

A Power-strip...Can I Have Something Else?...Later Check-outs

The first time you travel to a new destination, or the first time you try a new kind of vacation, there may be a lot you don't know or some totally unexpected experiences that may surprise you when they happen.

Sometimes this experience can be *exciting!* Trying something new or seeing a new destination for the first time is one of the great pleasures of travel. And when things go well in our travels, that's **great**.

To help with your next vacation trip, here are some of the "if only I'd known" things you might be prepared for...a *power-strip*...if you're traveling with a family, or, you're on a cruise ship, or in a hotel room, that power-strip may let you recharge all those electronic devices while you sleep.

Can I have something else? You don't like the dinner offered tonight. Ask if you can have something else and then maybe you'll be able to enjoy that meal a lot more. It doesn't cost to ask, and if you've made friends with your waiter/waitress, it might be a simple request for them to offer something else...maybe not as expensive, but at least you'll enjoy it.

And as often happens, you'd like to stay a little longer past the usual check-out time. Explaining that you have a later flight will allow you to remain an hour or two in your room and the clean-up crew can do other rooms and leave yours till last. Another option there is go to the airport (depending on the size airport and airline availability) and stay at the "**high-priced**" "specialty clubs" like American's *Admiral Club*. Even if you're not a "paid member", most airlines will allow you to enter and wait for your flight, but again, asking an airline, or club, employee for permission to enter those exclusive clubs, will be better than sitting in the large waiting room.

Travel can be challenging and not always a fun experience but doing something different can make it more enjoyable...and *you've been looking forward to this vacation for a long time...you deserve it...enjoy!!!*