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# Travel Fraud: Go to Paradise, Not the Cleaners!

## Prevention and Tips

Are you looking for a great deal on a dream vacation? While we are all looking to save a few bucks don't let your travel dream turn into a nightmare. Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### Think twice before falling for phony and expensive deals like these:

**Vacation Certificates-** Scammers will promise you a bargain priced vacation. The certificates don't mention the extra expenses and when you all up all the fees and extras the bargain is more expensive than a regular vacation package.

**Free But at What Price-** You are offered a low-cost or even a free trip to find that your room is cramped, the accommodations are terrible and you don't trust the food. The scammer instantly finds an upgrade at an outrageous price.

**At the Fair-** You register for a free trip at a booth at the state fair, shopping mall, or sports event. What you have won is a high-pressured telephone pitch and a deal for off-season or weekday travel to remote locations.

### Common sense and researching your trip can help protect you against travel fraud.

- Resist high-pressured sales pitches.
- Get all the details, total cost and any refund policy in writing before you pay.
- Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you know the person or company you are dealing with.

If you want more information on travel scams or other consumer fraud issues contact AARP ElderWatch at 1-800-222-4444 option 2 or [www.aarpelderwatch.org](http://www.aarpelderwatch.org)

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