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Planning a holiday is always exciting, but unexpected events can quickly change your plans.

A medical emergency, a family crisis, or unforeseen disruptions might force you to cancel or cut your trip short. That's why trip interruption and cancellation insurance matters. This coverage helps recover the money you've spent on prepaid, non-refundable bookings, reimbursing eligible expenses if your journey is cancelled before departure or interrupted midway for covered reasons. Instead of facing sudden financial losses, you're supported with dependable protection for your travel investment.

What is covered in trip interruption and cancellation insurance?

Trip interruption and cancellation insurance provides financial protection when unforeseen events force you to cancel your trip before departure or cut it short after it has begun. It generally reimburses travelers for prepaid, non-refundable expenses, as long as the reason for cancellation or interruption falls within the insurer's stated conditions.

Coverage often applies to situations such as medical emergencies affecting the traveler, illness or death of a close family member, natural disasters at home or at the destination, or political unrest at the travel location, and the loss or theft of essential travel documents like passports or visa. By addressing these scenarios, trip interruption and cancellation insurance helps travelers minimize the financial impact of unexpected events and ensures their travel investment is not lost to circumstances beyond their control.

How travel interruption and cancellation insurance works

- Before your trip: Before your trip begins, this insurance can step in if emergencies such as illness or natural disasters force you to cancel. In those cases, the policy reimburses non-refundable costs like flight tickets, hotel

bookings, excursion, pre-booked event and activities so you don't lose the money you've already invested in prepaid reservations.

· During your trip: Once you're traveling, unexpected disruptions can also be covered. Situations such as flight cancellation, severe weather, or the loss of essential documents like a passport may result in extra expenses. The insurance helps with costs for meals, accommodation, travel charges including early flight and compensation for non-refundable bookings tied to your trip. In essence, it provides financial support when interruptions occur, reducing the strain of unforeseen events that could otherwise leave you with significant losses.

#### Key exclusions in trip interruption and cancellation insurance

While trip interruption and cancellation insurance offer valuable protection, it is important to understand its limits. Policies are designed to cover unexpected and uncontrollable events, which means certain situations fall outside the scope of coverage. For instance, reimbursement generally applies to new medical emergencies but not to conditions that existed before the policy was purchased. Coverage also excludes accidents resulting from reckless behavior, as well as legal obligations such as court summons. Predictable circumstances like pregnancy or childbirth, along with travel undertaken against medical advice, are typically not included. By being aware of these exclusions, travelers can better appreciate the strengths of their policy, make informed decisions, and choose insurance that aligns with their personal needs and travel style.

Choosing travel insurance with trip interruption and cancellation benefits ensures that travelers are financially prepared for unexpected disruptions. By covering non-refundable expenses and additional costs that arise from last-minute changes, this type of insurance reduces the impact of unforeseen events and allows journeys to continue with greater ease. Instead of worrying about financial setbacks, travelers can stay focused on the experience itself, confident that their investment is protected against circumstances beyond their control.

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