



SOME WEB SITES DEALING WITH TRAVEL

(Please notify a librarian if any of these links do not work.)



AESU Online

Offer packages for college students 18 to 35 (including study abroad), discounted air fares, alumni and group travel. <http://www.aesu.com>.

Airport Security: Special Considerations for People With Disabilities

Tips for people with physical or mental disabilities when being screened during airport security procedures. Topics addressed include mobility, prosthetic, orthotic, or related devices; "hidden" disabilities such as developmental disabilities; problems with vision and hearing; service animals; diabetes supplies; and pacemakers and vagal nerve simulators. <http://www.ddssafety.net/families/airport.htm>

***all-hotels**

Provides links to more than 60,000 hotels in 9,600 locations. Type in location at the top and click "go." Accommodations are organized by price range from discount to luxury. <http://www.all-hotels.com/home.htm>

Amtrak

Listing more than 500 available destinations. Make reservations and purchase tickets online. Lists "advertised specials," "savings and promotions," or "rail sale" for bargain travel opportunities. A free password is needed to complete reservations. <http://www.amtrak.com>

AOW: Airlines of the Web

Allows consumers to shop on more than 500 airlines worldwide. Click on "cyberfares" to get the latest "hot deals," or check out "air tips" to get the most out of your travel. <http://flyaow.com>

***AsiaTravel**

More than 5,000 hotels and resorts can be previewed and booked. Discounts of up to 75 percent are offered for online reservations. Books hotels in the Middle East and many other parts of the world. <http://asiatravel.com>

California Missions Trail: Missions of the Californias

Brief descriptions of the 21 missions that "comprise California's historic mission trail [and which] are all located on or near Highway 101, which roughly traces El Camino Real (The Royal Road) named in honor of the Spanish monarchy which financed the expeditions into California in the quest for empire." Listed from south (San Diego) to north (Sonoma). From the California Department of Parks & Recreation. http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=22722

***Castles of France**

Provides hundreds of photos of exterior and interior views of dozens of castles in the Loire Valley in France. Browseable by architectural period. Available in English and French. <http://www.a-castle-for-rent.com/castles>

***Citysearch.com**

Reviews 200,000 local businesses. To locate a restaurant, click on city and then on restaurants and bars. Some will have menus and maps; others are grouped by cuisine. Can also be used to locate arts and entertainment. International coverage includes: Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Scandinavia. <http://www.citysearch.com>

***Concierge.**

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Permits searching by place. Covers hotels, resorts, and cruise lines in the world. Includes Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards for cities, islands, hotels, resorts, small hotels, cruise lines, and services. <http://www.concierge.com>

***Cruise.com**

Covers cruising from every angle, including "ship reviews" to "ship stats." <http://www.cruise.com>

Cruise Critic

A "cruise vacation planning guide which includes objective cruise reviews on 225+ ships, 55 cruise line profiles, information on what to do and where to go in 135+ worldwide ports, readers' ship ratings and reviews, cruise bargains and cruise tips." Browse by destination, city of departure, cruise line, price range, interest (such as golf), and lifestyle (such as gay and lesbian). From the Independent Traveler, publishers of a travel exchange website. <http://www.cruisecritic.com>

***DiscoverOurTown.com**

Provides brief listings and links to tourist information for selected cities throughout the United States. Information listed includes attractions, museums, lodging, dining, and recreation. Searchable, or browsable by state. <http://www.discoverourtown.com/>

Ethical Traveler

"Focus is on the positive impact travelers can have by being open, informed, and willing to immerse themselves in other cultures," and "is dedicated to educating travelers about the social and environmental impact of their decisions." Features "Thirteen Tips for the Accidental Ambassador," country information, details about advocacy actions, and links to related sites. <http://www.ethicaltraveler.org>

***Expedia**

Features include online maps and vacation packages. "Express search" fare finder provides a quick estimate on trip costs. "Traveler tools" contains any special information. <http://expedia.com>

***Festival Finder**

Information on more than 2,500 festivals in North America. Click on genre or locate festivals by date, location, performers, or festival name. <http://www.festivalfinder.com>

***Fodors**

Interactivity allows creation a custom mini-guide to 200 destinations worldwide, including recommendations on hotels and restaurants and important sites to visit. "10 Underrated Getaways" is included under "trip ideas" <http://www.fodors.com>

***Free trip**

Produces personalized and comprehensive itineraries that include the location of hotels, restaurants, and other areas, sent via e-mail. <http://www.freetrip.com>

***Frommers**

Click a region under "destinations" or type in the name of a country, region, state, or city to find information. Can search hotels, restaurants, shopping, and nightlife for many popular locations. Provides a daily newsletter and hot tips from Arthur Frommer. "Blockbuster Bargains" includes information about discounted packages, airfares, cruises, lodgings, and car rentals. <http://www.frommers.com>

