Rudy Maxa

Bio

Rudy Maxa, ***Smart Travels*** host and co-executive producer, is one of America's best known consumer travel experts—on radio, television, in cyber-space and in print. He's been a journalist for more than 30 years and for the last 14 years has been known as "the Savvy Traveler" on public radio's business show, *Marketplace*.

In addition, Maxa is a contributing editor and award-winning writer for *National Geographic Traveler* magazine. His travel articles have also appeared in *GQ*, *Forbes*, *USA Today.com*, *Modern Maturity*, *Worth*, *Travel & Leisure*, the *Washington Post*, and dozens of other national publications. In addition to hosting more 65 episodes of ***Smart Travels***, Mr. Maxa appears frequently as a travel expert on ABC's *Nightline*, CNN, Fox News Channel and other networks.

As a *Washington Post* investigative reporter earlier in his career, Maxa's reporting on political scandals was nominated by the paper for a Pulitzer Prize. During his tenure at the *Post*, he won the John Hancock Award for Excellence in Business and Financial Journalism. Maxa has written for an ABC-TV dramatic series and is a frequent speaker to travel industry groups as well as the public. The father of two children, he lives with his fiancée in St. Paul, Minnesota.