

The Nuts and Bolts of Travel

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Intended Audience: People with disabilities, their family, caretakers, in short anyone interested and involved with people with disabilities.

Session Description

Travel has always been an integral part of anybody's life irrespective of one's abilities. The key to enjoyable travel is planning. It is the magic key to safe and "seamless" travel. In this presentation SATH provides assistance to travelers with disabilities and their families or care takers to make their travel a pleasant and trouble-free experience by bringing you a wealth of information that will help you to put together and execute your travel plans, ensure your rights are not denied and you are well cared for wherever you go.

In the past, a disabled person planning a vacation faced a Herculean, if not impossible task. This was as much due to the paucity of funds as with the accessibility factor. Earlier, only high-end hotels offered wheelchair-accessible rooms as well as adaptations for other disabilities. Fortunately the situation today has changed. Significantly. and for the better. With the baby boomers, who will have a net worth of some \$26 trillion by 2015, and the people with disabilities evolving as a dominant customer base in the US, there has been a paradigm shift towards more feasible and affordable accessible travel. Additionally the cruise industry has responded well, currently taking a very proactive approach.

Travel is like any other skill. The more you practice, the better you become. We teach you and give you the necessary tools and resources. We bring you examples from different parts of the world as well as different types of travel.

Of journeying the benefits are many: the freshness it bringeth to the heart, the seeing and hearing of marvelous things, the delight of beholding new cities, the meeting of unknown friends, and the learning of high manners. ~ Sadi, Gulistan