Is the bad economy scaring you into cutting back on your travel plans? Will you feel better about it by mumbling and grumbling around the house? It would make a lot more sense to forget your problems aboard a warm tropical cruise. Or a New York City theater tour. Or by enjoying the glitz and glamor of Las Vegas. Or by digging your toes into some sand and surf on Miami Beach.

You've been around long enough to know the economy is going to recover again. And, because you've been around for such a long time, you also know the time to enjoy your life to the fullest is right now.

So, get out those maps and brochures and start making plans for your next fun travel schedule. And remember, by spreading some money around, you're creating your own stimulus package for the travel industry.