

Today's Topic

Using Technology to Make Your Vacation Travel Better



The World of Travel



The World of Technology



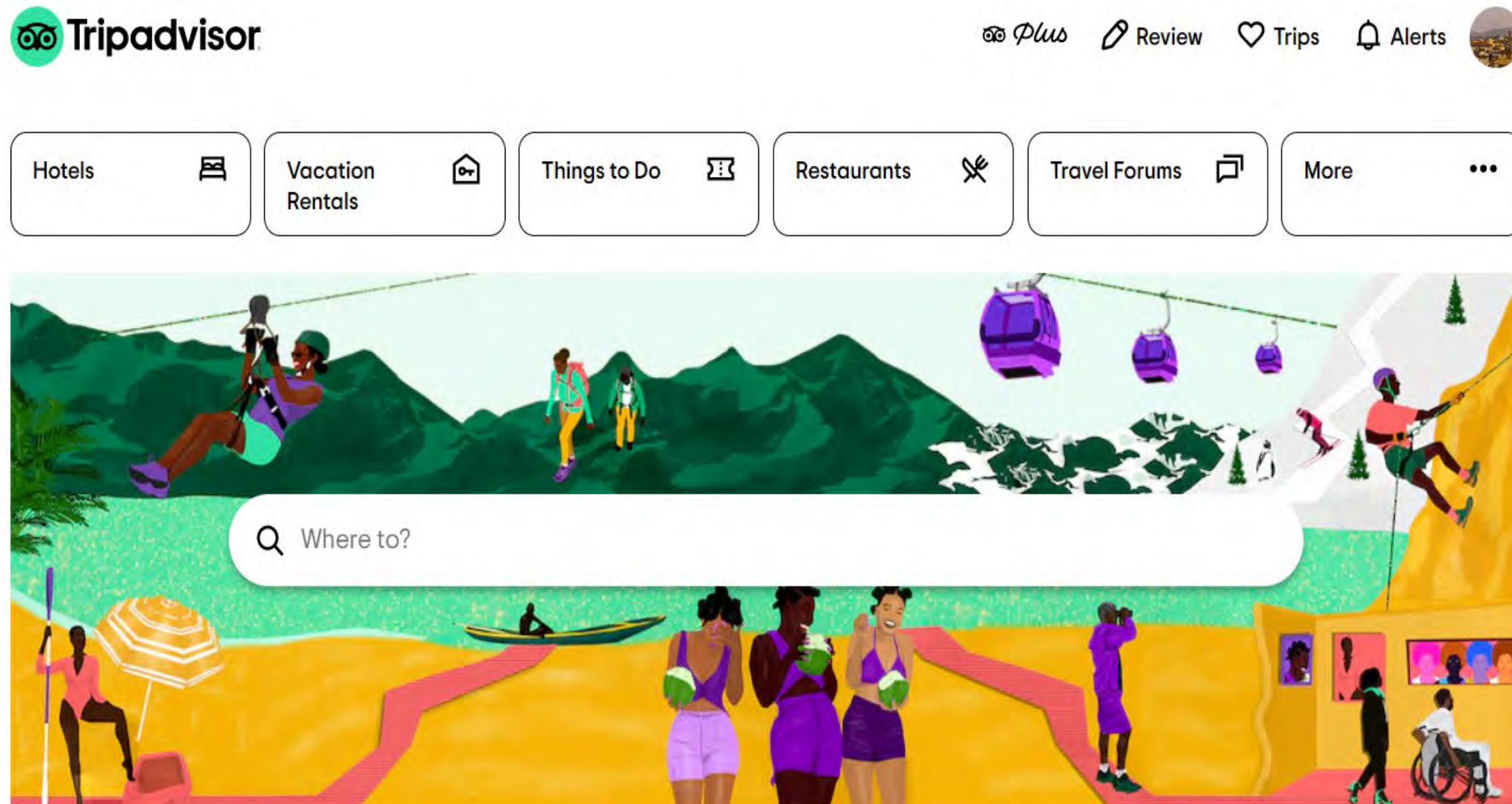
Agenda

- Planning your trip
 - Using well-known websites/apps (Tripadvisor, Google Earth, YouTube, etc.)
 - Using AI (Bing, ChatGPT, Bard)
- Other helpful sites and apps
- Making Reservations
- Wrap up

