



THE RILEY REVIEW

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Reunion Trivia

How far in advance do people plan family reunions?

Most people (42%) start planning a reunion 13-18 months before the actual date.

(GroupTravel.org)

Why is travel insurance included in the price?

By Peter Greenberg
TODAY SHOW Travel Editor

Whether it's your trip, your possessions, your luggage, or your health, travel insurance has become an essential item to pack for smart travelers. And if you don't buy travel insurance more than your trip could be ruined.



According to the U.S. Travel Insurance Association, the top three reasons for purchasing travel insurance are: peace of mind, protection against the unexpected and concern over losing the financial investment in a trip. Some 70 percent of cruisers buy travel insurance.

While a majority of those who don't buy travel insurance are familiar with flight

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Reunion committees volunteers needed!

As much as I am enjoying planning the family reunion, I cannot do it all. Besides, I know there are some of you who would love to get involved, so here's your opportunity — volunteer to be on one of the committees!

T-Shirt Committee

This committee will oversee the color and design of the reunion t-shirt, select the printing company and have the t-shirts delivered. Need: 3 people

Activities Committee

We have two days at sea. What will

we do? That's the job of this committee. And, if needed, schedule time for our school-age family members to do any homework assignments. Need: 3-4 people

Family Lineage Committee

"So how are you related to me?" This committee will be able to answer that question. Who wants to do the research? This is probably our most important committee because it documents our family tree. Need: 4-5 people.

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It's not too late to pay your \$25 deposit!

Volunteers needed for reunion committees

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Photography

Actually everyone going is somewhat on this committee but we will need someone to organize and be responsible for certain photos. I nominate Calvin Fisher for this job. Does everyone concur? Great! Who would like to help out Calvin?

Souvenir Book

We're doing something different this year. A portion will be on CD. Next month I will let you know the things we will be including in this year's souvenir book. This will also include the Family telephone/Email directory. Clotiel and I will be on this committee.

Need: 2 people



Who's Cruising

Shirley Adams
Shawnda Bindon
Ecko Carter
Jeannette Carter
Monica Cofield
Michael Collins
Trends Collins
Verna Copeland
Joyce Hickman
Chandra Johnson
Tanya Lafayette
Skye Lafayette
Gene Lane
Clotiel Nelson
Aisha Riley
Barbra Riley
Charles Riley
Clifton Riley
Jackie Riley
Vanessa Riley
Vicki Riley
Karyn Scales
Sydney Scales
Gloria Tuprah

Don't miss out on the fun! Send in your deposit and reserve your cabin!

Introducing the Riley Brag Box



Is there something going on in your life that you're proud of?

Got a new dog, cat or fish? Then share it with the family!

We're introducing the Riley Brag Box in the next issue of the newsletter.

Did you get a promotion? Did Junior hit his first home run in Little League? Did you buy a new house?

Send a short description and a photo and we'll include it in upcoming newsletters.

Why is travel insurance included in the price?

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and trip cancellation insurance, many people are unaware of travel health insurance, baggage coverage and medical evacuation insurance. Even among travel insurance buyers, only 50 percent were aware of medical evacuation insurance.

Reasons to buy travel insurance

1. Your bags are lost and your medication is in it. You need to have an emergency prescription filled.
2. Your passport and wallet are stolen, and you need emergency cash and a replacement passport.
3. You're involved in an accident and adequate medical treatment is not

available. You need medical evacuation.

4. You need to cancel your trip due to illness.
5. Your cruise line, airline or tour operator goes bankrupt. You need your non-refundable expenses covered and to get to your destination.
6. You have a medical emergency in a foreign country.
7. A terrorist incident occurs in the city where you're planning to visit and you want to cancel your trip.
8. A hurricane forces you to evacuate your resort, hotel or cruise.

Tips for paying for the family reunion cruise

1. Pack your lunch at least two days a week. That's a \$10-\$20 savings a week; \$40-\$80 savings a month. That's your monthly installment on the cruise.

2. The Change Jar. This is my favorite. It takes only \$1.36 a day to get to \$500 a year! You'd be surprised how quickly the *silver* coins add up. Here's the trick to doing it. Let's say your bill is \$2.33. Don't rumble through your purse looking for the 33 cents. Give the cashier \$3 and put the 67 cents in your change jar. Label the jar (i.e. "Riley Reunion Cruise") to remind you of your goal. Periodically you can roll the coins and see how much you have.

