

Oneika Raymond

Oneika Raymond got my attention by relating what she does for a living and give every person she spoke to some advice on how to get the most out of their travels. While I did take away her key pointers about getting into the culture of everywhere you go and interact not study the people you see, what struck me more was her take on why you should travel. I have been fortunate enough to have traveled around the U.S. and some internationally and after hearing Oneika speak I have a goal to encourage my family to only travel places we all find appealing for a meaningful reason. I think people often travel to places because others say it is great, but not because they find the destination meaningful to travel to. The line that caught my ear was when Oneika said "tailor your travel to your interests". While this is so simple, I believe this is something everyone should abide by. I think more research should be done before we spend money to fly or drive to these places to have a vacation. In the end, I feel this goal is very obtainable as all we have to do is find out what we want to accomplish or see and search for a place that can fit our needs. Whether it is finding great food, culture, or even an amazing golf course, I want to travel with a purpose. Because I heard Oneika talk, I know my travel will be much more meaningful and I will come back feeling I have accomplished what I wanted to.