

Thrif'Trip.Talks Travel. #001



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Welcome Travel-leers!

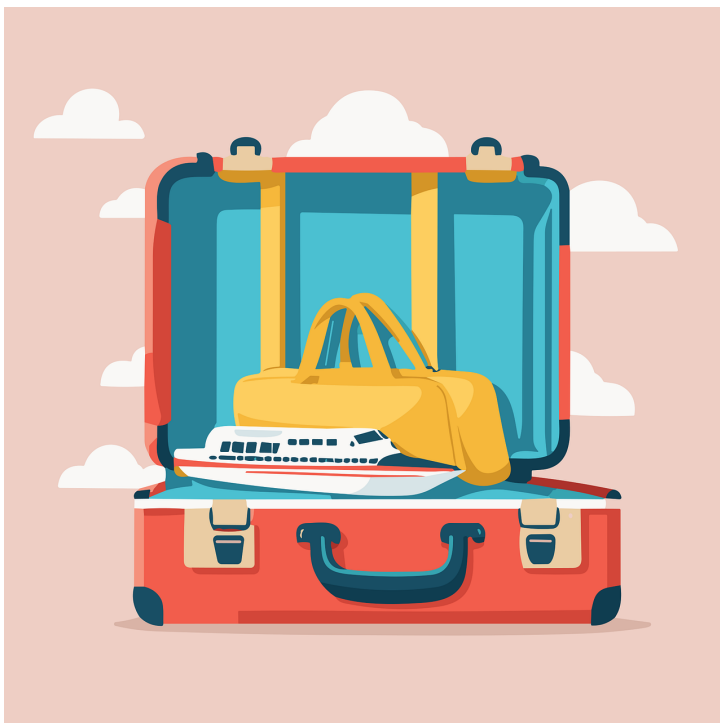
I'm T. Lashea Armour, your virtual lifestyle concierge and curated travel advisor.

My genuine love for travel and interest in seeing the world, has led me to creating a travel newsletter, where I can share these interests and provide insights that help you save time, money and get those small details handled before you pack your bags.

It does add a huge plus that I am also a lifestyle mentor and travel advisor.

I figured — who doesn't need a vacation after doing the mental (de- and re-) construction to create balance in their lives. I'm like All-State in this instance — because you're 'in good hands.'

As your personal travel advisor and lifestyle mentor, I'll handle all the details so you can focus on relaxing and enjoying the scenic route.



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I excel at curating personalized experiences that cater to my clients' interests.

My goal is to share my love for exploration and create unforgettable adventures for you, in your busy lifestyle; while providing options for adding spice to your life with style on the way; while you're there and on the way back.

In this publication, you will find trending travel news and updates, exclusive deals for travel and suggestions for travel packages for corporate events, and by region.

*Once subscribed, you will be added to **'Thrif'Trip Travel Club** - where I'll plan and curate group excursions twice a year starting in 2026.*





Join if you are serious about travel, love doing activities i.e, cruises, exclusives tours, exotic all-inclusive locations, concerts and/or events — we vote on it... so get your passports (and your REAL ID's) ready.



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Votes for the first group travel will be collected June 15, 2025, so don't forget to subscribe/ add your email @thriftriphub.com.

You will be notified when the poll is available to vote on desired destinations — so subscribe to the email list ASAP and be on the lookout for the poll.

  **Any special accommodation   for accessibility needs or dietary considerations should be given prenotice **BEFORE** booking your travel arrangements. Contact details are at the end of every newsletter or can be found at thriftriphub.com**

Trending Travel Topics

Restrictions and security are afoot and upon us in 2025— especially when it comes to travel. Getting your facts straight and checking all your boxes are in much need of being carefully considered.

Let's get into trending topics and find out why.

Heads Up — You May Need Clearance Before You Travel There?

“Security, Security?!”

The latest talks about travel restrictions are raising eyebrows, especially for those of us in the travel industry. Have you heard of this travel ban list?

Geesh! Its extensive! With proposed changes impacting 43 countries (with more being added,) falling into three categories:

1. **Full Visa Suspensions:** This includes places like Iran, North Korea, and Syria—countries already known for travel challenges.
2. **Partial Visa Suspensions:** Some countries, such as Haiti and Eritrea, might face limits on specific visa types like tourist or student visas.
3. **Conditional Restrictions:** A larger group of countries, like Pakistan and Belarus, could see partial suspensions unless they meet new security requirements within 60 days.



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Also, there is a red list, an orange list and a yellow list — which are restricted based on additional and ‘other’ criteria from address deficiencies to being stopped from travel to the US altogether.

These restrictions are surrounding the growing tensions with trade and security at the US borders among other factors.

These potential restrictions could influence how we plan trips, especially for international wellness retreats or global adventures. For travelers looking to explore regions on the list, it’s worth staying updated to avoid last-minute surprises.

