

Travel Outlook

VACATION TRAVEL A luxury or a necessity?

Is vacation travel a luxury or a necessity? To the economist, sold on classic theories about the leisure class, it's a luxury all right. Nobody ever died of vacation deprivation.

But in a sense, such travel is a necessity if you would live life to the full. The fulfilling thing about vacations isn't necessarily the new people you encounter and the new places you see, stimulating as they may be.

Rather, the important result may well be the memories, the satisfaction in having shared new pleasures with your family. Perhaps most important of all, it is being spared the bitter regret - on some future day when it is too late - of wishing that you had gone here or there.

Whatever guilt you may feel in indulging yourselves is likely to be much less than the remorse that you feel when you know that the opportunity won't come again.

A NEW DIMENSION
The kind of travel that can add a new and lasting dimension to your life doesn't have to cost a fortune. A vacation spent at a campground, close to nature, could turn out to be as rewarding as a sojourn at a glamorous resort - and who cares if your friends aren't dazzled by it? What really counts is that it's yours and your family's.

Yet, the amount of money you spend can make a difference. There isn't any magic formula that transmutes base lead into gold.

But we all know that big bucks don't guarantee happiness in people's daily lives, so we shouldn't expect any such guarantee on a vacation. There are, however, big differences between a low-cost trip and a cheap one (and also, sometimes, between a high-cost trip and a high-value one).

A FLEXIBLE PLAN
There is such a thing as serendipity - chancing upon something worthwhile - but don't count on it. Improve your chances of a good vacation by planning it well ahead, in a way that reflects your outlook, your individual interests, your own idea of enjoyment - not an assembly-line concept if it doesn't fill the bill.

Don't overplan, though. Set an itinerary, make a few key reservations - but allow for some flexibility so that you can indulge yourself in the unexpected pleasures and opportunities that are sure to crop up (or cut short any plans that aren't working out).

Flexibility is relative, of course. A family with school-age children can hardly benefit from off-season prices that other travellers might enjoy. Still, that family has the best chance of beautiful weather on their summer vacation, and outdoor-fun activities are at their seasonal peak.

The point is to enjoy travel when and while you can. Decades from now, when you recall 1987, you will probably be glad you seized the opportunity.

NEED A PASSPORT?
If you are thinking of travelling outside of Canada and the U.S., you will need a passport. Get an application form from post offices, travel agencies, regional passport offices, or the passport office at the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, K1A 0G3.

The application form is only slightly less formidable than a blank income-tax return. If you have a valid passport that is nearing the end of its five-year validity, remember that it is neither renewable (as Canadian passports used to be) nor of any use in applying for a new one - everybody starts from scratch.

A common mistake that leads to aggravating delays is in the choice of a guarantor - that is, someone who knows you personally, and signs statements to that effect on your application form and on one of the two photographs of yourself that must

accompany the application. The trouble is that some applicants choose an ineligible guarantor. Example: A professional engineer (P. Eng.) is qualified, while other engineers aren't.

(Doctors, lawyers, clergymen, bank managers and police officers are among those eligible to be guarantors, if they are Canadian citizens themselves. They must not charge you a fee for this service.)

TWO PICTURES
The photographer who takes your passport picture must put his or her name and address, together with the date on which the picture was taken (within the past 12 months), on the

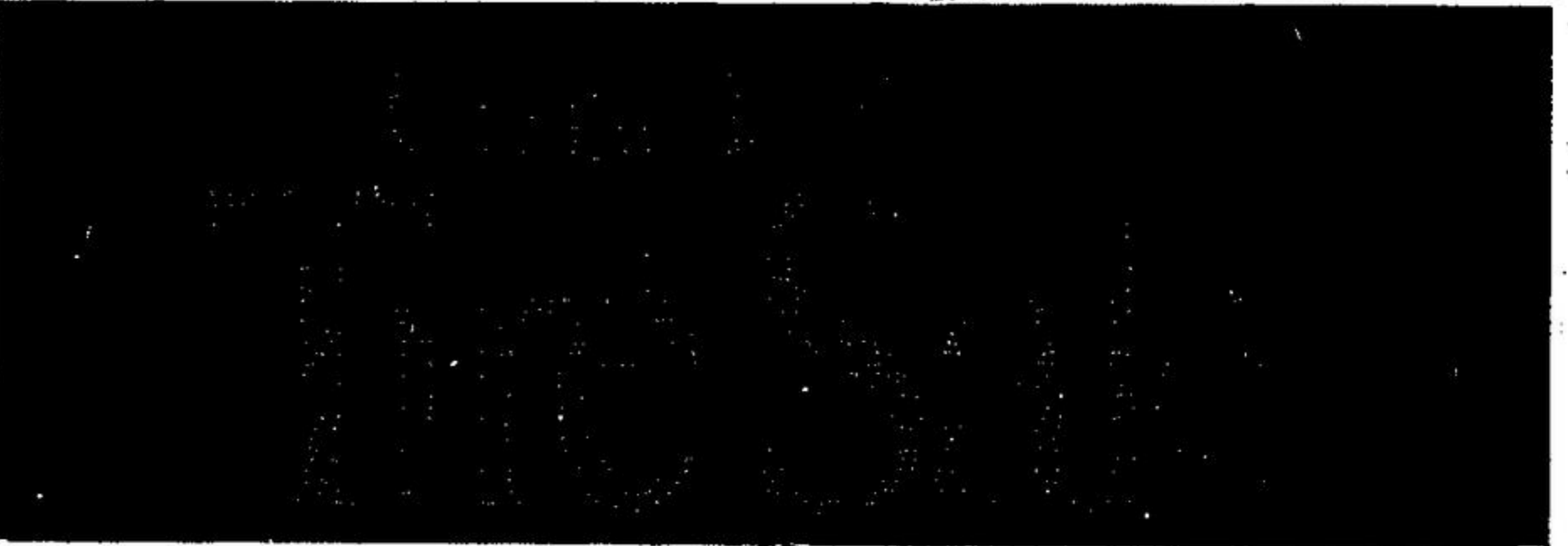
back of each of the two pictures required.

You, as the applicant, must sign your usual signature on a blank white strip on the front of each photograph.

Your previous passport (if you had one) isn't regarded as proof of Canadian citizenship when it comes to issuing a new document. Your application must be accompanied by your birth certificate or citizenship certificate if you were born in Canada, or by a citizenship certificate, certificate of naturalization or similar official document if you were born in another country.



Come spin some time with Prince Edward Island artisans and learn how a hunk of clay or a bagful of sheep's wool are turned into exquisite crafts. Pride of workmanship, handed down through the generations, still thrives on the Island. The continuing popularity of the traditional crafts of hand-thrown pottery, quilting, knitting and weaving delight visitors from around the world. As well, crafts of a more recent vintage such as woodwork and silver jewelry are growing in popularity. Many Island artisans give demonstrations in their studios. (P.E.I. Canada, Tourism Gord Johnston photo)



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