

# Pro Travel Secrets

*Travel like a VIP without paying VIP prices and more....*



- **Room Location Matters More Than You Think**
  - Want quiet? Ask for a room away from pools & entertainment
  - Want convenience? Ask to be near the lobby or beach
    - 👉 Don't be afraid to request—resorts expect it
- **Ask for room upgrades at check-in** (politely 😊) *“Are there any complimentary upgrades available today?”*
  - 👉 Smile + kindness = surprisingly good results
- **Book smart:** Use trusted providers (👉 that's where I come in!) to avoid scams and get the best experiences.
- **Know How to Order Better Drinks:** Don't just say “vodka soda”
  - 👉 Ask for specific brands (e.g., Tito's, Grey Goose)
  - 👉 Many resorts have premium options—you just have to ask
- **Book Restaurants Immediately:** At many resorts, the best dining times fill up FAST
  - 👉 Make reservations as soon as you arrive (or even before if allowed)
- **Skip the “Free Gift” Trap:** If someone offers you a “free massage, excursion, or upgrade”
  - 👉 It's usually tied to a timeshare presentation
- 💡 **Tracy-Level Pro Tip** 😊 **Kindness gets you everything.**  
Guests who are friendly, patient, and respectful almost always get the BEST service.
- **Don't Panic Over Weather Apps:** Tropical forecasts often show rain every day
  - 👉 It usually means quick showers, not all-day rain
- **The “Early Bird” Advantage:** Best pool chairs = early morning
  - Quiet breakfast = earlier hours
    - 👉 Early risers win at resorts
- **Housekeeping Timing Trick:** Leave a note or tip with a request
  - 👉 Example: “More towels please 😊”
  - 👉 You'll often get exactly what you want
- **Tipping:** Even though you're at an all-inclusive, don't skip tipping! A little generosity goes a long way—and often means stronger drinks, quicker service, and staff who remember your name 😊  
For a 7-night stay, I recommend \$150-200 singles (for bartenders), at least \$200 in fives (for servers, housekeeping, baggage handlers and drivers) and at least \$200 in tens and twenties. Be sure to check preferences in currency (home currency verses USD). Examples: Puerto Vallarta prefers the Mexican Peso. Punta Cana loved USD.