

## Top Travel Secrets Revealed



Before you plan a holiday to some distant land or some nearby destination, you should take note of some travel secrets to get the best bargains and facilities. Here's our list of secrets revealed:

**A hotel where you are a regular visitor or you book for many nights, will offer you with extra services at your room's price. Most deals are contracted via Travel Agents who have established loyalty and returning clients. Rarely do these deals get advertised or published on websites.**

The extra services might include spa treatments, meals, transportation from airport and other extra customary privileges. Hotel Hana-Maui, which is an Award winning Travel and Leisure recently, presented a dinner for two at its seafood restaurant, Kauiki with a massage treatment worth \$400 to the guests who will be staying five or more nights.

**Emergencies can occur anytime and anywhere, you must know the right number for calling help. Cheap Insurance Policies are useless, transfer to limited services, speak an Asian language and do not understand your speech or plight. Always get a quality Policy with 24 x 7, English speaking staff and support advice and services that your Travel Agent can communicate with properly.** Dial 112 for European countries; dial 000 for Australia, 911 for US and Canada, 999 for Hong Kong, 119 for Japan and for Thailand dial 191.

The seasonal change in weather causes the cruise ships to change its route, like from Mediterranean to warmer Caribbean waters in summer and from Alaska to the Caribbean in winter. During this course, the ships give discounts so that the passengers can be encouraged to join these 'repositioning' journeys. **The expansion of the itineraries of the companies around the world has made a new way for the passengers to cruise on the sea for less.** Holland America and Carnival Cruises offer one-way routes from Vancouver to Alaska in seven days. Majestic America offers one-way cruise from Juneau, which is in Alaska to Seattle.

If the flight attendants opt for the plane's onboard tank for serving water instead of bottled water, then it might be a problem. This is because **according to a recent US study, traces of coliform bacteria have been found in the water tanks of one out of every six planes.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has given orders to 46 - domestic airlines in 2004 to change water and clean the water tanks regularly. Most passengers do not drink tea or coffee these days. You should go for the canned drinks.

**The distance between pitch or rows of seats and rows are different in different airlines.** The pitch for seats in common domestic planes is between 30 - 33 inches and for the exit rows it is 37-39

inches. But there is not much difference that a few inches can make. The exit rows usually differ within the same airlines. Check out [seatguru.com](http://seatguru.com) or the airline websites for more information on seat pitches and configurations.

## Top Celebrity Private Jets of the World



The Gulfstream has long been the choice of alpha males. Larry Ellison, Steve Jobs, John Travolta and Mark Cuban are celebrity owners of Gulfstream jets. Gulfstream is not the only option to boast about for these jet lovers. Oprah Winfrey flies at the speed of sound in Canadian-made Bombardier Global Express XRS - so does Cirque du Soleil and Celine Dion. Harrison Ford is in love with his De Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver and Sydney Pollack cannot compromise with anyone regarding Citation X. Many Hollywood

celebrities like Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Nicole Kidman and Jerry Seinfeld have customized their private jets to suit their needs.

### Sergey Brin, Larry Page

Sergey Brin and Larry Page are co-founders of Google and they own a Boeing 767-200. They are making efforts to customize a Boeing 767-200 for the convenience of their private travel. After the resolution of some legal issues with the designer, Google One will have state rooms for Larry, Sergey, CEO Eric Schmidt and fifty other people.

### Larry Ellison

Larry Ellison flies from Malibu and Atherton to his native land of Japan by Gulfstream VLarry that is worthy 41 millions dollars. In 2001, he fell into a legal tiff with the authorities of the San Jose International Airport for his late night landings.

### Mark Cuban

Mark Cuban purchased his private jet online in 1999 for his personal use. He secured a place in the Guinness Book for making "the largest single e-commerce transaction".

### Oprah Winfrey

As the owner of a Bombardier Global Express XRS jet, Oprah Winfrey comes next to Steven Spielberg and Bill Gates. Her production company HARPO purchased the jet made in Canada. With a leathery interior, the Canadian jet has nine seats in total.

86 Boeing Business Jets are currently in service for a majestic ride. This titanic jet features master bedrooms, banquet rooms and fully equipped bathrooms. Rupert Murdoch uses his jet while flying from one of his homes to another in New York, Beijing, Hawaii and Lanai.

#### **John Travolta**

John Travolta simply loves to fly his Boeing 707-138. The customized Boeing 707 that he acquired is a mark of his promotion as an honorary pilot of Qantas. With the Australian soccer team, he flew to Germany by this jet for the World Cup in 2006.

#### **Harrison Ford**

Harrison Ford an aviation enthusiast is owner of several helicopters and planes. However, De Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver is a special attraction to him. The De Havilland that he owns is a former US military model.

#### **Paul Allen**

Paul Allen is owner of two customized Boeing 757s. He makes personal use of one and keeps the other for use by his sport teams - the Seattle Seahawks and the Portland TrailBlazers.

#### **Jim Carrey**

Gulfstream VAll - a favorite with Jim Carrey can be at your disposal. Mr. Carrey who bought the jet in 2001 has begun to lease his favorite jet for \$8,000 an hour.

#### **Tom Cruise**



sure that you and the others have not heard of them before:

**Willunga, Australia:** This town in Australia is an hour's drive towards the south of Adelaide. You will find the town in the McLaren Vale area and its specialty lies in the abundance of Shiraz and other red wines that taste heavenly. The limelight is taken away by Russell's Pizza - a local pizza parlor. The Willunga

Farmers Market also offers fresh stuff and the beef found here tastes great, as the cows are grass fed only.

**Chapada Dos Veadeiros, Brazil:** The 253-square-mile national park in Chapada dos Veadeiros is the ideal place to get refreshed. It gives you all the positive vibes and has a large concentration of natural quartz crystals that are considered to have magical powers. According to most Brazilians, this place has the highest concentrated energy than any other place in the world. The place also makes way for many interesting activities like hiking, swimming, bird watching and waterfall exploration.

**Graskop, South Africa:** This South African town has a lovely mix of hip artists and traditional Afrikaner farmers. Anyone interested in traditional and contemporary African culture would like to visit this place. You can meet many African groups here and have a taste of their culture. The artistic scene here is colorful due to the recent inflow of Zulu, Shangaan, Swazi, and other African groups that have crept into this area since the end of apartheid.

**Weymouth, England:** Sandy beaches, cobblestoned streets and Georgian homes of Weymouth run along the English Channel. All those who love this kind of an atmosphere should visit Weymouth for a memorable experience. Weymouth is also one of the best diving spots in the world with waters teeming with Roman shipwrecks, submarines from both world wars and the remains of a 16th-century Dutch sailing fleets. The charm of the English city is superb and it will give you that old English feeling.

**Gaziantep, Turkey:** The food flavor is wonderful here. It may be normal to have just 4 spices in Turkish food in most parts of Turkey, but here they use at least 15 spices. Do not leave the place without tasting the food here. The dessert's main ingredient - pistachios, are found in abundance in the surrounding countryside.



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