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Best summer travel apps for 2013

Use your smartphone to find hotel deals and tee times



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Memorial Day Weekend isn't just beaches and barbecues. The holiday also means hassles and high expenses, not to mention the likelihood of being stuck in a car with the family. The good news: Whatever your needs as the summer season gets under way, there's an app for that. [GasBuddy.com](#) and [GasPriceWatch.com](#) promise to find the cheapest fuel for drivers in unfamiliar terrain, while GateGuru and iFly keep fliers updated of flight delays. Wolfram Sun Exposure Reference (99 cents) and Sunblock (\$1.99) offer guidance about what sun protection factor to use, based on the ultraviolet radiation index, time of day, location and skin type.

Video: [The best summer travel apps](#)

The range of apps to choose from has never been broader — or more confusing. Apple's app store last week exceeded 50 billion downloads. It now offers more than 850,000 apps, up from 650,000 this time a year ago. Google's Android operating system has over 500,000 apps. "We're overloaded," says consumer advocate Christopher Elliott. People too often pay for something that they could have gotten for free, he says. "It just happened to me with a scheduling app, and it turned into a several-hundred dollar mistake." He suggests trying out free apps first and looking beyond the app reviews on iTunes before purchasing. "There still is a lot of trial and error with apps," adds [Rick Singer, CEO of GreatApps.com](#).

With the help of our experts, we chose a selection of some of the best apps to pack this summer.

— By Quentin Fottrell



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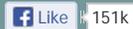


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