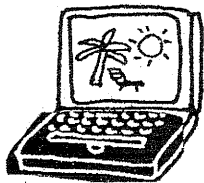


Travel's Greatest Hits

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Looking for a few good Web sites? Here are a few that actually do what they say they will.

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Ah, the wonderful world of Internet travel sites. Competing firms jousting over claims of who provides the "best" prices. Booking sites returning wildly divergent





fares from one minute to the next. Sites constantly merging or going under. It's enough to make you lunge for the . . . telephone.

But not so fast. The Internet also delivers unprecedented access to information and control over the trip-planning process. And some travel sites *do* deliver what they promise, or do one thing well enough to be worth your while. Here, we've selected the sites that come closest to doing what they claim, where you should be able to get the best information and—we hope—the best deals. At least this week.

LOW FARES/DEALS

■ www.itasoftware.com

"All" this site does is return an air fare search with the best prices sorted by airline, airport and number of stops. This gives Washington area users, for instance, a snapshot of the cost difference between flying out of BWI and Reagan National, or flying non-

	Southwest Airlines	Multiple Airlines	Midwest Express	Northwest Airlines
From \$550 (avg. cost/per person)				
Nonstop				
One stop	From \$550	From \$861		From \$1400
Two or more stops	From \$555	From \$877	From \$1286	

ITA not only lists low air fares, but sorts them by airline, airport and number of stops.

stop vs. connecting. The site is limited to domestic destinations at present, and you can't book online—contact the airline or a booking site instead. ITA has been chosen as the search engine of Orbitz, the airline mega-site scheduled to launch next spring.