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priceline.com www.priceline.com

Priceline's service is so innovative, they were granted a patent on it. At priceline.com, you name the price for an airplane ticket, and airlines can sell off seats that would otherwise go empty. Just tell priceline your destination, travel dates up to six months in advance, and how much you're willing to pay. If a major airline decides your price is right, you're in—onboard, as it were. Priceline also applies this strategy to new cars and hotel rooms, and will soon expand to rental cars and home financing.

Smithsonian Study Tours www.si.edu/tsa/sst/start.htm

In addition to being the nation's premier museum, the Smithsonian also runs 360 innovative and engaging tours and seminar trips a year. Led by expert educators, these tours visit four continents, cover themes from the Civil War to architecture to food, and include activities such as ocean tours on small ships, walks in the Tuscan countryside, hikes in the Alps, and horseback rides in the American wilderness. Browse the online tour schedule to whet your appetite, then call for more details.

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Travelocity www.travelocity.com

A full-service travel site with three million members, Travelocity's streamlined interface provides information for tourists and business travelers and books air, car, and hotel reservations worldwide. The search engine will find the three lowest fares available, and fare comparisons for popular air routes are published several times a day. Or register for E-mail updates on last-minute deals and fare changes. The travel guide publisher Lonely Planet provides much of the site's maps and destination information.

TravelWeb www.travelweb.com

Originally a travel agents' tool for booking hotel rooms, this site is now accessible to anyone who uses the Internet. The site provides information about some 22,000 hotels worldwide, both independent and chain-owned. For most of the hotels, you can book and cancel online, or you can call directly. For a bargain, check the list of the latest specially discounted weekend hotel packages. The site has recently begun offering airline reservations and a large library of maps, photos, and weather forecasts.

Walkabout Travel Gear www.walkabouttravelgear.com

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