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Travel Subject Guide

Subject description

The subject of travel can be vast and varied. When a customer is researching “travel,” he/she could want information about a specific place in the world, cheap airline/bus/car rental/hotel fares, statistics and travel data, maps, atlases, etc. The possibilities are endless. This subject guide tries to hit everything travel related, and will hopefully point researchers in the right direction.

Useful keywords/subject headings for searching

Family recreation
Guidebooks
Manners and customs
Maps
Travel
Travel guidebook(s)
Tourism
Voyages and travel

Call numbers to search under

910 – World geography
914 – European travel
915 – Asian travel
916 – African travel
917 – North American travel
918 – South American travel
919 – Australian and the South Pacific travel

Internet links

The AA.com

<http://www.theaa.com/>

This site has a route planner, maps, and travel and driving tips for Great Britain and Ireland. Includes thousands of rated listings for hotel and bed and breakfast (online booking for some) and reviews of restaurants and pubs. From Britain's Automobile Association (AA).

AAA.com

<http://www.aaa.com/>

Get maps, directions, and destination guides.

BTNonline – Business Travel News Online

<http://www.btonline.com/businesstravelnews/index.jsp>



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Contains free access to Strategic Sourcery, the 2007 Black Book Online, Euro Business Travel News, Sizing up the Midmarket 2006, and selected surveys. [Scroll down a bit to find them on the index page]

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

<http://www.bts.gov/>

Contains data, statistics, and a national transportation library.

Fodor's Smart Travel Tips

<http://www.fodors.com/traveltips/>

This site contains "basic travel information, tips to make your trip a breeze, and links to thousands of travel-related Web sites around the world." General topics include volunteer, educational, air, train, and bus travel; cameras and photography; car rental; children and pets; computer/Internet; disabilities and accessibility; electricity; health; insurance; travel phrases in French, German, Italian, and Spanish; lodging; money; parks and camping in the U.S.; packing; passports and visas; tour operators; and weather forecasts.

Johnny Jet.com

<http://www.johnnyjet.com/home.asp>

Comprehensive collection of travel websites indexed and categorized on all aspects of travel.

The Pregnant Traveler

<http://www.pregnantraveller.com/>

This site provides information for women who travel while pregnant. Discusses common diseases and conditions that affect pregnant travelers and expatriates, preparations and precautions to take during a trip, and how to find medical care abroad. Includes a discussion forum and related links. From a travel medicine specialist and board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist.

Rand McNally

<http://www.randmcnally.com/>

Maps online, and paper maps you can buy.

Smarter Travel

<http://www.smartertravel.com/>

Free service devoted to budget travel. Contains fares and information on airline tickets, car rentals, hotels, cruises, vacations, and more. Also includes related articles.

Travel Channel

<http://travel.discovery.com/>

Information about all things travel. From the travel channel.

The Travel Doctor



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<http://travdoc.com/>

This website is based on a travel clinic on Grandville, Michigan and staffed by Dr. Carroll the first physician in Michigan to be certified in the new specialty of Travel Medicine and Joyce, the first Certified Travel Nurse Practitioner in the state. The website provides articles about health problems that can come with travel. The claim they will help those who do not live in Michigan find a qualified travel clinic close to home.

Travel Health Online

<http://www.tripprep.com/>

Provides immunization recommendations, malaria prevention measures, and warnings about crime in over 200 countries; facts about dozens of travel vaccines, how illnesses are transmitted and prevented, treatment guidelines, and preparing for emergencies; and contact information for pre-travel health services. Registration (free) required. From the commercial publisher, Shoreland, Inc.

US Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs

<http://travel.state.gov/>

Contains current travel law, information about passports and visas, travel information by country, travel warnings, special interest stories and more.

