

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? TRAVEL AGENTS ADVISE BOOKING ASAP

As the summer season nears, travel agents are advising travelers that plan on flying anytime in the near future to book their flights as soon as possible.

"Summer is traditionally the time of year when most people take vacations," said Josefina Bati, an airfare product coordinator at Flight Centre USA Inc. (incorporating Liberty Travel, GOGO World Wide Vacations and FCm Travel Solutions).

"The majority of people only have a limited time off from work each year, and they tend to take that time off in the summer."

"Summer is peak season for great weather in most destinations, especially destinations in Europe. This leads to flights being booked up quickly."

"This year in particular we've seen flights fill up quicker than usual."

The number of flight bookings is considered by some to be an indicator of a strengthening U.S. economy.

A recent press release posted by Hotel News Resource (and available at hotelnewsresource.com) provides statistics that show more travelers are planning to visit Europe in 2010 than in 2009, with summer months being the most popular time for European travel. Better exchange rates were listed as one possible factor for this trend, and a large number of U.S. travelers should offer a boost to Europe's economy as well.

Additional research shows on average, an American family will spend \$4,000 on vacation during the summer of 2010.

"Many people have already booked their flights and vacations for summer. If you're planning on taking a vacation this summer but haven't yet booked, we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible."

Need to book a flight or vacation? Call one of Liberty Travel's Vacation Experts at 1.877.Liberty or visit libertytravel.com to enquire online.

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