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Legacy Travel Shares Hurricane Survival Tips for Travelers to Affected Areas

Hurricane Season Doesn't Have to Mean Avoiding Travel

Who: Legacy Travel (www.legacytravel.com), an independent travel agency serving the Plano area since 1989, has some important tips for travelers who have booked trips to areas that could be affected by hurricanes.

What: Cathi Banks, who co-owns Legacy Travel with her husband Philip, offers the following tips to travelers:

- 1. Don't Leave Home Without Insurance:** Whether your tour operator offers an insurance plan or you buy a policy through your travel agent, leaving home without travel insurance is never a good idea and during hurricane season, it simply provides you with peace of mind. "Tour operators like Funjet and Apple Vacation have great trip guarantees at minimal cost that will offer you a free vacation replacement should your trip be affected by a hurricane," says Cathi.
- 2. Avoid Hurricane-Prone Areas All Together:** The Caribbean and certain parts of Mexico are known for being more affected by hurricanes than others. However, there are a number of destinations that offer the sand and sun travelers are looking for and are geographically located where hurricanes don't come. "Beautiful destinations like Costa Rica, which is 10 degrees from the equator, or Aruba simply cannot be hit by hurricanes," explains Cathi. "There's also Puerto Vallarta, which has never sustained a direct hit from any hurricane because of its location."
- 3. Always Carry Cash:** Should a traveler be caught in a hurricane, they would be brought to a shelter and would probably be in need of cash to buy food or other items. "ATM machines run out of cash very quickly in a hurricane, since they are not refilled," says Cathi. "Even if you are going to an all-inclusive resort where you won't need cash, it's always a good idea to travel with money, just in case."
- 4. Bring Extras:** Many times, travel home will be affected by a hurricane, stretching out a traveler's trip to the affected area. "Don't make it a habit to bring just the right amount of medication for your trip," offers Cathi. "Bring extras of the important things like medicine, diapers and underwear, just in case you should get stuck."

5. Don't Live in Fear: Hurricane Season scares many travelers from taking a long-deserved vacation, when it really shouldn't. "At the end of the day, only a very small percentage of travelers are affected by hurricanes," explains Cathi. "The odds are that you won't be one of them, so why not take advantage of the great offers? And if you book through a travel agent, you'll have someone working for you to help you should something happen."

Where: Legacy Travel is located at 2929 Custer Road, Suite 305, at W. Parker Boulevard.

What Else: Interviews with Cathi Banks are available upon request. Call Annabelle Baxter, Baxter Public Relations, at 469-233-3400

Owned by Philip and Cathi Banks since 1989, Legacy Travel is one of the few remaining brick-and-mortar travel agencies, building a solid customer base due to their deep knowledge of North Texan preferred destinations and having the ability to create unique travel experiences for their customers.