***GORP Great Outdoors Recreation Page**

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Devoted to outdoor recreation and adventure travel. Click on a favorite activity to locate interesting trips from biking to wildlife viewing. <http://www.gorp.com>

Hotels.com

Provides booking tools like side by side comparisons, virtual tours and customer reviews from people who have stayed at the property. Offers more than 70,000 properties worldwide - from hotels to B&B's to condos to all inclusive resorts. www.hotels.com

***HotelsTravel.com**

Provides more than 75,000 links to lodgings and travel resources worldwide. Covers discount hotels as well as chains. Can book a flight, rent a car, and more. <http://www.hotelstravel.com>

***Insider's Guide**

Covers more than 70 midsized U.S. cities and regional destinations, each written by locals. Includes area, attractions, neighborhoods, and retirement possibilities. Online version provides chapter highlights only on hotels, motels, and restaurants. <http://www.insiders.com>

***INTERHOSTEL**

Sponsors learning vacations for adults over the age of 50. FamilyHostel is designed for families with school-aged children. <http://www.learn.unh.edu/INTERHOSTEL>

***International Home Exchange Network**

Provides current opportunities to exchange residences at little or no cost to either participant. Can list your residence online and search for listings in areas you would like to visit. <http://www.homeexchange.com>

***Internet Guide to Bed and Breakfast Inns**

Offers unique, comfortable, and often less expensive lodgings and dining opportunities. Links to more than 6,000 bed and breakfast inns in North America and around the world. Phone numbers, addresses, rate and availability are provided. <http://www.traveldata.com/inns>

***Lonely Planet**

Provides virtual travel guides, complete with pictures, for many tourist destinations. Click "worldguide" and find an interactive world "destinations" map. Search by country or region to find information about attractions, off the beaten track, history, environment, and getting around. Permits signing up for one of their several newsletters. <http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

Man in Seat Sixty-One

Caters to travelers looking for alternatives to flying by providing details about traveling by train and ship, with an emphasis on destinations in the United Kingdom and Europe. Also includes sections on the Trans-Siberian railway and the Orient Express. <http://www.seat61.com>

***Moto Europe**

A guide to car travel in Europe with information on highways, fuel costs, and road signs. Under logistics check "documents and \$\$" for driving particulars for each country. <http://www.ideamerge.com/motoeuropa>

My California Traffic <http://www.mycaliforniatraffic.com/>

"Uses Google Maps technology to show you the current freeway traffic conditions for all major freeways in California." Find traffic by region and freeway, then zoom to view details. Includes a "link to this page" feature for bookmarking traffic conditions for specific freeways.

National Geographic: Sustainable Destinations Resource Center

Resources on sustainable tourism and "what is now being called geotourism: tourism that supports the geographical character of the place being visited" its environment, culture, heritage, aesthetics, and the well-being of its citizens." Includes information for tourism professionals, travelers, and residents. From the National Geographic Society. <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/sustainable/>

National Scenic Byways Online

Use the trip planner and "trip ideas" to plan interesting road trips and to learn more about National Scenic Byways, the "collection of 96 distinct and diverse roads designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation." Registration (free) allows creation of travel wish lists. Includes suggestions for side trips, other travel information, and related links. Searchable and browsable. Sponsored by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration. <http://www.byways.org/>

***Orbitz**

Provides a display of fares and rates, including fares on more than 455 airlines; thousands of lodging properties worldwide, 12 rental car companies, cruises, vacation packages and other travel, as well as warnings about possible travel delays. Special deals on cruises available only to online customers. <http://www.orbitz.com>.

Pamela Lanier's Bed and Breakfast Guide Online

Searchable database with tens of thousands of listings for properties worldwide. Listings include current rates, detailed descriptions, special deals, and suggestions for travel plans. Browsable by country and city. Also includes a recipe collection from various innkeepers. Available in several different languages. <http://lanierbb.com/>

***PlacestoStay.com**

Lists more than 28,000 bed and breakfasts, ski resorts, inns, and hotels, including many independents. <http://www.placestostay.com>

***Rail Europe**

Provides information on the 17-country Eurailpass, 5-country Europass, and Brit Rail passes, as well as single-country passes for France, Switzerland, and Italy. Permits booking of all types of European rail passes and tickets online. For point to point tickets, look under "fares and schedules." <http://www.raileurope.com/us>

***Rental Cars**

Guide to more than 90 major airport auto rental companies and franchises at more than 170 airports. "11th Hour Specials" provides bargains. <http://www.bnm.com>

