

TOP TRAVEL WEBSITES

A lot of these websites are obvious travel websites, but through extreme trial and error and my oh-so-infamous patience, I've figured out how to make the most of each and what not to waste your time on. These will help you save money on your trips, find the best options, and find people and places other than simply backpackers or tourist destinations.



Trip Advisor

This one is pretty obvious, and the reviews on this can be hit or miss. What I use it most for is researching the safety of a particular city or neighborhood. I've found it to have consistently helpful safety information.



Agoda

This is Asia's chapter of Booking.com. I use it only for hotels and on the day of/day before. It gives you last minute deals for *very* cheap prices. It does have fees, but sometimes I'm willing to pay those to use my credit card and avoid more ATM fees spending cash.

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Facebook

When I am preparing to go to a new city, I find the Facebook group for Expats in that city. It's a *great* resource. It'll help with medical and safety info, and also suggest less touristy, more Expat places to go in the city.



HOSTELWORLD

Hostelworld

My preferred website for booking (even hotels), this has clear categories of ratings. You don't see an overall rating, you see the ratings for safety, staff, cleanliness, location, vibe, etc. and can chose what you care about most.



priceline.com

Expedia/Priceline

I use both these sights to find the cheapest and most direct flights available when I'm looking to travel, then go to the actual airline's website and book with them directly. Better customer service this way.