

THE ART OF SPENDING MONEY ON TRAVEL

✈️ When you think about planning a trip, what's the first thing that comes to mind? For many, the cost is forefront – “Can I afford it?” becomes the deciding factor between following through with a life-long dream of visiting a certain country, seeing a unique wonder or experiencing an iconic cultural event. You've heard of travel insurance, but have you considered travel as an investment? What if instead of asking: “How much does it cost?” – you asked: “What would this trip purchase actually buy me?” Ask yourself what you value most and whether this trip aligns with those values. What would this trip actually buy you in terms of happiness, connection, or memories? Just as one carefully calculates the return on financial investments, one should calculate the return of money spent on travel. What would a good return on a travel investment look like for you? ROI for travel might be measured in relaxation and down-time, relationships strengthened through connections with people you will visit, the sheer joy of experiences gained only in certain locales or the story-telling fodder of epic adventures. Ask yourself, is my money actually creating the life I want? And does the life I want to create involve more travel? While we obviously hope the answer is yes – we also want to maximize the return on your travel investment. Just as a financial advisor guides you to get the most out of your financial investment; a travel advisor guides you to make the most out of your travel investment. Their training and expertise means time saved, stress reduced, itineraries perfected, support on stand-by and perks activated; all while creating the life you want by minimizing regrets and maximizing the priceless experiences and precious memories that all add up to a life well-traveled – and ultimately a life well-lived.



Meet our Travel Leaders Network SUPER AGENTS!

Four of our advisors have recently completed requirements necessary to achieve TLN's Super Agent status. Join us in celebrating Jeri Anderson, Sue Stricker, Tabitha Regoli and Lisa Bjelland for their commitment to excellence!

LET'S PLAY

Travel Advisor Edition - Round 2

**We asked our advisors to name something that stresses people out at airports...
Top answers on last page**

2 Name something that stresses people out at the airport

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GPIA EXPANSION COMPLETE

It's official – Celebrations are in order! The five-year, \$100 million, Glacier Park International Airport terminal expansion and remodel project is finished! Renovations included a new ticketing lobby, expanded baggage claim, new jet bridges, as well as adding the Goat Haunt Saloon, a full-service restaurant. Facility square-footage tripled from 75,000 to over 200,000 reducing congestion and improving traffic flow. Furthermore, applause for crews and contractors who completed the runway rehabilitation project – replacing more than 30 acres of pavement and upgrading infrastructure in 4 weeks. In operation since 1950, our small local Flathead County Airport, grew into GPIA in 1970. This expansion allows GPIA to better meet both present need and future projections as the area growth and tourism continue to increase.

ETIAS LAUNCH DELAY



The European Union is likely postponing the rollout of the ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System) to 2027. While still officially scheduled for the last quarter of 2026, IT issues and border integration challenges have made that timeline unrealistic. A formal decision on an updated timeline is expected following a review by in September.

Advice for Travelers: No action is currently required. Travelers are advised to follow official announcements rather than paying third-party application websites.

ACCESSIBLE TRAVEL SOLUTIONS



We're proud to announce travel advisor Lisa Bjelland as a Certified Accessible Travel Advocate with certifications through Special Needs Group and Accessible Travel Solutions. At Flathead Travel Service, we believe that travel is for everyone. Many of our travelers have unique needs and we strive to meet those needs with the excellent service and advocacy that our clients deserve. Whether you have mobility challenges, sensory needs, dietary restrictions, medical concerns, or other special requirements, today's travel world is more accessible than ever. We're here to help you find the right accommodations, transportation, and support so you can travel with confidence. Don't let special needs hold you back from exploring the world. Contact Lisa at 406.752.8758 for expert assistance booking accessible travel packages, equipment rentals, personalized accommodations and more.

We highly recommend using Travel Insured for all your travel insurance needs





Best of Summer

VIDEO REELS CONTEST

WIN A \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR FUTURE TRAVEL

WE WANT TO SEE YOUR TRAVEL VIDEO REELS!

Wherever Flathead Travel Service is sending you this summer, we want to see the highlights! Whether it's a stunning sunset, an epic excursion, a curious local custom, or a scenic landscape, this is your opportunity to be rewarded for capturing that unforgettable moment. If we booked your travel for the trip, share or send us your "Best of Summer" video reel entries. We are looking for 5-20 second vertical short-form videos. Be sure to include location and which advisor booked your travel.

TIPS & WAYS TO SHARE:

- 1 - Follow our "Flathead Travel Service" Facebook and Instagram pages
- 2 - Use apps like Capcut or Edits to create your video
- 3 - Tag us when you post your video reels on your social media
- 4 - Email entries or questions to sara@flatheadtravel.com for help with editing



Official Rules: Begins June 16, 2026 – ends August 31, 2026. By entering, you give permission to use your media in future marketing. All eligible entries will be entered in a drawing to take place on September 2, 2026 for \$100 gift certificate for future travel with Flathead Travel Service.

FAMILY FEUD TOP ANSWERS: TSA Security, Lines, Delays, Finding a spot for carry-on