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Travel and Adventure Show

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Philadelphia's annual [Travel and Adventure Show](#) is a great spring outing. For a small admission price, you can glean advice from savvy travelers, sample global cuisine and explore bucket list destinations. I was lured to the 2017 show at the Convention Center by the list of celebrity speakers. There were talks by [Rick Steves](#) and the authors of [Atlas Obscura](#) (highlighting unique, odd places worldwide).

Travel Tips

I spent most of the weekend flitting around the three travel seminar stages and taking copious notes. First, Canadian [Russell Hannon](#) covered 99 ways to cut travel costs. Check out the photo below of his stealth travel bag that transforms to a wear-on-board vest! Then [Angel Castellanos](#) taught us to be better packers and shared free travel apps.



Essential Travel Apps

With the [Triplt](#) website or app, you forward all your emails about hotels, flights plus excursions to the site. It creates a beautifully laid out itinerary with all that messy data. I had spent hours creating an excel spreadsheet for a one week family vacation. Triplt did it better and in just 4 minutes! [Citymapper](#) helps you navigate public transit at major cities like Philadelphia. Finally, [Maps.Me](#) gives directions better than Google and doesn't use data.

Food and Fun

Next, at the *Taste of Travel* stage, I explored global cuisine with chef cooking demonstrations and even a dumpling making competition. For all ages, there were camel rides, costumed characters and dancers celebrating South Pacific culture.

Finally, yes, there are aisles of travel agent booths touting their special destination. I overheard the best deals to be had were on cruises. The most exotic brochures I took home were for Delaware. A trip there is on my summer bucket list.