On a related note, there’s a proposal to restrict Chinese nationals from studying in the U.S., stirring concerns about xenophobia and its ripple effects on education and tourism.



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Click [HERE](#) to find a list all (43) proposed countries that may be banned or have significant security issues cited — possibly sooner than later — YIKES!

Needless to mention get well informed and check back for updates on this before planning travel to these destinations.

Real ID To Travel

For the majority of us, the **REAL ID** requirement has finally arrived after years of reminders.



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Beginning this Wednesday, May 7, the majority of American adults will require a REAL ID in order to enter nuclear power plants, board commercial airplanes subject to federal regulation, and access some federal sites.

In order to board a domestic flight or enter certain federal facilities you will need to have a real ID available - planning ahead is crucial — that's why I'm here for you.

What Is A “Real ID” Card?

REAL IDs are state-issued identification cards or driver's licenses that satisfy the federal government's basic security requirements as outlined in the [REAL ID Act](#), which Congress passed in 2005 at the 9/11 Commission's suggestion. A few exceptions exist.

Additionally, travelers can utilize a U.S. passport, Enhanced Tribal Card, permanent resident card, passport issued by a foreign government, and a number of other kinds of identification that the TSA accepts for air travel.



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The Department of Homeland Security also recognizes Enhanced Driver's Licenses (EDLs) and Enhanced IDs (EIDs) from five states as REAL ID substitutes.

Get More info on this [HERE](#). (Link opens a new tab to the Homeland Security website.)

1. Michigan
2. Minnesota
3. New York
4. The state of Vermont
5. Washington

In these states, not all IDs or licenses are automatically improved. During the application procedure, residents have the option of selecting an EDL/EID or a conventional license/ID.

When traveling by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, enhanced driver's licenses and enhanced identification documents can also serve as proof of identity and citizenship.

What You Need to Get Your Real ID & FAQ's



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1. Verify the requirements in your state.

The first step is to visit your state's Department of Motor Vehicles or similar website for detailed information on how to apply for a Real ID, as each state has distinct procedures and documentation requirements.

2. Assemble the necessary paperwork.

You will need to present a number of documents to confirm your identification, state residency, Social Security number, and U.S. citizenship or legal status.

- Typical documents needed are as follows: A legitimate, unexpired passport, birth certificate, or other kind of official documentation can serve as proof of identity.
- Social Security (SSN) documentation: a W-2 form for your Social Security card or a pay stub that includes your SSN.
- Or, Documents proving U.S. citizenship or legal status include passports, birth certificates, and proof of legal residency.
- Documents proving your current address, such as utility bills, lease agreements, or bank records, are known as proof of residency. Depending on the state, this can require two separate paperwork.



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3. *Visit the DMV or Designated Office*
4. *Fill out the Application*
5. *Have your Photo Taken: This photo will appear on your new driver's license or ID card.*
6. *Once you have completed all steps the easier part is on the horizon! Your Real ID will arrive by mail, so if you have any travel plans. This process can take up to a few weeks depending on your state.*

Can I Speed Up This Process?

In some states, such as Pennsylvania, California, New York and Virginia, people seeking a **REAL ID** can prequalify or apply online, then complete the process in person.



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Other states, like Texas, Michigan and Oklahoma, complete the entire process in person with no online component.

So far, there is no listed method that will expedite this process. A passport is acceptable in place of Real ID.

🚗 **ROADTRIPS & Events!!!** 🚗

Right about now, a lot of us just getting back into the kick and swing of things — depending on your regional weather patterns. Recovering from the holiday weight gain and impulse spending.

Its Spring again! 🐝🌸

So, let's spring into some road trip gems that doesn't cause you to have to break open the safe or dump your life savings.



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Sometimes, we all need a little escape—but why spend a fortune? The three destinations I chose below offer versatility, beautiful panoramic views for selfies, and are perfect for quick, budget-friendly getaways that deliver big on relaxation and adventure.

Keep reading to get more travel gems and memorable destinations.

Quick Getaways That Won't Break the Bank

1. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

A day on the beach would be nice right about now. How about a weekend at **Myrtle Beach, SC** made for your budget

Why It's Worth It: This classic coastal gem offers everything from sandy beaches to vibrant boardwalks, all without draining your wallet. Affordable accommodations and dining make it a go-to for families and couples alike.



When to Go: Late fall to **early spring** for the best hotel deals and fewer crowds. Places that are recommended include:

Where to Stay: Try the Vancouver Motel (starting at \$111) or Caribbean Resort Myrtle Beach (from \$134 per weekend). Both offer unbeatable value with prime access to the beach.

Book tickets to nearby attractions and activities in and around Myrtle Beach [HERE](#).

Click this [link](#) to find guided audio tours for sightseeing and exploration.

2. Cincinnati, Ohio

UPCOMING EVENT ALERT!

Are you looking for good music and a great event?

Do you love the oldies but goodies, R&B and Hip Hop from yesterday and inspire music of today's culture? This annual event will even include some of today's hottest music acts with those classic acts mixed in.

