

Resources for Travel in North America

If you would like to travel, library resources can help you plan your vacation. By searching the Internet, calling travel companies and by consulting travel guides, you will discover fun and interesting places to visit. These sources will also provide you with useful information on affordable lodging and transportation.

On the Internet

The internet is a great place to learn about traveling, especially if you are on a tight budget. The following web sites are helpful for trip research and planning:

- [Search Engine for Travel Information on the Internet \(S.E.T.I.I.\)](#) [1]
This site includes a wide range of travel information, including maps, lodging and transportation. S.E.T.I.I. also provides links to travel magazine sites and Visitor's Bureau's around the United States.
- [Let's Go!](#) [2]
The best guides for students traveling on a budget. It is written and researched by college students so it's got the most pertinent information for students you'll find in any guide book anywhere. Highly recommended!
- [VisitTheUSA](#) [3]
A very rich site! Searching by state and city will link you to sites where you can learn all about fun attractions and interesting destinations.
- [National Park Service ParkNet](#) [4]
Want to visit Yosemite or the Grand Canyon? At this site, you'll learn about national parks all over the United States. You can search by location, park name or theme. The site also includes information on natural resources in each park.
- [National Geographic](#) [5]
This page has information on national parks in both the U.S. and Canada, as well as tips on other locations for birdwatching and hiking. Search by park name, location, or activity.
- [Great Outdoors Recreation Page](#) [6]
Great travel ideas for those interested in checking out nature!
- [Travel Michigan](#) [7]
Great ideas for things to do right here in Michigan.
- [The Internet Guide to Hosteling](#) [8]
Staying in hostels is a great way to travel inexpensively and meet other travelers. This guide includes useful travel tips. It also links to budget guidebook sites and to the Worldwide Hostel Guide, a comprehensive list of hostels worldwide. The Worldwide Hostel Guide can be searched by destination and includes addresses and prices for hostels.

- [Expedia](#) [9]
If you want e-mail updates of good airfares, sign up for the free service here. You can also follow their links to other travel sites.
- [Travelocity](#) [10]
A great service for checking car rental costs, hotel prices, and airfares. Also provides links to other travel sites.
- [STA Travel](#) [11]
An excellent source of information for budget travel. Well worth a look! You can also apply for the International Student Identification Card (ISIC) here (or come into the U-M International Center office to do it faster).
- [Lonely Planet](#) [12]
These people publish a series of books and maintain a reasonably detailed web site concerning travel destinations. The web site is not as detailed as the books, though, so if you can make it to a bookstore, check them out there.
- [Fodor's Guides](#) [13]
Well known series of destination guides for any traveler.
- [Rough Guides](#) [14]
If you want to travel on a budget, this is an excellent site to consult.
- [Backroads](#) [15]
This site is great for getting general travel information as well finding out about others' travel experiences.

Other Travel Resources

- [Ann Arbor District Library](#) [16]
This library has a rich collection of travel guides for destinations all over the United States and the world. You can borrow these books with an Ann Arbor District Library Lender Card. You can get your own library card by providing the library with proof of Ann Arbor residency (a piece of official mail [e.g. phone bill] with your name and address will do).
- [University of Michigan Map Library](#) [17]
This library provides free road maps of most U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

If you attended one of the Travel Workshops at the U-M International Center and did not receive a handout packet, you can contact the following places for brochures concerning their services:

- [Green Tortoise](#) [18]. Bus tours around different regions of North America (including Mexico).
- [AmeriCan Adventures](#) [19]. Small group tours around the U.S. and Canada.
- [MRec Outdoor Recreation Programs](#) [20]. Workshops and trips for outdoor vacations. The office is located at the North Campus Recreation Building (NCRB) if you want to pick up your own brochure.

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Links

- [1] <https://www.domainmarket.com/buynow/setii.com>
 [2] <https://letsgo.com/>
 [3] <https://www.visittheusa.com/>
 [4] <https://www.nps.gov/index.htm>
 [5] <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions/>
 [6] <http://greatoutdoors.com/>

- [7] <https://www.michigan.org/>
- [8] <http://www.hostels.com/>
- [9] <https://www.expedia.com/>
- [10] <https://www.travelocity.com/>
- [11] <https://www.statravel.com/home.htm>
- [12] <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/>
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