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Everything You Need to Know to Plan Your Best Summer Vacation Trip Ever

From how to book a cheap flight to scoring deals on hotels.



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We don't know about you, but we're getting that summer vacation itch. School is so close to being done for the year, and we're spending most of our time dreaming of alarm-clock-free mornings, beach days, and summer travel, near and far. Whether you just decided to book a trip and are diving head-first into the planning process, or you already have the basics of your vacation taken care of and need some help sorting out the rest, we can help. We spoke with experts in all walks of the travel industry to gather tips and tricks you can use to ensure you have the best summer trip ever.

Sort out your layovers.

Booking flights with layovers is a great way to save money in comparison to non-stop flights, but it's important to make sure everything is squared away so you don't miss the second leg of your trip. "Be careful not to book flights that are on the same airline, but do not operate from the same terminal," [Eric Grayson](#), founder of [Discover 7](#) travel agency, tells *Teen Vogue*. Some airlines operate from multiple terminals, so before you book your ticket, double check that you won't have to change terminals during your layover, and potentially miss your connection because of the time needed to do so.

Don't put all your faith in reviews.

"One of the common mistakes that I see often is blindly following...reviews," Mina Agnos, president and co-founder of [Travelive](#) tells *Teen Vogue*. "The problem with online reviews is that they are often unqualified. In essence, the reviewer has their own set of criteria on which they judge a property or a service. If your criteria is not the same, then your outcome would likely not be the same either."

To help figure out which reviews to trust, [Grayson says](#) he finds reviewers who have stayed at properties he's also visited "to see if my taste is in line with the reviewer," and who also reviewed hotels he's considering for a future trip. "If we agree on one place, we will probably agree on another," he says.