



Tourism websites

British Tourist Authority
www.visitbritain.com

England Tourist Authority
www.travelengland.org.uk

Irish Tourist Board
www.ireland.travel.ie

Scottish Tourist Board
www.visitscotland.com

Wales Tourist Board
www.tourism.wales.gov.uk

Car Hire Websites

If you want to get off the beaten track then think about hiring a car

Avis
www.avis.com

Hertz
www.hertz.com

Budget
www.budgetrentacar.com

EasyCar
www.easycar.com

Europcar
www.europcar.co.uk

Streetcar
www.streetcar.co.uk has cars parked throughout London and in some cities which can be rented by the half hour up to six months. They can be booked online or by phone and can be collected and returned 24/7 using the company's high tech smartcard system.

Free Days Out

There are plenty of attractions throughout the UK that are free. The following websites will give you some great ideas for things to do over your weekends:

www.dofreestuff.com
www.familydayoutuk.co.uk
www.afreedayout.co.uk
www.waterscape.com
www.enjoyengland.com
www.english-heritage.org.uk

Out & About - UK

Travelling around the UK is easy to do on a budget. Check out the tourist websites for low-cost attractions and events, cheap accommodation and free days out.

To help you plan those weekends away, there are a number of free online route and journey planners;
www.traveline.org.uk
www.transportdirect.info
www.journeyplanner.org.

Take the Train

The UK has an extensive rail network. Fast, efficient and comfortable, trains make travelling up and down the country a great option. Tickets booked in advance are good value. Visit www.nationalrail.co.uk for more information about operators, timetables and tickets. If you are 25 or under you will be eligible for a 16-25 Railcard, it costs just £26 and it'll save you 1/3 on rail fares throughout Great Britain for a whole year.

Coach or Bus

Coaches are often the cheapest way of getting around the UK. The National Express coaches operate to 1000 destinations and also serve the major UK airports. It is best to make advanced bookings as seats go quickly at weekends and at holiday times. If you're aged 16-26 you can take advantage of some fantastic discounts and promotions with a CoachCard. For more information visit: www.nationalexpress.com/coach/. Mega Bus is a no-frills, low cost service, operating to and from cities throughout the UK. Visit www.megabus.com to see what they have to offer.

Local Bus Services

All cities and a majority of towns and villages have a local bus service. With numerous operators, the best place to find out about the companies that serve the routes near you are the online journey planners, local libraries and tourist information offices, where you will find timetables and route numbers.

Cheap London Travel

The best way of getting around London is by using the public transport system. The London Underground (Tube) is the easiest and fastest way of getting from A-B. The vast network is easy and safe to use. You can pick up a tube map from any mainline/underground station or simply download one from www.tfl.gov.uk. If you are planning to spend a lot of time in London, an Oyster Card is a must. It can be charged with travel cards, season tickets or cash and will definitely save you money.

The famous Red London Buses operate throughout the City and offer an alternative if you do not work or live near a tube station. Most routes also operate a night time service. Route maps can be downloaded from www.tfl.gov.uk.

Trams

Depending on where you live, you may also come across a Tram Network. Trams are making a comeback and can be found in some of our large cities including London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Sheffield, Manchester and Nottingham. Further information can be found online.

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Travel Partners

TimePlan has teamed up with Contiki, Topdeck and Traveller's World to offer you GREAT discounts on holidays, trips and tours to destinations throughout Europe and North Africa.

Contiki

Contiki is the worldwide leader in holidays for 18-35 year-olds. For over 45 years, young travellers have trusted Contiki to show them the world, discover different cultures, meet new people from all over the globe and create lasting memories.

Contiki has organised tours and holidays throughout Europe, Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Mexico, Russia, the Baltic and Asia. Visit www.contiki.co.uk

For UK reservations:
020 8290 6422

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday: 9am – 6pm
Saturdays: 10am – 4pm

Topdeck Tours

At Topdeck their passion is providing unforgettable travel experiences for 18-30 somethings. They have extended trips and festivals in Europe, ski and sailing holidays, adventures in Egypt, Morocco, Jordan and Israel, safaris in Africa. Your choice of great holidays with like-minded travellers is huge! Travel with Topdeck and share the experience, visit www.topdecktours.co.uk

For UK reservations:
0208 987 3300

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday: 9.00am - 6.00pm
Saturday 9.30am - 4.00pm

Traveller's World

Traveller's World is an independent travel agency able to arrange bespoke travel for individuals and groups. Visit www.twsalisbury.com

For UK reservations:
01722 411200

Out & About – Europe

Teaching in the UK offers incredible travel opportunities. Europe is a stone's throw away, making travel over the weekends and during the school holidays a breeze! You can book a package holiday or a tour or simply make it up as you go.

Our travel partners also cover North Africa, offering great value holidays to popular destinations like Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt.

If you are planning to create your own itinerary, the following information will be of help.

Europe by Train

Eurostar run a regular train service from England to France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland. This can be an expensive way to travel. However, cheap tickets can be obtained by booking early or through special offers. For more information visit: www.eurostar.com.

If you are planning to travel to multiple destinations in Europe, you may want to look into purchasing an Interrail pass (for Europeans only) or Eurail pass (for non-EU citizens/residents). There are a variety of passes available offering almost unlimited train travel throughout one or more European countries. For more information visit www.interrail.net or www.eurail.com.

Europe by Car or Coach

If you decide to get a car and plan to drive around Europe you have two options: travel through the channel tunnel or take a car ferry. Alternatively, you could hire a car once you arrive on the mainland. Either way make sure you check what the visitor driving rules are, and familiarise yourself with traffic rules and signs.

Travelling to Europe by coach is a much cheaper option, although journey times are much longer than if you went by train or plane. For more information visit www.busabout.com or www.eurolines.co.uk.

Europe by Ferry

There are a number of ferry companies operating between the UK and Europe carrying both foot passengers and passengers with cars. Ferry booking agents provide details on crossing routes, times and prices. For more information visit:

www.ferrybooker.com www.aferry.co.uk
www.directferries.co.uk www.ferrysavers.co.uk

Europe by Air

There are numerous flights everyday from the UK to destinations across Europe. There are usually a limited number of cheap air tickets available, so our best advice is for you to book your seat early.

Low cost airlines fly out of all of our International and Regional airports. The following websites will help you find the cheapest flights available:

www.easyjet.co.uk www.ryanair.com
www.bmibaby.com www.flybe.com
www.flights.monarch.co.uk www.jet2.com