



Open Your World *With Accessible Travel*

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7 Reasons to Travel

COMPONENTS OF A DREAM

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Incredible People

Moscow, Russia

The Kremlin

April 2015



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Perfect Sport

St. Louis, Missouri
USA

Busch Stadium
September 2015



Unforgettable Moments

Phnom Penh,
Cambodia

Phnom Tamao Rescue Center
June 2016



Towering Heights

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Petronas Twin Towers
June 2016



Accessible Museums

Chicago, Illinois
USA

Art Institute of Chicago
September 2016



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Moving History

Selma, Alabama, USA

Edmund Pettus Bridge
May 2017



Thrilling Activities

Las Vegas, Nevada USA

SlotZilla Zoom Line
April 2016



Why Don't PWDs Travel More?

WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK?

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Planning A Trip? Do this...

1. Research the destination's accessibility
2. Understand your rights & the laws that protect them
3. Consider talking to/hiring a travel agent
4. Start a conversation with your disability peers
5. Accept the risks, have faith and speak up

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Making it Possible

OVERCOMING BARRIERS IS THE KEY

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3 Challenges, Concerns

MOVEMENT ITSELF IS HARD

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Air Travel

Necessary evil?

527 flights
667,171 miles
30+ airlines
73 airports
(as a wheelchair user)



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Boarding the Airplane



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Wheelchairs in Cargo Hold?

- Is your wheelchair baggage?
- If a wheelchair cannot fit, it cannot fly.
- Boeing 737 cargo door height is just 35 inches.
- Collapse your power wheelchair or it will fly on its side.



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Using the Lavatory?



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Hotels

Accessibility is common, but variable in design

Bangkok, Thailand
Marriott Sukhumvit 57



Roll-in Showers



Bethesda Marriott – Maryland, USA



Hilton London Wembley – London, U.K.

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Other Things to Consider

POSSIBLE ISSUES

- Bed height – Many hotel beds are significantly taller than the seat of your wheelchair.
- Platform beds – Restricts the use of most hoist lifts.
- Toilet accessibility – Lack of space next to toilet complicates transfers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Contact the hotel and ask for photographs of the room you will be assigned.
- Travel with or rent the equipment necessary to overcome these barriers.
- Complain?

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Ground Transport

Barrier-free options to get around

ALEX Train
Munich, Germany



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Subway, Light Rail & Trains



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

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City Bus, Regional Bus



MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, USA



MOSCOW, RUSSIA

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Long-distance Buses



MEGABUS



GREYHOUND

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ADA Taxis



BRUSSELS, BELGIUM



PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

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You Have a Right to TRAVEL ACCESSIBLY

LEARN. SPEAK UP. SPEAK OUT.

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Two LAWS That Matter

ADA (1990)

- Nondiscrimination in employment, public entities, public accommodations, etc.
- Created accessibility in city buses/subways/trains, taxis, hotel rooms, etc.
- PWDs can seek recourse/justice.

ACAA (1986)

- Nondiscrimination in air travel; preceded ADA by 4 years.
- Wheelchair assistance, free carriage of mobility equipment, standards/expectations for disability travel experience.
- No private right of action.

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The WORD That Matters...

“DISCRIMINATION”

...is illegal. And it will make violators of the ADA take action, most of the time.

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Air Carrier Access
Amendments Act

S.1318 IN THE U.S. SENATE

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Q&A

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