

DU Learning Guide

Book Travel Online

"Even if I can't travel all over the world, I can still dream."

What's it all about?

One of the most popular uses of the Internet is to book holidays and other travel. You can book everything, from a round-the-world cruise to a ticket on a coach. All the big holiday companies, airlines and hotel chains have their own websites; lots of small businesses, like B & B's, have websites as well.

There are too many to list here, so the best way to find one that suits you is to use a search engine like Google to look for the place you want to visit, or the company that you want to use.

Try this

Even if you can't afford a holiday to an exotic destination, or if you have already booked for this year, you can dream.

Expedia is one of the biggest general travel booking sites and is quite easy to use. You can get an idea of how it works as follows:

- Type www.expedia.co.uk into the address bar of your browser and press **Enter** to display the Expedia home page
- Click on the Inspiroscope link which is in the Be Inspired column on the right hand side of the page – you'll probably need to scroll down to see it.
- On the next page, click on one of the moving words e.g. beach or scenery.
- Follow the instructions on the subsequent pages to find your dream holiday.

When you have seen enough, you can just go back to the Home page, or move to another website. You've made no commitment until you get to the point where you have to sign in.

More websites to explore

Lowcost

www.lowcost.com

For "no frills" flights from any airport in the UK.

National Express

www.nationalexpress.com

Coach times and tickets.

The Trainline

www.thetrainline.com

Train times and tickets.

Transport for London

www.tfl.gov.uk

Very useful if you live in London or are a visitor.

Travel Supermarket

www.travelsupermarket.com

For cheap deals on packages, flights, hotels.