National Shop for Travel Day

Today is National Shop for Travel Day - the second Tuesday in January has been earmarked by the travel industry to remind people to start planning their next vacation now.

With all the new tools and resources to help shop for that perfect trip, how we choose to travel, our accommodations, and where we relax and have fun have become mobile and virtual. Whether a weekend getaway or a dream vacation, one can shop, compare, plan, and book all in just a few clicks. Travelers can find just the place and lodging they've dreamed of and even tour it before they go, view ratings and firsthand accounts from other travelers. They can catch a glimpse of what the trip will be like long before it begins.

Planning the perfect vacation should end with making sure its protected with Travel Insurance. The typical plan will cover emergency medical expenses and baggage loss and delay, and recover at least some of the cost of the trip if the vacation had to be canceled or cut short. As a Big "I" Markets agent you can offer your clients travel insurance through our partner carrier Travel Insured International. By investing in a plan with Cancel for Any Reason Coverage, clients may cancel their plans and get up to 75% of their total trip cost for any reason they choose, including a travel alert. They just to have purchased within 21 days of deposit (other eligibility conditions must also be met) and cancel 48 or more hours prior to scheduled departure in order to be eligible.

The TII travel blog covers a myriad of travel related subjects, including travel agent myths, sleeping on flights, using a cellphone abroad, navigating hurricane season, and picking the right hotel, just to name a few.

Travel Insurance can cover accident and sickness medical expense, emergency medical evacuation/repatriation, trip delays, cancellation, interruption, missed connections due to severe weather or many other reasons outside the traveler's control.

Obtaining coverage is easy:

- Review the product guide with your client®. Use the Quick Quote Feature on the Travel Insured International Site to calculate premium and add optional coverage if desired.
- Contact the Carrier's Help Desk with any coverage or underwriting questions.
- When you are ready for coverage to be issued, you MUST click on Request a Quote to access the applications and enter client information. Then scan and attach the completed application as a "New Message" or email to kyle.yoder@iiaba.net. A credit card number is required to issue coverage.
- Travel Insurance is currently available to members in all states.

Travel Insurance International help desk can be reached at (800) 243-3174.

Rates, waiting periods, and coverages can vary in FL, IA, KS, NY & WA.