

Travel Insurance

I received a newsletter from a reunion planner with an interesting article about travel insurance that I'd like to share with everybody. It's about a traveler who flies with Alaska Airlines whenever possible and what happened to her on a trip to a reunion in, of all places Laughlin, NV. The article reads as follows:

"When reunion attendees book air travel for a reunion, the option to purchase travel insurance is a part of the transaction. MRN President, Sharon Danitschek, flies with Alaska Airlines whenever possible. She ALWAYS purchases travel insurance. Here is what happened on a return trip from Laughlin, NV.

Airfare Ticket Price: \$373.49

Travel Insurance: \$23.49

Itinerary: Everett, WA to Las Vegas, NV (Flight)

Las Vegas to Laughlin (Car)

Laughlin to Las Vegas (Car)

Las Vegas to Everett (Flight arriving 11:49 pm)

On the flight home, the plane, set to land in Everett, WA just 13.6 miles from home, was diverted to Portland Oregon due to fog. Portland is 300 miles away.

Landing at 12:30am, travel home would need to wait until morning. A hotel was secured at a rate of \$149 plus tax. It was not covered by the airline as the issue was weather related. Alaska Airlines was kind enough to offer a morning flight from Portland to San Francisco and San Francisco to Everett arriving at 2:30pm the next day. If a car was rented, arrival would be 11:00am. Sharon opted for the car. A claim was filed with Allianz Travel Insurance for the hotel and car rental. Spending the \$23.49 for travel insurance resulted in reimbursement for the hotel and car rental. In addition, Alaska Airlines refunded the value of the Portland - San Francisco - Everett flight since Sharon did not take the flight.

When booking flights, it is always a good idea to purchase the travel insurance. Most, if not all airlines have an insurance option when booking the ticket."

This is something to think about. For the cost of a pack of cigarettes you could have coverage for the unforeseen just like Sharon.