

Best Travel Websites and Apps



Websites:

WhichBudget.com

Inexpensive overseas flight plan using local, budget airlines

Luxurylink.com

Bid on resort stays and packaged luxury vacations at discounted rates

Flatseats.com

Access first and business class flights, more than 60 airlines

Budgettravel.com

Busy, interactive social media connected site with great deals and links

Bing.com/travel

Great if you like Bing. Compares prices, predicts better fares, Advises to “Buy Now”

Autoslash.com

Lock in lowest rental car rates

Befrugal.com/tools/fly-or-drive-calculator

Calculates cost of travel by plane or car depending on your destination and number of travelers as well as other info

Plnnr.com

Put in city and length of stay, site will plan an itinerary of events based on your tastes

Awardwallet.com

Tracks all of your loyalty points and flyer miles, tells you how and when to use them best

Jetsetter.com

High-end travel at great rates, exotic offerings

Yapta.com

Track your flight’s price after you buy your ticket and get email or tweet alerts when the price drops

Airwise.com

Information on stores, terminals, restaurants and ground transportation, 67 airports

Hipmunk.com

Similar to Kayak, with a “hipper” look and feel, good sense of humor

Kayak.com

Well-known consolidator to compare airfares

Tripadvisor.com

Reviews and advice about flights, hotels, vacation rentals, etc.

Trippy.com

Interactive social media travel site for sharing travel tips with friends, family or other people with similar travel interests

Tripping.com

Search engine for vacation rentals. Also includes community where you can hook up with locals for cultural exchange.

Airbnb.com

Community marketplace offering rooms to rent from over 34,000 people in 192 countries

Vrbo.com

Vacation rental by owner

Travelpod.com

Travel blog website that has info on printing your blog as a book, linked with Facebook

Parkervillas.com

Italian vacation villas. Certified villas, homes and apartments for vacation rental

Travelocity.com

Well-known site for comparing and booking all aspects of a trip

Expedia.com

Cheap flights, airlines, cruises, all-inclusives

Orbitz.com

Guaranteed satisfaction from trusted travel booking website

Ahml.info.

Your library’s website is an excellent resource for books, DVDs, audiobooks, and e-books. We also have thousands of items about travel and tourism around the world. From Frommer’s and Fodor’s travel guides to travelogues like *Eat, Pray, Love*.

Apps:

TripTik Mobile

From AAA (membership not required to use the app) provides maps, latest gas prices, directions and information on hotels, restaurants and attractions

SitOrSquat (free)

Restroom Finder, one of the best apps for moms. The app lets users find nearby public bathrooms, search for facilities with specific features

Google Translate (free)

Translates over 60 languages

GasBuddy (free)

Gas prices by city, state, zip code and directions to nearby gas stations

Hotel Tonight (free)

Same-day deals for hotel rooms in major cities

Free Wi-Fi Finder

Find free Wi-Fi hot spots at hotels, restaurants, airlines and stores around the world

Packing (free) and Packing Pro (\$2.99) - IOS only

To-do and packing lists, packing tips, groups items by category, weight and luggage

My Little Suitcase (free)

Kids prepare for vacations by choosing items to bring and placing them in a virtual suitcase

MapMuse's Shopping and Outlet Mall locator - IOS only

Directions to malls and outlet centers in the US, lists store directories and hours

WhatsApp Messenger

Free texting and video messaging anywhere with Wi-Fi or 3G

Skype's mobile app (free)

Use your mobile phone over Wi-Fi connections to make phone calls and send texts in any country

Tripit travel organizer app (free)

Plan your trip, forward emailed flight, rental car, and hotel confirmations, gives detailed itinerary, access on Smartphone, tablet or online, forward to anyone

Vocre (\$0.99)

Translates languages spoken into the microphone. Displays translation as well as plays it

Word Lens - free for IOS (though must pay for "language packs"/\$4.99 for Android)

Smartphone app that translates text in six languages that is viewed through the camera lens

Flight Track Pro (\$9.99)

Tracks flights, predicts delays, reports leg room of specific seats on various airlines

TVFoodMaps app (free)

Restaurants you see on your favorite Food Network and Travel Channel shows, such as "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," "Man v. Food," "Best Thing I Ever Ate"

Foodspotting app (free) - download from website

Review dishes, not restaurants

EX Currency (free)

Up-to-date currency exchange rates for almost 200 countries

Flightboard (free)

Arrivals and Departures board for any airport in the world, updates arrivals and departures in real-time

Lookout Mobile Security

Backs up your phone's data to cloud storage, scans phone for malware and phishing scams

Help Call (For iPhone \$2.99)

One button- fire, police, ambulance services in 126 countries

Pocket First Aid & CPR from the American Heart Association (\$1.99)

Step-by-step instructions as well as videos for every eventuality

Classes for sharing your adventures:**At the Arlington Heights Memorial Library:**

- Sharing Your Photos Online with Flickr
- Beginning Blogging With WordPress.com
- Twitter Basics
- Tumblr
- Creating a Slideshow with iPhoto

At the Arlington Heights Senior Center:

- Travelogs
- Making Memories into Memoirs