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Articles – Good To Know

1. Some Airlines don't show up on Airfare Shopping Sites (like Kayak, Hipmunk, Google Flights): [LA Times Travel](#)
2. Only two companies command 93% of the online hotel booking market: [See the KOMO News story](#)
3. After researching hotels on a consolidation site, you get the best deals/guarantees by joining a hotel's discount club and booking directly at the hotel website- [See Frommers Tips](#)

Other Resources

1. Traveling Solo – articles, resources, tours [See Solo Traveler World article](#)
2. Great travel resource for women looking for group travel, solo travel, articles or other relevant info. [Read JourneyWoman Article](#)
3. Free Classes @ Rick Steve's Edmonds, Wa location; many classes offered on locations in Europe; Languages, Voluntourism [See Rick's Europe website](#)
4. Up to date, thorough travel information on many destinations: (click the links to connect)
 - A. [CNN Travel](#)
 - B. [Fodors](#)
 - C. [Frommers](#)
 - D. [Travel and Leisure](#)
5. All big cities offer "free" (pay what you want) or low cost walking tours, 2 to 4 hours, that are a great way to see and learn about a city. Here are a few resources: (click the links to connect)
 - A. [Free Walking Tour Listing](#)
 - B. [Discover Walks](#)
 - C. [Context Travel](#)
 - D. [newEUROPE Tours](#)
 - E. [London Walks](#)
 - F. [Free walking tours in Barcelona](#)
6. Travel Blogs aimed at retirees, with great first hand experience and advice: (click the links to connect)
 - A. [Retired and Traveling](#)
 - B. [Travel Past 50](#)
 - C. [The Traveling Boomers](#)

- D. [My Itchy Travel Feet](#)
- E. [Additional Travel Blogs](#)

Reputable Guided Tours / Travel Companies (click the links to connect)

1. Costco Travel – great rates on rental cars and package vacations [Costco Travel](#)
2. National Geographic Expeditions – expensive, but high quality [National Geographic Expeditions](#)
3. Rick Steve’s Europe
 - A. Europe mid-price travel: [Rick Steve’s Travel](#)
 - B. [Rick Steves’ Europe Season 11 Sneak Peak](#)
4. Austin Adventures – small groups, mid-price, many options [Austin Adventures](#)
5. Intrepid Travel -small groups, budget, great for Africa and Asia [Intrepid Travel](#)
6. Ideas for exploring the U.S./North America:
 - A. River cruises and more – [American Cruise Lines River Cruises](#)
 - B. Nat’l Parks Adventure – [REI National Park Trips](#)
 - C. Rail Vacations – [Vacations by Rail](#)