

## thalasso's travel laws

1. Whatever you want to book is not available.
2. The day after booking confirmation they will introduce a cheaper package.
3. Your plane/boat/train is always late. Exception: it is in time, when your connecting plane/boat/train isn't.
4. One day before departure you will feel sick. If you cancel the trip it will go away, if not, it will get worse.
5. Your luggage always comes out last. Exception 1: if your luggage comes out first, it is not your luggage. You will find out two hours later, when you try to open it. (All name tags and stickers you have used to make your unique black Samsonite suitcase unmistakable were accidentally ripped off and fixed to a different suitcase.) Exception 2: if your suitcase comes out first and it is in fact your suitcase, it will look like it has been trampled down by an Indian elephant. Exception 3: if your suitcase does not come out at all, it is on the way to India, to be trampled down (see above). Exception 4: if your luggage does not come out at all, not even in India, it has been accidentally blown up as a security precaution.
6. While packing you will always forget something important. If you have carefully compiled a packing list, the most important item is not on it. If you haven't forgotten anything your luggage will be sent to India or blown up (see above).
7. The only bag that will drop from the top of the luggage trolley, into the harbour or just in front of an Indian elephant (see above) will be your camera bag. (Why can you buy safety shoes that will support several tons to save your toes but camera bags are made of marshmallows?)
8. Your hotel is always under construction. Every resort is either nearly finished, or renovated or they have to squeeze in just another building/room/villa.
9. Your room is not ready upon arrival  
Exception: if your room is ready, when ... (check all)
  - it is not in the category you have booked.
  - it is the right category, but you don't like it.
  - it is too noisy.
  - the ocean view is only visible from the toilet.
  - it is still under construction (see above).



10. Your hotel is overbooked. Every new guest will be transferred to the all inclusive 5-star Casino Golf Spa and Beach Resort, except you (backyard view, bed and breakfast, near the airport).

11. Everything complementary will cost you.

12. All inclusive never means all inclusive.  
Exception: you don't like it – it's for free.

13. Your neighbour from home, the one you communicate with only through lawyers, is getting the adjacent hotel room – even in the most remote spot on this planet.

14. Your favourite beer is from the tap, but not this week.

15. The excursion you have booked is cancelled, because of too less participants. The one you'll book instead will be overcrowded.

16. Pictures in brochures will look always better than the real thing.

17. Your favourite sport is not available due to maintenance.

18. Any special attractions are closed until the day you'll leave.

19. Bad weather will stick with you, fine weather escapes.

20. On days of flight or boat transfers the weather will be exceptionally bad.

21. It is always your suitcase - though not being the biggest one - that will not fit anymore into that small plane. It will be transported with the next small plane – three days later (detour to India – see above).

22. If you don't speak the local language, nobody will.

23. Everybody around you will understand every single word you say, except your waiter.

24. Safe beaches are safe for seaweeds, jelly fish and sea urchins.

25. If you've packed light clothes it will be cold. With warm stuff it will be hot. If you will bring some light and warm clothing, it will be raining.

26. Rain will always stop the day you leave (after the plane/boat transfer – see above)

27. In the most extraordinary/special/romantic/unforgettable moments of your vacation, your camera will run out of film/battery/memory or will simply fall apart.

28. If you see some very nice/special/rare/unforgettable – stay. The moment you'll run for your camera – it will be gone.

29. You will receive wake-up calls every night – meant for somebody else – except the night before your early departure. This will be the same night your alarm clock runs out of battery.



30. You will always discover your favourite dish at the buffet when your plate is already full. When you came back for it later, it is gone.
31. On buffets everything is refilled, except the one your were waiting for.
32. The catch of the day is always the catch of yesterday.
33. If you are trying to avoid certain foods at the buffet, it will be served to you á la carte the next day.
34. Scales in resorts show always 5 to 10% less. Thanks!
35. The average temperature in spas and gyms is always below the freezing point – except in Siberia.
36. Tourists in 4-star hotels have the best manners. It will become worse with every star more or less.
37. Every star doubles the prices on the wine list.
38. With every star more the number of cameras will decrease. VIPs do not even have cameras.
39. In 3-star resorts everybody has a video camera.
40. Divers smoke.
41. Sharks are an endangered species, tourists are not.
42. There are more people killed by falling coconuts than by shark attacks. Nobody is afraid of coconuts though.
43. If you want to put your new relationship to the test, book a holiday together.
44. Sooner or later you will miss home.
45. You will be back home before any postcard you have sent.
46. Don't write too much on a postcard – nobody will read it anyway. The picture matters.
47. Some postcards will never make it. Nobody will believe you, you had sent one.
48. If you had a really fine holiday, everybody will hate you when you'll came back. Just don't tell!
49. Only backpackers buy and read travel guides. Tourists in luxury hotels can't afford the additional costs and prefer to stay stupid.
50. Listening, reading and learning does not hurt, not even tourists.