3. Sell your stuff. A garage sale or a flea market is a great way to earn vacation cash from your castoffs. To attract a crowd, run an ad in your local newspaper and post easy-to-read signs around your neighborhood.

4. Go on a "fiscal fast" for a week. Go for a week without spending *any* money. Can you do it? Make it a competition and involve the whole family. A 2010 Gallup poll showed that the average American adult spends \$63 per day in stores, restaurants, gas stations, and online, much of it on discretionary, nonessential purchases.

5. Sell dinners for one weekend or two. No explanation needed. You could get the price of the whole trip with just one weekend; two weekends and you could afford a luxury suite!

6. Pay yourself first. The basic idea is to characterize your savings as a "bill" that needs to be paid just like any other. Do this by using direct deposit and have the bank immediately transfer funds into your savings account.

7. When writing a check, round up your checkbook entry to the nearest dollar. If you write a check for \$57.12, record it in your checkbook as \$58.

"In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past, bridge to our future."
-Alex Haley

From the Family Photo Archives

Do you have an old family photo from back in the day? Submit it for the "From the Family Photo Archives."

Family Photos tell a story and documents who we are. They introduce future generations to past family members.



Can you identify the folks in this picture?
If not then you definitely need to join us for the reunion cruise!

Left to right: Johnny Riley, Annie Willet, Louis "Preacher" Riley and Hilda Chase



- 2 Terrance Segars
- 5 Montasia Segars
- 6 Bryant Williams, Jr.
- 7 Prince E. Riley, Jr.
Thelma Duplechain
- 10 LaShanerara Clark
- 12 Louis Goudeau
- 14 Valerie Hawthorne
Kevin Copeland
- 15 Brenda Smith
- 16 Denise Riley
- 18 Henrietta Riley
Carzell Cannon
Larry Goudeau
- 20 Audrey Fisher
- 24 Vicki Lynn Finley
- 25 A. J. Bankston
Harold Moore
Willie Ocasio
- 26 C. J. Rose, Jr.
- 27 Cecily Williams

Remember to send in your monthly deposit

Send payments to:

Marquis Vacations Travel Agency
436 York Rd., Suite #9
Jenkintown, PA 19046

Include your name and reservation number **MVTA863QK5** with all payments.
FINAL PAYMENT DUE: November 9, 2012

Facts about Cozumel Mexico

Currency: Mexican peso (US dollar is widely accepted). The island has several banks and casas de cambio, as well as ATM machines. Most places accept US dollars, but you usually get a better deal paying in pesos.

Food: Generally no problems, but caution is suggested when buying from street vendors; drink only bottled water, and use bottled water for oral hygiene; peel all fruits and vegetables, and avoid lettuce; concentrate on eating only cooked foods.

Climate: The climate on Cozumel Island is typical of the Caribbean. From November to May, temperatures are at about 25 degree Celsius (77 degrees Fahrenheit). The weather is breezy with low humidity. The busy winter tourism season, when prices reach their peak, overtakes the island from mid-December to April. This time of year is attractive not just because it's winter in North but also because it's not raining and the heat isn't unbearably muggy.

Entry Requirments: Proof of citizenship & return ticket.

Time Zone: Mexico spans three dif-

ferent time zones. Cozumel, for example, is on central time, putting them in the same time zone as New Orleans.

Shopping: Shoppers can get easily get their fix at a variety of stores selling Mexican handicraft art, souvenirs, clothing, diamonds and gold or silver jewelry. There are plenty of bargains to be found at the open-air markets just off the square. Both Viva Mexico and Los Cinco Soles are popular souvenir stops, especially with the cruise ship crowd. Because Cozumel is a duty-free shopping zone there are some great bargains to be found on **l u x u r y i t e m s .**

Electricity: 110 volts, same as U.S.

Recreation: The leeward west side of the island is populated, containing the vast majority of activities; diving is at the south end, drifting to the north; ruins of Mayan temples, as well as the museum (Museo de Cozumel) in downtown San Miguel.

Taxis: Cozumel has lots of taxis and a very strong drivers' union. Fares have been standardized--there's no bargaining.

Reunion Countdown

11 months to Bon Voyage!