

No, I am not willing to pay £1 to go to the toilet in-flight!



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Tips to help you plan a safe and enjoyable holiday this summer

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You'll find good reviews and bad reviews for nearly every destination and if you find an almost too good to bet true deal, book right then and there. Go ahead and have that cheeky glass of wine if it will help you sleep on the long haul flight.

Andy [Sharing Experiences](#)

Treat all online travel reviews like mildly entertaining fiction. Take a guidebook. Read. Then dump. A guidebook does not deliver gospel truth. There's always somebody who's paid less than you. Don't let it ruin your day.

Matthew [Quite Alone](#)

When I've found a site I like to book on, I just go with it. I might shop around based on location, but I'm not going to then go out and compare prices all over the place. By the time you've checked ten sites and figured out they are more expensive when you add on who knows what fee, you've wasted an hour of your time at £'s

Sam [Travellerspoint](#)

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Tip for the ladies: dress so you feel/look good, but don't shy away from the camera just because you're wearing your swimming costume or no makeup. Otherwise you'll end up with little to no holiday photos.

Vero [That Canadian Girl!](#)

Don't over plan: the more you plan, the more can go wrong. When things do go wrong just roll with it and think "how can I turn this around & have fun," rather than, "I'm going to spend the remainder of my hard earned holiday moaning about this."

Andy [Gone Further](#)

I would add from my experiences, always remember that you are an ambassador for your country. Be that gracious tourist and extend yourself to those locals that you come in contact with.

Trisha [Travel Writers Exchange](#)

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Travel slowly. Instead of planning a few attractions per day, only plan one attraction and take a break and enjoy the local scenes. Kids love public transportation especially Metro or subway. Check out the route and enjoy the ride.

Amy [The Q Family Adventures](#)

Our last trip to France brought us our biggest travel with kids tip ever, pack *only* what you can carry. You can't depend on the availability of luggage carts, porters or even working elevators.

Kim Marie [Travelling Mom](#)

When looking for holidays I would advice parents to look at the flight time and also consider what time that means waking up in the morning, a 07:00 flight like sound OK when you book but that might mean waking up early.

Rob [Family Breaks](#)

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Books are my favourite tip! Get kids books about a place to read before, during and after the trip. It adds so much and can make even a little one feel more connected to a place and “make it her/his own”.

Jeanne [Soultravelers3](#)

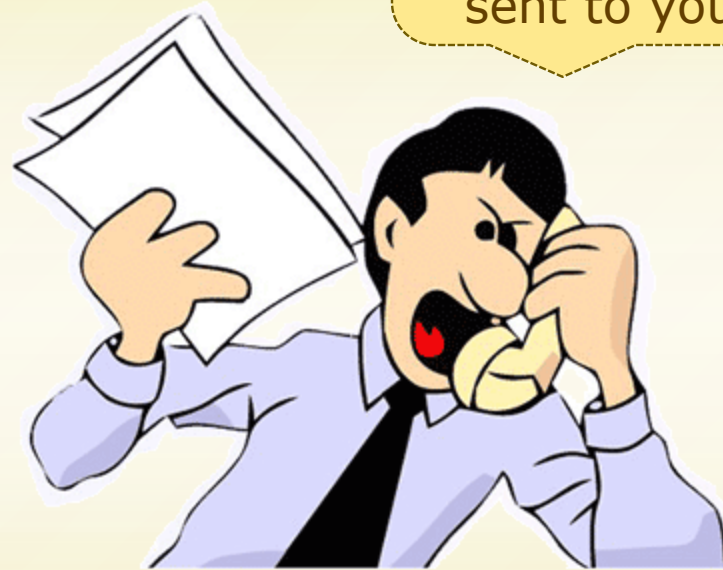
When packing for a family trip, pack a suitcase for every 2-3 days rather than one per person. If the kids are peaceful in the car, continue on. They'll let you know when they need a break. It is possible to travel with children and without a DVD player in the car.

Linda [Travels with Children](#)

Wrap toys brought for entertainment, extra fun to unwrap. Keep all of baby's toiletries, bottles & food together in one carry-on easier for security clearance. Distribute things amongst your luggage, if a bag is lost it's not the one with all the baby stuff.

Corinne [Have Baby will Travel](#)

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Reader Tips for France

If driving you must have original documents, i.e. car licence, insurance & V5. Copies not accepted. Fluorescent vest & warning triangle are now a legal requirement. Fines for non-compliance. Learn a few simple phrases: *Bonjour, Merci, Au revoir.*

Stu [A Slice of Ex Pat\(e\)](#)

Try to see the three best Provence city : Marseille, Aix-en-Provence, Avignon, better time to travel in Provence is May to June and September to October, you will find better prices, not to much tourists and very nice weather.

Claude [Hotel iTour](#)

If you are the driver, be careful, drink-drive limits are lower than in the UK and there are regular checks. Ask the winery for a spittoon – crachoir in French. Many wine producers are only open to visit by appointment.

Wink [Wine Travel Guides](#)

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Switzerland Get maximum value from punctual and scenic train travel with one of the many rail passes available. Travel between regions on the special scenic train and bus routes. Visit the Alpine fortifications at Bellinzona en route to the southern Lakes.

Mark [Mark's Travel Notes](#)

Australia Jet lag tip is to sleep until lunchtime, then get up and try and keep to local time for the rest of the day. Buy an 'open-jaw' ticket and this means you can arrive into one city, leave from another. Remember to get a visa; they're easy to apply for online.

Lucy [Lucy Loves Australia](#)

Puerto Rico Three must sees – Old San Juan, El Yunque Rainforest and a Bio Bay Trip. If you are looking for a quieter spot consider the islands of Vieques or Culebra, located just off the north east coast of Puerto Rico.

Brian [Visit the Coqui](#)

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