



Hot Topic: Rub-Downs, Pat-downs, & Body Scanning of Airline Passengers



Body Scanning takes place at airports all around the world.

~Source: newsoxy.com

Airline travelers now have a new rallying cry, "Don't touch my junk!" Like it or love it, body scanning and pat-downs are here to stay. Many travelers feel that their privacy, literally, is being violated. Pilots have stated that they feel unfit to fly after being accosted at the airport by a TSA performing a full body pat-down. Many pilots have stated they feel traumatized following the pat/rub-down and are even wary of the safety of the x-ray used in the full body scan.

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Hot Trip Tips: How to Pack for Airline Travel

If you are planning a trip that requires flying, here are a few tips for you to remember:



1. Find clothes you can mix and match. This way you are not wearing the same thing everyday, but can cut down on the number of outfits you need to bring in a suitcase.

2. Place toiletries in a clear plastic Ziploc bag. All toiletries must go through the x-ray machines and will be checked by the inspector. You are also required to keep these items in 3-oz containers. If you have any questions about these rules contact your local airlines ahead of time so your bags are packed properly. You don't want them to toss out your products because then you will have to buy more when you get to your destination.

3. Wear plastic jewelry instead of metal when traveling.



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The major complaint for full body pat-downs is that people do not like to be touched and some protest that they have been groped. Many in the traveling public feel that this is not providing extra security but may cause criminals to become more innovative. Are we straining at gnats and swallowing flies, to use Bible vernacular?

If you are traveling from Houston, here are some things you need to know (from Examiner):

Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport now have "full body scanner" box like, refrigerator sized "x-ray" machines meant to detect liquids, weapons and bombs, but since they are an x-ray will see just about anything and every thing else too.

What does this mean to your family?

Be sure to arrive at least 2 hours early to the airport to allow for a busy travel season and additional security measures.

Yes, children are required to go through the full

body scanner.

Is the full body scan safe?

There are concerns about the exposure to radiation. After all, would you expose your child to an X-ray if they didn't need one for medical reasons? Others are concerned about TSA agents viewing their entire body, or that of their spouse or child and saving it, sharing it or lusting over it.

Can you refuse the full body scanner?

You can, but if you do be prepared for a rather in-



Many wonder: Can terrorist still enter the country despite our best efforts? ~Source: [The Moderate Voice](#)

vasive, full body pat down that includes breasts and genitals. Male agents are assigned to male passengers and female agents to female passengers. Children under 12 will not be patted down, but yes, even your 12 year old daughter will be touched.

Houston's Hobby Airport does not have full body scanners, but they are coming soon.

~ Source: <http://www.examiner.com/family-in-houston/full-body-scanners-and-family-travel-what-s-houston-airports>



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Metal jewelry will set off the metal detectors at each airport security checkpoint. This will cause unnecessary delays.

4. **Pack pajamas and work out clothes in the bottom of your suitcase.** This will keep your important clothes toward the top with less chance of getting wrinkled. You can even roll up your pjs and work out clothes if you want.

5. **Make a copy of all Id's or passports.** To be safe make a copy of all Id's and passports and keep them in separate bags. The first set should be in your purse or wallet. The second set can be in any of your luggage bags. It will only take a minute to do and can be a life savor should your information go missing.

6. **Bring only the essentials.** Go through your bag

and take out what isn't a necessity. Remember your objective is to get through airport security as quick as possible.

~Source: [Tips on Trips: Packing for Airplane Travel](#)



Hot Travel Destinations

Winter time travel gives us time to unwind and reflect. Many love cold climates and the warm crackle of logs in a fireplace while snow falls on the roof. Others crave the warmth of the sun and the cool breeze of ocean waters. There are destinations for every traveler. Here are a few favorites for those who want to travel in the 'good ole US of A,' as the old folks would say.



Colorado is a huge winter destination. The slopes just beckon for some visitors.



Vermont is the east coast favorite for winter sports; there are plenty of little towns all throughout Vermont. Some of the most charming ski resorts in the world.



Miami is the number one winter destination among those that are not so crazy about the winter. Miami is sunny and warm even in the dead of winter.



Austin is a fun winter destination, and for those on a budget, an affordable vacation.



Hot Property for Sale

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Category: Hotels Under 100 Rooms
 Listed By: Isaev&Evstafiev GmbH
 Location: Obertraun Austria
 Price: EUR 1,400,000
 Rooms: 26

- A lakeside Hotel and Restaurant, located on the world famous Hallstatt Lake, at the heart of UNESCO world wide Natural Heritage resort.
- Situated in close proximity to international ski resorts in the Dachstein area of the Alpine mountains.
- A variety of summer activities in the area.
- 25 rooms (3 rooms need renovation) + 1 owner apartment.
- Plot of land: 3,251 square meters with over 800 square meters built. Outside swimming pool size: 5m X 10m.
- Average annual total income over EUR 200,000.
- Net annual income over EUR 100,000 (before corporate taxes on profits).
- Average annual occupancy – 46%.
- Optional building development – up to 70 rooms.

Source: <http://www.cruiseindustrywire.com/modules.php?name=ocean&file=detail&lid=76184>

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"And remember, also," added the Princess of Sweet Rhyme, "that many places you would like to see are just off the map and many things you want to know are just out of sight or a little beyond your reach. But someday you'll reach them all, for what you learn today, for no reason at all, will help you discover all the wonderful secrets of tomorrow."
 ~ Norton Juster, *The Phantom Tollbooth*



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