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# GET TO YOUR DESTINATION IN A HEALTHY WAY



Personal wellbeing travel and tourism is growing

2x FASTER than global tourism<sup>1</sup>



These travelers spend 50-180% MORE per trip than the average tourist<sup>2</sup>



Global wellness economy is \$4.2 TRILLION<sup>3</sup>

# 3 Main Areas Emotional, Physical, Mental



Travelers want the hotels to be their homes away from home and they are eager to bring health habits on the road with them.<sup>4</sup>

# 2013 Travel Stress Index<sup>5</sup>

DOMESTIC TRAVEL Average lost time is **6.9 hours** 

#### INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Average lost time is **15.6 hours** 

#### KEY STRESSORS

- » Lost or delayed luggage
- » Poor internet connection
- » Inability to rest
- » Delays
- » Impact on family and sense of isolation (esp. international)
- » Health concerns of illness, jet lag and safety
- » Workload upon return

#### PRODUCTIVITY TIPS WHEN ON BUSINESS TRAVEL<sup>6</sup>

- » Plan effectively
- » Pack efficiently and in advance: link to Travel Packing Checklist
- » Create value for your trip—you should get more out of your trip than you invest in it
- » Put technology to work
- » Finish one business trip before starting the next

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## Minimize Negative Health Effects of Travel

#### 1 | PREVENTIVE

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- Regular checks up—immunizations both routine and travel specific
- CDC travel destinations
- Travel health kit

#### 2 | MINIMIZE JET LAG

- Drink water before, during and after your flight.
  - » Stay hydrated—drink 8 ounces of water for every hour of your flight
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine
- Get your bare feet on the earth for 20 minutes
- Time Zones<sup>9</sup>
  - » If trip is three hours or less across time zones—stay on you home zone
  - » If it's more than 3 times zones—start preparing your body clock in advance—when in travel, put yourself in the mindset of new time zone on the plane
  - » Stay awake until 9 p.m. the first two nights

#### Did You Know -> Jet lag causes 1/5th loss in productivity<sup>5</sup>

#### **3 | STRESS MANAGEMENT**

- Eat healthy meals, of mostly fruits and vegetables
- Exercise to promote physical and mental health (control weight/combat insomnia)
- Avoid alcohol
- Get rest—sleep if you can
- Keep in contact with family and friends

#### 4 | IF YOU DO FALL ILL DURING YOUR BUSINESS TRIP...

Health care abroad

Did You Know  $\rightarrow$  The U.S. Centers for Disease Control states that 500,000 people will experience some health problem while abroad.

#### 5 | IF YOU DO FALL ILL WHEN YOU RETURN HOME...

- See health care provider
  - » It's common to become sick upon return from a trip
  - » Have info about your travel—where you went and what you did

#### 6 | CABIN PRESSURE<sup>7</sup>

- The pressure in a cabin simulates a 6,000-8,000 feet elevation
  - » Dehydration—cabin is drier
  - » Getting sick—drier nose and lowered ability to filter the air
  - » Gassiness— cabin pressure causes the gasses in your body to expand by 30%

#### 7 | SAFETY CONCERNS<sup>8</sup>

#### • Do

- » Take a nonstop flight
- » Send sensitive documents ahead
- » Leave a detailed itinerary at home/office
- » Check for Department of State travel warnings/advisories
- Don't
  - » Carry expensive luggage
  - » Display your ticket information
  - » Dress like a high-profile business person
  - » Have secure documents in plain view

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