Artfully Dodging Thieves While Traveling

Criminals target travelers, especially tourists, due to their unfamiliarity with the area which means their attention may not be on their valuables. Pickpockets love "Beware of Pickpocket" signs because most people seeing the sign will reach for their valuables (wallet, watches, expensive necklace, etc.) to make sure it’s still there. This tells the thief exactly where you keep it or that your jewelry is expensive. Snatch & grab teams are more brazen, literally grabbing valuables right off you and running or riding off. More involved scams involve a seeming helpful or friendly local, while others will have some form of distraction, including throwing a baby in your arms.

Big "I" Markets partner Travel Insured International has a highly informative blog post about keeping your money safe while traveling.

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.

As a Big "I" Markets agent you can offer your clients travel insurance through our partner carrier Travel Insured International. Opt-in for Cancel for Any Reason Coverage, and your clients may cancel their plans and get up to 75% of their total trip cost for any reason they choose. They just have 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, air travel tips, picking the right hotel, protecting your baggage, using a cellphone abroad, navigating hurricane season, and more.

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 nancy.doherty@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. Nancy Doherty can be reached by email nancy.doherty@iiaba.net or at (800) 221-7917 x5389. Submit business online at www.bigimarkets.com.

World Trip Protection PLUS not available in NY

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