Road Trip USA

"Follow route numbers or names to access driving tours along more than 30,000 miles of classic blacktop [...] mile-by-mile descriptions celebrate kitsch oddities, local history, and apple-pie diners distributed over 10 yards of clickable image maps." Includes related links and a bibliography. <http://www.roadtripusa.com/>

roadsideamerica.com: Your Online Guide to Offbeat Tourist Attractions

Lists unusual attractions throughout the United States, such as a Mother's Day Shrine, the World's Largest Catsup Bottle, the Albino Squirrel Capitol of the World, a beer can house, the world's largest sycamore tree, a tour of the Crayola factory, and more. Searchable. <http://www.roadsideamerica.com/>

Room saver

Print your own online coupon book for your next trip, selecting from some 6,000 discounted hotel rooms.
<http://www.roomsaver.com/>

Stress Management: Managing Holiday Travel Stress

Provides basic tips for managing stress while traveling by car and airplane. Includes information on planning and advice for parents of young children. <http://stress.about.com/library/weekly/aa111600a.htm>

Subway Navigator

Provides access to subway maps for more than 100 cities worldwide, showing best routes, transfers, and an estimate of time required for travel. Includes links to official websites of individual transport providers and selected tourist attractions. In English and French. From the Paris Transport Authority.
<http://www.subwaynavigator.com>

Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association

Provides information about this wine region, including a map, profiles of wineries, and a list of growers. Also includes visitor information. <http://www.temeculawines.org/>

Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

Official site for the Tijuana Tourism Board features maps, information about hotels, restaurants, shopping, entertainment, cultural attractions, and more. Also includes video tours and images of the city. In English and Spanish. <http://www.seetijuana.com>

***time and date.com**

Check world time zones and calendars and create your own. <http://www.timeanddate.com>

***Tourism Offices Worldwide Directory**

Lists 1,445 official government tourist offices, convention and visitors bureaus, chambers of commerce, and similar agencies worldwide. Drop-down boxes at the top allow searching by country or state.
<http://www.towd.com>

Transportation Security Administration: Air Travel

Security tips for air travel in the United States, including information about how to pack, whether to lock suitcases, and what to leave at home. "The tips and informative materials [...] will ensure a brief, yet thorough security experience at any of the 429 airports serviced by TSA [the Transportation Security Administration]." <http://www.tsa.gov/public/display?theme=175>

***Travel Channel**

Click on "explore by destination" to plan a trip. Click on "explore by idea" for guides to beaches and islands, casinos and resorts, culture and attractions, and theme parks. Watch live cams in Las Vegas, Times Square, and South Beach. Also provides articles and other resources related to family travel topics.
<http://travel.discovery.com/>

Travel Insurance: The Benefits and Limitations

Provides an overview of travel insurance, including trip cancellation insurance ("covers you for the period of time before you travel"), trip interruption insurance (for expenses incurred when returning early from a trip due to illness or injury), and types of insurance that are generally covered already by health, homeowner's, or renter's insurance policies. Additional travel articles are available in the "Consumer Issues" section.
<http://public.findlaw.com/consumer/nolo/ency/4AA23182-5D51-472D-89D068928F66348C.html>

Travel Warnings & Consular Information Sheets

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Travel warnings are issued by the U.S. State Department to inform Americans that they should avoid travel to a certain country. Consular Information Sheets, listed by country, locate U.S. embassies or consulates and describe conditions in each country. http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

***TRAVLANG**

Provides information on 70 different foreign languages, including guides to basic words, help on pronunciation, etc. <http://www3.travlang.com>

Travelocity

Provides access to 47,000 hotels, 50 car rental agencies, and 6,500 tour and cruise packages. Their “fare watcher program,” allows for monitoring changes in prices for selected destinations. <http://www.travelocity.com>

Very Best of British: The American's Guide to Speaking British

Explains some of the differences between American and British English. Includes translations of British slang, words for articles of clothing, people, food and drink, and more. <http://www.effingpot.com>

***VIA Rail Canada**

Canada’s national rail service operates 460 trains weekly serving 450 Canadian localities. Look for the affordable “CANRAILPASS” under “ways to save.” http://www.viarail.ca/en_index.html

VirtualTourist

Outside contributors create the opinionated but useful text. Editors try to weed out fraudulent postings but, overall, prospective vacationers get a candid view of destinations worldwide. Includes postings for hotels, restaurants, attractions, nightlife, shopping, and transportation for areas around the world. "Every tip on VirtualTourist is linked to a member's profile." <http://www.virtualtourist.com>

Walking Britain

Provides descriptions of walks in England, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, Ireland, and Northern Ireland. Includes some urban walks and walks starting at youth hostels. Length, elevation, and difficulty level ratings are provided along with route descriptions. Images and maps of each walk are included for most of the walks. Includes related travel information. Searchable. <http://www.walkingbritain.co.uk/>

***Zagat Survey**

Reviews of 20,000 restaurants in major U.S. cities/resorts as well as London, Paris, Tokyo, Toronto, and Vancouver. Ratings and reviews are based on 100,000 frequent restaurant-goers. Categories rated include: cuisine, decor, value, and location. <http://www.zagat.com>