World Travel Guide

<http://www.worldtravelguide.net/>

The online version of the print Columbus World Travel Guide, with guides on travel, cities, airports, skiing, tourist attractions, and weather. There is comprehensive information on each country that can include general information, maps, lodgings, addresses, business information, climate, essentials (such as visa and passport requirements, money, duty free regulations, public holidays, and health-related information), regions, and travel. Some information is available in Spanish, French, German, and Dutch.

Databases

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Contains encyclopedias about world wide countries.

General Reference Center Gold

Contains magazine, academic journal, reference, and news articles about all types of travel. Do a subject guide search for "Travel" and it will bring up articles with that subject term and different topic subdivisions under that subject heading.

Grolier Online

Contains an atlas and access to several encyclopedias, including Lands and Peoples.



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Books

Reference

CultureGrams: world edition

REF 909 CUL V.1 2003

Information about customs and cultures from all around the world.

Available at Central, BVL, PC, STC

Frommer's road atlas Europe

REF 912.4 FRO

All the details you need for a successful road trip in Europe.

Available at Central

Holidays, Festivals and Celebrations of the World Dictionary

REF 394.26 HOL

Contains information about nearly 2,500 holidays, festivals, holy days, feasts and fasts, and other observances, including popular, secular, and religious celebrations for more than 100 countries and every state of the United States

Available at Central, PC, BVL, STC

Parks directory of the United States

REF 917.304 PAR

A guide to more than 4,960 national and state parks, historic sites, battlefields, monuments, forests, preserves, memorials, seashores, trails, heritage areas, marine sanctuaries, wildlife refuges, and other designated recreation areas in the United States Administered by National and State Park agencies. Also includes Canadian National Parks.

Available at Central

Rand McNally road atlas : United States, Canada, and Mexico

REF 912.7 RAN 2006

A road atlas for US, Canada, and Mexico.

Available at Central, PC, BVL, STC

Woodall's campground directory: North American edition

647 WOO 2006

A directory to campgrounds throughout North America.

Available at Central, STC, BVL, PC

Nonfiction

Travel guide series by series/author:



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(NOTE: do a series search to find all guidebooks in the series or just use the keyword "guidebooks" to get them all)

Eyewitness Travel

Fodor's

-- For Dummies

Frommer's

A Lanier guide

Lonely Planet

National Geographic Traveler

Insight Guide

Berlitz complete guide to cruising & cruise ships 2006

910.202 WAR

Ward, who spends more than 250 days a year aboard cruise ships in the interest of research, divides this guide into alphabetical listings for every cruise ship currently at sea. These listings include statistics about the ship as well as the author's numerical rating for the ship overall, accommodations, food, service, entertainment, and the cruise.

Available at BVL, STC

Cruise vacations for dummies 2007

910.202 SAR

Cruise these pages for the best ships for families, romance, fine dining, and more. Whether your style is laid-back or lively, rustic schooner or luxury liner, popular port or exotic adventure, set sail with this guide that covers cruise lines, destinations, shore attractions, and more.

Available at Central, BVL, WO, PC, STC

500 places to take your kids before they grow up

910.202 HUG

In this personal yet practical guide, travel writer and mother of three Holly Hughes sends you across town and around the globe to some of the most exciting and memorable destinations on earth.

Available at Central, BVL, WO, PC, STC

Fodor's the complete guide to Caribbean cruises

917.29 FOD 2006

Guide to Caribbean cruises.

Available Central, BVL, WO, KV, PC, STC

RV vacations for dummies

917.30493 BAS

This fun, friendly guide shows you how to get the most out of your RV vacations with fun itineraries and handy tips.

Available at Central, BVL, WO, PC, STC



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1001 natural wonders you must see before you die

910.202 BRI

Along with 26 colleagues, Bright, an executive producer with the BBC's Natural History Unit, compiled this catalog of 1,001 natural wonders, that is, geological and physical phenomena and wonders of the animal kingdom.

Available at Central, BVL, PC, STC

Local contacts

Travel Industry Association

http://www.tia.org/about/member_cat_join.asp?cat=1

This website contains links to other travel oriented associations.