

# Travel on a Dime

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## Apps for planning your trip\*



Expedia



Hotwire



Kayak



Orbitz



TripAdvisor



Priceline



Evernote



Hipmunk



Travelocity



Airbnb



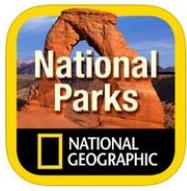
Hotel Tonight



StubHub



Groupon



National Parks



OpenTable



Yelp



Field Trip



Gogobot



LivingSocial



Foursquare



Ebates



Trivago



Lonely Planet



PackPoint

**Expedia** searches hotels, flights, cars, and activities while **Hotwire** focuses only on hotels and cars. **Kayak** searches hotels, flights, and cars with a few extra built-in bells and whistles. **Orbitz** searches hotels, flights, and travel packages. **TripAdvisor** searches hotels, restaurants flights, and rentals. **Priceline** searches hotels, flights, and rental cars. **Evernote** helps you take notes on big projects, as a trip can be to plan. **Hipmunk** has great overviews of its recommended destinations. **Travelocity** is another all-of-the-above service, searching hotels, flights, cars, and experiences based on your location. **Airbnb** connects you to flexible, non-hotel lodging options. **Hotel Tonight** focuses your search on today, tomorrow, or specific future dates. **Stubhub** lets you purchase tickets to events from others who can't make it anymore. **Groupon** offers discounted prices on select products and events. The National Geographic **National Parks** app centralizes lots of information on domestic national parks. If you're planning where to dine, check out **OpenTable** and **Yelp** for reviews. Google/Niantic Labs' **Field Trip** helps you find local attractions at your current location. **Gogobot**, **LivingSocial**, and **Foursquare** focus on local events and experiences. **Ebates** is great for searching deals of all kinds, including travel. **Trivago** is a search engine of search engines, searching and comparing many results at once. **Lonely Planet** curates fantastic guides to specific cities. Once you've got everything else planned, **PackPoint** (our favorite of these 54 apps) helps you remember to bring the right clothes and accessories.

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## Apps for actually getting there\*



Uber



Lyft



Zipcar



Waze (Google)



Google Maps



Transit



Hertz



Avis



National Car  
Rental



Amtrak



GasBuddy



Top Road Trip Games



Delta



Southwest



jetBlue



American



United Airlines



Metro Maps (NYC)  
(subway maps)



iExit (\$)



GateGuru

**Uber** and **Lyft** allow you to hail new-age taxis quickly. **Zipcar** is a per-hour car rental service. Many apps like **Waze** and **Google Maps** give you turn by turn driving directions. Some, like **Transit**, focus specifically on public transit. Established transportation companies like **Hertz**, **Avis**, and **Amtrak** all have apps. **GasBuddy** help you find the cheapest gas station prices, and **Top Road Trip Games** (along with thousands of other game apps in all app stores) help keep passengers occupied along the road. Airlines such as **Delta**, **American**, **United**, etc. have apps as well to help you check in. Certain metro areas, like **NYC**, have dedicated map apps. **iExit** helps you know what amenities are available along highway exits, and **GateGuru** helps you be ready to board flights or wait through layovers.

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## Apps to use once you're there\*



Converter Plus



Google Translate



iTranslate



Merlin Bird ID



Gratuuity



Disney World



Six Flags



ToiletFinder



BestWestern



AllTrails

If you're travelling internationally, you may need to know currency and other unit conversions from an app like **Converter Plus**. You'll want to be able to communicate as well with great translation apps like **Google Translate** and **iTranslate**. If your vacation involves wildlife, you can identify birds with **Merlin Bird ID**. **Gratuuity** and many apps like it allow you to easily calculate and split restaurant tips. Be on the lookout for hyperlocal apps. Venues you attend such as **Disney World** or **Six Flags Great America** oftentimes have apps including maps and other features. **ToiletFinder** and apps like it rate facilities so you know what you're getting in to when you have to go. Most hotels you check into, like **Best Western** will have their own apps. And AllTrails includes maps of parks and trails. *But really, you may want to take a break from the information overload of apps once you're at your destination.*

\*iOS: some iOS apps are "iPhone only": they'll only install on iPhones. Do you want to lug an iPad around?

## Websites only



HomeAway

hostelz.com

Vayable

WWOOF



Most of the apps above have website versions of their services as well. A few, like PackPoint, do not. On the flipside, there are some travel related services that only have websites and do not have app versions. [TheFlightDeal.com](http://TheFlightDeal.com) has limited time super cheap deals on flights. [Homeaway.com](http://Homeaway.com) and its sister site [VRBO.com](http://VRBO.com) let you search vacation rentals for longer stays. [Hostelz.com](http://Hostelz.com) finds hostels by city or country. [Vayable.com](http://Vayable.com) helps you find more off-the-beaten path events and experiences. [Freetoursbyfoot.com](http://Freetoursbyfoot.com) highlights free or pay-what-you-like tours of select cities. [WWOOF.net](http://WWOOF.net) links you to volunteering opportunities abroad. [Campinmygarden.com](http://Campinmygarden.com) is the Airbnb of gardens and back yards, allowing you to browse through non-campsite places people will let you set up your tent. [Google.com](http://Google.com) mobile searches for terms like "USA destinations", "European destinations" now turn up special Google-created travel guides to those locales (if they don't appear, try turning off Wi-Fi and using cellular data).