The Annual Cincinnati Music Festival gives you a three-day, star-studded, groovy show - packed with great music from sunup to sundown starting **July 24th thru July 26th in downtown Cincinnati, Paycor Stadium, known for the Bengals football team home field.**

Who's Performing?

7/24: Scarface, Goodie Mob, Toni Braxton, The Sugar Hill Gang, Young MC, LL Cool J, The Zapp Band AND MORE ... with more being booked and added to the lineup as I type this newsletter.

7/25: Earth, Wind & Fire, Anthony Hamilton, Jazmine Sullivan, PJ Morton and The Zapp Band with a Tribute to King Records Legacy featuring Dreion, Lucky Daye, 112 and The Bar-Kays.

7/26: Janet Jackson, a Special Tribute to Frankie Beverly, featuring Jubu with special guest appearances by Ronald Isley, Joe, After 7, Dave Hollister and Raheem DeVaughn.



Hotel Deals

The best and closest Hotel is a Hilton right next door (1 min away).

Also, 7 other locations that have great reviews, 3/4-star ratings, and are conveniently located as well.

In the heart of other trending tourist spots, like museums, restaurants, haunted tours and other cool activities. But don't worry, the music fest will have your days and most of your night too — as they are going to rock you 'all night long', like After Seven used to sang about — no pun intended.

You will be there ALL DAY AND NIGHT, with 12 - 14 hours of non-stop music, food, drinks - the party won't stop until you do!

And SHHHH!!!! I have a few rooms blocked left, with travel discount included! Reach out for more info to info@thriftrpub.com subject line: Music Festival Hotel Stay.

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3. Olympic National Park, Washington

If you love the outdoors and need a little adventure, ***Olympic National Park*** has both packed in one epic destination.

Why It's Worth It: Nature lovers, this one's for you! With free park entry days and affordable spring accommodations, Olympic National Park is a gateway to serene hiking trails and diverse wildlife.

When to Go: Spring is perfect for spotting wildlife, blooming flowers, and avoiding peak-season crowds.



Where to Stay: The Olympic View Inn and Lake Quinault Lodge offer cozy, scenic stays at prices that make a road trip totally worth it. There are also a few low-cost Bed & Breakfast spots nearby that may be fitting for the budget traveler as well.

Reach out to info@thriftriphub to get more information and review options offered.

From sun-soaked beaches to tranquil adventure, and a summer smash hit event; these destinations prove that a quick getaway doesn't have to blow your budget - while adding spice to your life. Whether you're planning a solo retreat or a family adventure, these spots have something for everyone.

So, pack your bags, gas up the vehicle, charge your gears and let's get it!



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Don't forget — I am a lifestyle concierge and travel advisor. I can personally book your travel experience, event tickets, attractions, tour, meal reservations, car rental— at wholesale travel prices.

Head over to ThriftTripHub.com to get in touch and subscribe to the newsletter. And, while you're at it... head over to Facebook to join the travel group TODAY!!!

Travel Promotions & Last-Minute Deals

In this section, find cheap vacations/ all-inclusive flash deals.

Remember, the travel club members get a chance to win trips, gift cards, dining reservations and MORE... head to Facebook & follow to join the travel club TODAY, or signup to the newsletter email list @thrifttriphub.com.

Iberostar® Resorts & Spas

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Resorts provide \$400 coupons to enhance your travel

Travel Window: through 12/19/2025



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- One bottle of wine/sparkling wine, rum, or tequila*
- 25% Discount on Spa Services
- One in-room breakfast with sparkling wine
- Complimentary upgrade from standard shared to nonstop shared airport transfers roundtrip (excludes Saint Lucia and Panama).

****Excludes Run of House and Deal of the Day room categories. ****Premium wellness package available.

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UNLIMITED-LUXURY PACKAGE IS PER PERSON AND INCLUDES: Roundtrip hotel transfers | Hotel accommodations | Hotel tax and service charges. Endless gourmet meals, snacks, and top-shelf spirits | Daily activities | Nightly entertainment| 24-hour room and concierge services | non-motorized watersports and much more!

Okay road runners!

That is going to wrap the first edition of Thrif'Trip.Talks Travel newsletter.

I do hope you enjoyed. I will be creating a suggestion box for destinations you may want to see more about or would like to get discounted rates to travel.

Don't forget paid subscribers and travel group members will also be casting votes June 15-21st for top 3 picks for travel destinations for our group excursion happening in April/ May 2026. And receive raffle invites for giveaways & prizes.

Also subscribe to my wisdom and wellness newsletter, 'The Master'D Life', with the 10th issue being published tomorrow, 5/7. Check out the **ARCHIVE** HERE,

and take a minute to peruse other concierge services offered... they include wellness planning; motivational and spiritual mentoring, with many other resources being updated and offered i.e. books, courses for you and the kids.

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