel. You’re seeing things from a different perspective and you’re really paying attention.” Excerpt from “Finding New Inspiration on Business Trips,” New York Times, March 25, 2008

“And that’s the wonderful thing about family travel: it provides you with experiences that will remain locked forever in the scar tissue of your mind.” Dave Barry

“I have found out that there ain’t no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them.” Mark Twain