

Why Use a Travel Tax Specialist?

As tax time draws near, I wanted to provide you with some tax resources. I decided to do some research. It isn't easy to find tax specialist that really knows what they are doing when it comes to travelers. As Joseph, a tax specialist with Traveltax (www.traveltax.com) in Nebraska, put it, "it isn't that other tax accountants don't know the law.....it's just that there is so much information to interpret. It's like medicine, you have to specialize."

Not only is it important to find a good travel tax specialist, it is important to consider the different types of specialists. Anyone can file taxes such as accountants, tax attorneys, CPA's, and Enrolled Agents. Does it really matter who files your taxes? According to Joseph, you should work with a tax preparer that understands the mobile professional. This will maximize your deductions and provide answers to specific questions since they have a deeper understanding of what you do day to day. When it comes to taxes, travelers are in a whole different world.

Being a respiratory therapist, Joseph not only understands the tax challenges travelers face, he also understands their profession and what it is like to be a traveler. He has traveled many places as a respiratory therapist. Little did he know his accounting degree would one day work synergistically with his profession as a respiratory therapist to provide him with his own business.

With an accounting degree, it was only natural for Joseph to do his own taxes while traveling. Before long..... fellow travelers were approaching him to do their taxes as well. He now has over 100 clients and expects to more than double that this year. Meanwhile, he continues to work part-time as a respiratory therapist. "I enjoy the balance of my two careers," he says.

Right now Joseph is researching Canadian taxation as well as the Caribbean. He would like to eventually be a one stop shop for Canadian travelers and grow internationally.

You never know where life will lead, especially as a traveler. You get to do and experience so many diverse situations. In every new situation, hides an opportunity waiting to be discovered.