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How is the weather? What is the cost of airfare? What is the exchange rate? The Internet has all the answers - provided you know where to look

Some people used the Internet as Personals, as a news source other than gaming, as a music exchange. But more important is its role as a tool for vacationers. Meanwhile 62 percent of Germans aged 14 years, a total of 40.1 million, an internet connection. Three-quarters of them - 29.2 million - already have the network as a source of information used for holiday travel, and rising. This has the Internet search engine Google, especially in the context of a study found.

Even the supply is growing: not only flights, hotels, car rentals, package tours can around the clock be booked online, in the network, there is also information on important issues such as visa requirements, currencies or aviation. However, not all usable, what is disseminated on the Internet. That is why we have all kinds of travel sites tested, compared to ten best for you.

Hotel Reviews

Critical notices of leisure for tourists is the page www.holidaycheck.de. Here are 630 000 hotels and 2000 ship reviews as well as more than 440 000 photographs gathered to allow travelers from first-hand information. Sample text: "Clean, friendly, but the worst dinner for years, a total too expensive." 2007 was the portal by the Stiftung Warentest for best travel site chosen. When planning are helpful not only to many reviews, but also the integration of Google Maps - so can the location of the hotel equal to find out. Practical: In "My Holiday Check" section, users can also have a private messaging system to exchange and a friends list.

Aviation Safety

After every major plane crash many vacationers ask themselves: How safe is my airline? One answer to this question gives the Federal Aviation www.luffahrbundesamt.de on the page. There is also a blacklist of air carriers in the European Union because of safety defects neither start nor allowed to land. Are beyond the rights of passengers around late, or booked on canceled flights.

Travel Law

The ADAC is not only a community of interests motorized German, but also sees itself as a consumer association. On the website www.adac.de (Category: Law & Council), he informed in detail about questions about travel - sorted by categories such as "travel deficiencies", "Individual travel / holiday package" and "cancellation". In addition, you can find tips on how to travel shortcomings to be displayed properly. The service is free ADAC members (annual contribution from 44,50 euros) can also an individual with a legal contract attorneys claim.

Via live webcam

What about just at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin? What do the gorillas in the zoo of Bristol? How is the weather in Antalya? On the website provider www.earthcam.com thousands of webcams from around the world united, you can get here with a few mouse clicks an authentic picture of our planet make. However, not every place in Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea's isolated, there is unfortunately no cameras.

The offer of [EarthCam](#) is clearly divided into different categories, by continent and by themes such as "Ike hurricane-Cam" or "Tourism". However, the only side in the English version, the English version is translated lousy. To a camera at the World Trade Center in New York on 9 September 2001 September 2001 by Al-Qaeda terrorists has been destroyed, for example, states: "The anniversary of the 9 / 11 attack is a date that is not infatuated with memories and expectation is celebrated, it is approaching each year with a quiet fear and the universal hope something similar never happens again. "

Discounted ticket prices

[www.swoodoo.de](#) is an independent and free search engine that helps, for a particular flight is the cheapest ticket to find. In the program are approximately 500 airlines, sought after low-cost, charter and scheduled flights. Who found the right flight, is on demand (mouse) forwarded directly to the supplier; there can then be posted. You can also [Swoodoo.de](#) regardless of the exact date or location without looking, thus, for example, all weekend flights in October from southern Germany to the Canaries display. For the quality of the website also speaks that they are in comparison tests, both of "Focus Money" as well as by "Bild am Sonntag" as the best flight search engine has been chosen.

Holidays Weather

Experts of the Hamburg travel magazine "Perfect Holiday", the websites of eight weather-tested online portals, compared and evaluated, but besides weather forecasts for selected locations including information on snow and water temperatures were respected. Useful features include "weather forecast after zip codes" in Germany, Austria and Switzerland and under the slogan "Biometeorology" pollen, ozone levels and temperatures of lakes.

Translation Help

They have difficulty with foreign languages? The Internet dictionary [www.leo.org](#) translated *kostgenlos* and reliably from German into English, French, Spanish, Italian and, more recently, into Chinese. Only the vocabulary of the German-English dictionary contains some 500 000 entries. Helpful for English and French words, there is an audio feature that lets you hear the correct pronunciation can.

Internet connection

Internet cafes are the preferred way to travel with *Daheimgebliebenen* to stay in touch. And thanks to the inexpensive Internet telephony, live and in color. [www.worldofinternetcafes.de](#) is a handy list of currently 4,822 Internet cafes throughout the world with address, a short description and evaluation. New is the possibility of free SMS to send. And completely without registration. At the end of each message, however, is a brief reference to the shipper or [www.worldofinternetcafes.de](#) placed an advertising partner.

Currency Converter

The Federal Association of German Banks offers on the page [www.bdb.de/html/reisekasse/waehrungsrechner.asp](#) a currency calculator, the exchange rates of 160 currencies updated daily and free *ausrechnet*, even for currencies such as Afghani or Falkland pounds. Besides the currency calculator provides the page more useful content around the travel fund, including audio amounts: "How much cash belongs in the wallet?" and "Where I share cash for the best?".

Route

Google offers the opportunity to get anywhere in the world via satellite images from the bird's-eye view and to create individual itineraries to leave. Click on the page <http://maps.google.de> "Calculate route" to. To move from A to B to get there we start (marked as a green A) and Target (green B) in the space provided mask, select "By car or on foot." The course of the route is textually as graphically shown on request as a satellite image with 360-degree panoramic view. Free and great.