



Getting Away From It All

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Planning a wheelchair-accessible vacation can be a daunting task for many in the disabled community. Many potential travelers do not know where to look or how to go about planning an accessible trip. Now, Frederick Travel is here to help you discover the world and fulfill your dreams. Based in Waterloo, Ontario, Frederick Travel specializes in wheelchair-accessible travel arrangements. We have colleagues in countries all over the world who specialize in accessible travel, and as I am a wheelchair traveler myself, we are confident in our ability to arrange vacations with the highest standard of accessibility.

Accessibility is a major concern when it comes to choosing a vacation destination. The availability of accessible transportation, medical equipment rentals, and accessible hotels (with roll-in showers) are just a few factors that can be major stumbling blocks for potential travelers. Fortunately, the world is becoming more accessible all the time.

The Caribbean is a favorite destination for Canadians who want to escape the winter blues. The best and most accessible way for disabled travelers to see the islands is on a cruise. Most major Cruise Lines have excellent access throughout their ships. There are plenty of accessible cabins with extra room to move around and bathrooms with roll-in showers. Even ports that require tenders are less of a hassle now that two Cruise Lines have modified their tenders to accommodate wheelchairs and scooters.


Europe tops the list of favorite summer destinations. Although Europe has long had a reputation for being inaccessible to wheelchair travelers, the opposite could not be more true. Whether you want to visit the Colosseum in Rome, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, or Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, Europe is far more accessible than most people think.

Other destinations not known for their great access include Egypt and Thailand. We arrange special tours with accessible vehicles, lodging, and knowledgeable guides. We also offer accessible African Safaris that use modified vans and specially designed wheelchair-accessible tents.

Fortunately, the most accessible destinations are close to home. The United States leads the world when it comes to accessibility. Under the powerful Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.), hotels and attractions are built to specifications that set the standard for countries around the world. Even a tropical paradise like Hawaii is incredibly accessible, far more accessible than the Caribbean. While Canada is not quite on par with the United States, the major Canadian cities are quite accessible and improving all the time.

As the world becomes more accessible, people with disabilities are traveling more than ever before. At Frederick Travel, it is our goal to help arrange smooth, hassle-free vacations. Visit www.worldonwheels.com, or call 1-800-578-8958 to learn more about us. We look forward to making your accessible travel plans a reality!





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