



## 7 Reasons Not to Book That Honeymoon By Yourself

As with everything these days, we as consumers will understandably price shop our purchases, looking for the lowest price. However, there are a few things to keep in mind:

If you are like most people, you tend to shop at different places for different reasons. Take Target and Nordstrom's for instance. Although I enjoy shopping at both, I go for two very different reasons, and I expect two very different things. When I go to Target, I expect minimum frills, and a quick trip where I am in and out in a flash. However, at Nordstroms, I expect personalized service, customized selections, and individualized attention. I want to be taken care of. Your honeymoon or romantic getaway should be no different.

If you are looking for personal service, a customized trip, and individual attention with great value, then read on about what you will get by using a travel specialist like Romantics Travel versus booking direct or booking online.

**With me:** You will receive 24/7 access to us on any trip we book for you. You will have my office number, my cell phone, and my email address.

**With them:** you call a toll-free number, and you might get someone, after holding for awhile. They will also not know anything about you, or anything about your trip, and if you have an issue, expect to get transferred a few times.

**With me:** I usually only require a small deposit to confirm your trip, and you can make payments up until the final payment.

**With them:** They require you pay in full at the time you book the reservation.

**With me:** I actually visit many of the resorts I sell. I stay informed of new resort information, frequently conduct site and property inspections, and also equip you with information for your specific trip.

**With them:** They have a brochure or website, with photos that may have been altered. They have no idea of what you can expect, because they've never been there. Many of the people in the call centers have no idea where you live, or know to tell you what to avoid at the airports, or even how to get there.

**With me:** If you experience any issues along the way, you can pick up the phone and call me whether it's 12 noon or 12 midnight. I am usually able to get to the top of the food chain quicker for a resolution than you going at it alone.

**With them:** You are on your own.

**With me:** You let me do all of the work. It's like having your own elite personal travel concierge, looking out for you, and making your getaway stress free. We assist you with maps, destination information, airport tips, checklists and more. Contact us for any questions at any time regarding your trip, and bask in the knowledge that you are dealing with a professional that cares about your trip.

**With them:** Expect to spend hours and weeks on the internet, getting lost and confused with a million websites, and conflicting reviews. Oh yeah, also expect to do all of your own research including creating your own itinerary, searching for maps, and basically wasting a lot of time trying to figure things out, where you are going, and what you are doing. Also make sure you leave time to contact the hotel, the airlines, and the transfer companies, instead of just enjoying your trip.

**With me:** Because of our close relationships with suppliers, we let the resort's General Manager know of your arrival, we confirm your reservations, ask for special attention, and try to arrange opportunities for extra amenities or even surprises.

**With them:** No extra special service, no extra amenities, and no chance of any kind of surprises, except maybe the unfortunate type. Also, if the hotel you booked gets oversold (which happens more than you realize)...the first people bumped are people that book through an online travel agency ( like Expedia and Orbitz), as those agencies actually pay a fraction of what that room is worth and re-sell it you at full price.

**With me:** As owners of our own business, we strive to ensure that your trip is as seamless as possible, ensuring that your needs are met, because we want you to come back, and tell all of your friends and family about us.

**With them:** You are just another number.

These are just a few highlights of the differences in the way we do business..

So are you ready to have a better honeymoon or romantic getaway? Call us today for a free consultation at (559) 363-2258



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