

5 Websites to Visit Before Planning a Vacation

Research, be flexible and understand what is a good deal.

1. **Google.com/flights**

This is a great place to get started. Use the calendar shop tool to see the best rates for specific date range or search by duration. You can also find rates on the map by entering a departure city and clicking on a destination.

2. **Secretflying.com**

A great blog to find flight deals by region. With daily updates you can find sales and even error fares to save up to 80% on airline tickets.

3. **Thepointsguy.com**

Brian Kelly “the points guy” provides hot vacation deals with information on how to maximize credit card points. Brian analyzes card benefits to beat the system and score the lowest fares.

4. **Crankyflier.com**

An “opinion” blog from Brett Snyder about what's up with the airline industry. He has worked in sales, operations and marketing for major airlines such as U.S. Airways and United Airlines.

5. **Flightconnections.com**

A tool to find how many stops are required between cities. It's particularly helpful when you need to find the most direct flight options to obscure destinations.

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