

A note to the Travel Service Professionals.

This document is prepared in order to help you in assisting a traveler who has Autism.

The child, and parents, providing this document to you live with all of these challenges on a daily basis. Please read the information provided with care.

Please listen to the parents.

They are asking for special attention that others may not require. They are not, however, asking for better treatment than anybody else. Your usual, customary, high level of service will be enough, if you can adjust to accommodate their differences.

If, when assisting this traveler, you can see ways in which other people with Autism might also be helped, we would welcome your comments, observations and suggestions.

By helping this person you are a hero to them. By forwarding your suggestions, you can become a hero to many.



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My Autism Passport

Hello, my name is:

I have Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD),
or a related disorder. **No two people who have Autism are the same.**
The purpose of this document is to tell you a little about me so that
you, our Travel Service Provider, can help me to enjoy my vacation.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological disorder that affects lots of people. It affects every one of them differently. Please read the information provided here. It will tell you some things about me.

Most importantly, please listen carefully to my parents when they tell you about which things are difficult for me and what special help I may need.

My parents are the experts when it comes to me.

Some people with Autism can have difficulties with communication. Some don't speak (they are non-verbal). Some seem not to listen to, or are unable to follow, what may seem to be very simple instructions or comments.

My communication challenges are:

Some people with Autism can have difficulties with the way their senses operate. Some may hear normal sounds as terrifyingly loud noises. Some cannot cope with crowds.

My sensory challenges are:

Some people with Autism can be interested in, and focus on, things that seem trivial to others and yet are completely unable to focus on other things that most people think are important. This can, sometimes, lead to repetitive behaviors that others don't understand.

My special interests are:

There are different things that can distress or upset people with Autism.

The things that distress or upset me are:

There are different signs that can show when somebody with Autism is becoming distressed or upset.

The signs that I am becoming distressed or upset are:

There are different things that can soothe or calm people with Autism when they are distressed or upset.

The things that soothe or calm me are: