

### Air Travel Web Sites

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# **About Air Travel Search and Booking Sites**

Not all airlines necessarily participate in any or all search or booking sites (Southwest is a major example), and booking sites do not necessarily have the cheapest prices. In addition to using online search sites, check the airline sites directly. Baggage and other fees can affect the total price. As with all research, it is best to consult multiple sites to double-check the information.

Here are a couple of articles about using travel search sites (but things change: double-check the advice in these articles also):

- New York Times, January 15, 2014: How to Choose an Air Travel Search Site
- USA Today, February 19, 2014: What's the best airfare metasearch site?

### Flight Search, Comparison, and Booking

Besides the standard web sites such as Expedia, Orbitz, Priceline, and Travelocity, here are some other search/compare sites that might be of interest:

#### <u>Hipmunk</u>

Organizes results by "agony" in a visual format <u>Kayak</u> Flexible date search; displays prices over a range of dates <u>Momondo</u> Multilingual search <u>TripAdvisor: Cheap Flights</u>

Can show baggage fees in price

### Air Travel Advice and Tools

Many of these web sites offer additional tools and links besides the ones mentioned.

*Airline Ratings* <u>TripAdvisor: Airline Ratings</u> <u>U.S. News & World Report: America's Best and Worst Airlines 2014</u>

#### Getting To, From, and Around Airports

Check the airport web site for a "Ground Transportation" page with information about parking, auto rentals, public transit, etc.

*Live Flight Tracking* <u>Flightaware</u> Monitor the progress of a flight in real time

Seat Maps <u>SeatGuru</u>

Travel Advice and Tips <u>FareCompare: Tips and Advice</u> <u>Independent Traveler</u> Especially see "Air Travel Tips", but other topics have articles related to travel by air.

*The TSA and Security* <u>Transportation Security Administration: Traveler Information</u>

# **Regional Airports**

Albany International Airport (ALB) John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) LaGuardia Airport (LGA) Stewart International Airport (SWF) Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR)

## Web Site Links

This is a list of the web sites referenced above. http://www.usatoday.com/story/travel/columnist/mcgee/2014/02/11/best-metasearch-sites-forairfares/4947685/ http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/15/travel/how-to-choose-an-air-travel-search-site.html? r=0 http://www.expedia.com/ http://www.orbitz.com/ http://www.priceline.com/ http://www.travelocity.com/ https://www.hipmunk.com/ http://www.kavak.com/ http://www.momondo.com/ http://www.tripadvisor.com/CheapFlightsHome http://www.tripadvisor.com/Airlines http://travel.usnews.com/gallery/Americas-Best-and-Worst-Airlines-2014/ https://flightaware.com/ http://www.seatguru.com/ http://www.farecompare.com/travel-advice/ http://www.independenttraveler.com/travel-tips http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information http://www.albanyairport.com/ http://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html http://www.panynj.gov/airports/laguardia.html http://www.panyni.gov/airports/stewart.html http://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html