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Best ... travel websites

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While many people are still happy to book holidays from a brochure or via a travel agent, today lots of us are

doing our own research online, organising our own holidays and

discovering some great bargains.

As well as booking travel and places to stay, many websites offer advice on what to watch out for in various destinations, travel tips, suggestions for side trips and entertainment, ideas for families and bargain flights.

Try these travel websites - they're some of the best!

One-stop shops

- World Travel Guide Destination guides, flights, hotels, deals, cars and tours.
- Expedia All kinds of holidays including packages and tours, flights, car rentals, insurance and city breaks, plus business travel.
- TripAdvisor Includes hotels, flights, restaurants and holiday rentals, all reviewed by other holiday makers.
- Kayak Compare flights, hotels, car rentals and holidays on hundreds of sites at once.

Good deals

- Travelzoo UK Today's special deals.
- Momondo Global flight comparison site.
- Carrentals.co.uk Comparison site for car hire all over the world.
- <u>Airport Parking Shop</u> Comparison site for airport car parks in the UK.

Travel tips and guides

- Smarter Travel -Gather expert tips, latest news and stay up to date with new deals.
- <u>Time Out Worldwide</u> What to do in cities all over the world.
- Lonely Planet Well-known travel and destination guide.
- <u>Visa Guide</u>- Comprehensive guide to visa requirements for every country.
- Spotted by locals Insider tips from city loving locals in 81 destinations across the world

Places to stay

- <u>i-escape</u> Boutique hotels and other interesting places to stay around the world.
- Villarenters More than 13,000 independent villas and holiday homes in 85 countries.

Specialised travel

- Solo travellers Small solo trips with like minded people.
- Green Traveller Travel tips and information for those looking for a low carbon holiday.
- The Man in Seat Sixty-One... All you need to know if you want to travel by train or ship in the UK, Europe and the rest of the world.
- Rail Europe Highly recommended by a Digital Unite user who says that this website offers the most extensive range of train tickets in Europe and lets you begin planning your travels from the UK.
- Dog Friendly Cottages & Pet Friendly Holidays pet-friendly accommodation at the lowest price, a big selection of instantly bookable properties in the UK for you and your four-legged friends.

Info - vital and not so

- Fit for Travel Overseas health information for travellers from the UK.
- <u>Practical tips for travelling with children</u> from Rough Guide- A survival guide to taking young children on holiday!
- <u>ViaMichelin</u> Route planning for road trips outside the UK.
- <u>SeatGuru</u> Shows the seat layout for all flights, with location of toilets, galley, etc. and whether yours is a good seat.
- <u>Insurancewith</u> A useful guide on things to consider when travelling with a medical condition
- Friendshipcircle.org Airports and Special Needs Travel: A Complete Guide
- Applying for health cover abroad (GHID & EHIC cards)

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