



## **Winter Weather May Impact Holiday Travel**

The Farmer's Almanac is predicting that many areas of the U.S. will experience snowier-than-normal conditions this winter. As seen by the early season snowstorm this week in the Midwest as well as the destruction caused by Hurricane Patricia last month, weather has a great potential to disrupt travel plans.

With the holiday season upon us, millions of people are packing up their families and traveling around the country and the globe to celebrate with family and friends. Holiday travelers are urged to recognize the havoc that extreme weather can wreak on travel plans, and to consider purchasing travel protection to insure their travel investment against trip cancellations, interruptions, or delays due to bad weather.

"While no one wants their holiday plans marred by bad weather, we can't control Mother Nature," said Carol Walsh, USTiA spokesperson. "However, protecting your travel investment can take away some of the sting when plans go awry."

A comprehensive travel protection plan can provide coverage in cases of trip cancellations due to bad weather as well as for lost bags and gifts.

Consumers can choose from many types of travel protection plans. Because policies differ, USTiA urges individuals to compare plans, benefits, and pricing and understand what is covered and what is not. Any questions should be directed to the individual company.

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