



PLAN YOUR TRAVEL With Scottsdale Public Library's Website

Objectives:

By the end of the class, the students will be able to:

- Use the Library catalog to find books, videos, or audio on destinations and languages
- Use search engines and website addresses to research travel information and book airline, car, or hotel reservations



Online Travel Planning—Quick Reference—Scottsdale Public Library

Please note: Inclusion on this list is for informational purposes only. Inclusion does not guarantee, or imply endorsement of, anything regarding the companies or websites listed.

• Research

- **Books/media:** **Scottsdale Public Library online catalog—*Encore*. Locate books and media for guidebooks or to learn about destinations, learn a new language, etc.!** library.scottsdaleaz.gov/
- Travel Overviews and Advice
 - **After the library, here's a *GREAT* jumping off point:** budgettravel.about.com/
 - Rick Steves' Europe ricksteves.com/
 - Travel for Seniors seniortravel.about.com/
- Currency Conversion: oanda.com
- Weather: weatherbase.com

• Preparation

- Documents: Passports, visas, warnings: U.S. Dept. of State. travel.state.gov
- Health: Centers for Disease Control. Required vaccinations and outbreak warnings. cdc.gov/travel
- Packing: Site features separate lists for men and women. ricksteves.com/plan/tips/packlight.htm

• Comparison Shopping: Air, Accommodations, Cruises... even seats!

- Comparisons: tripadvisor.com (includes ratings and customer comments), mobissimo.com, airlineconsolidator.com
- Comparisons & Bids: Comparison shopping on all of the above plus the opportunity to bid: Priceline.com, Orbitz.com, Expedia.com
- Bidding Strategies & online bidding help / advice. biddingfortravel.com
- Last Minute Packages: us.lastminute.com
- Compare seats on each plane: seatguru.com

• Transportation

- Airfare: Individual airline websites. In general, you can type in the name of the airline, followed by *.com*, e.g. usairways.com or ryanair.com—many airlines offer email bargain alerts; just sign up.
- Car Rental: Individual auto rental websites. In general, you can type in the name of the rental agency, followed by *.com*, e.g. hertz.com or avis.com
- Tours: U.S. Tour Operators Association. ustoa.com

• Lodging

- Hotel: Listings of several chain hotels and their specials travelweb.com
- Bed and Breakfast: bedandbreakfast.com
- Home and Condo Rentals: vrbo.com
- House Swapping: homelink.org