Planning your trip



Tripadvisor



This is a great site and/or app with which to get started
on your trip planning

Here is some info about TripAdvisor

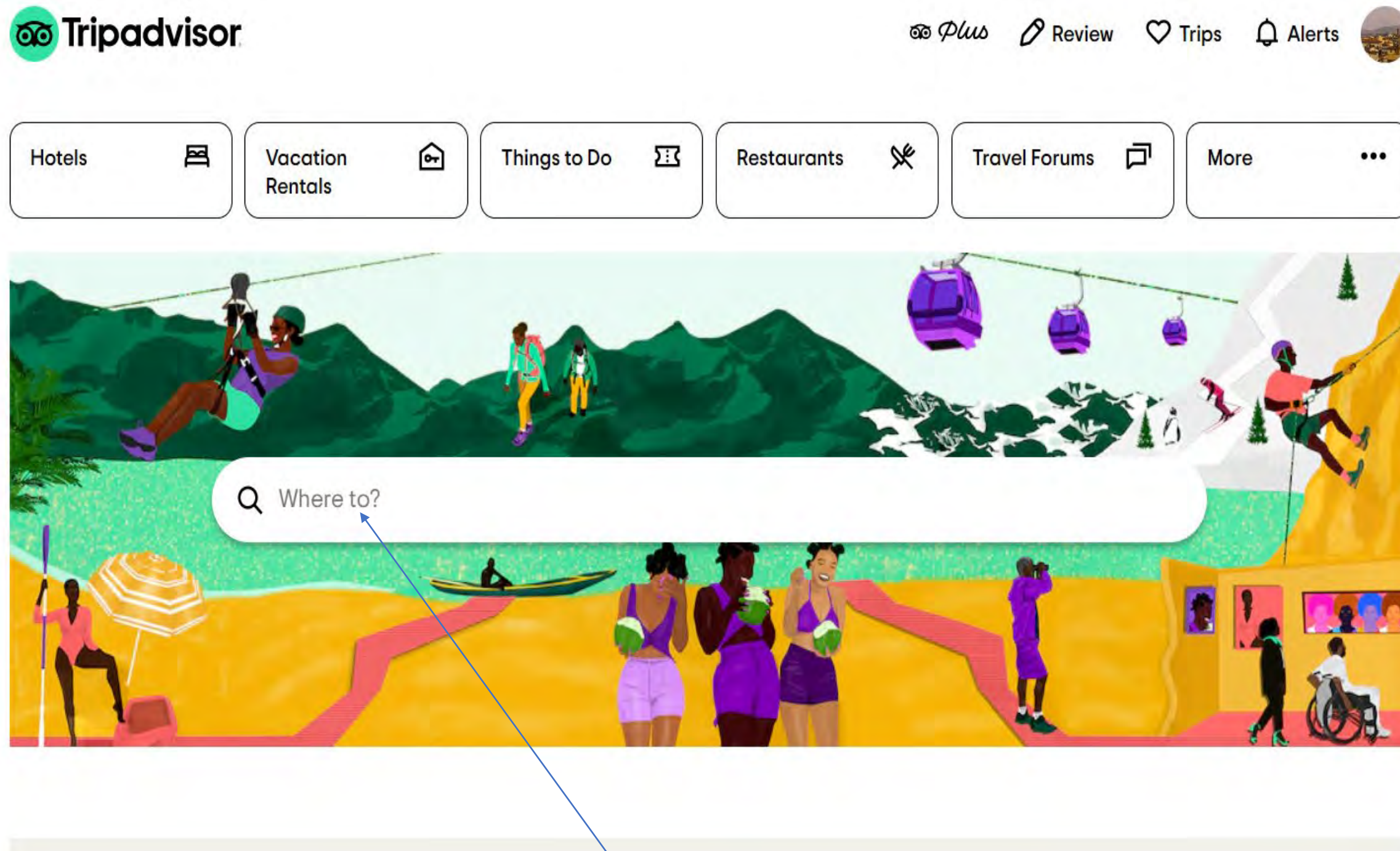
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TripAdvisor.com is a travel website that assists customers in gathering travel information, posting reviews and opinions of travel-related content and engaging in interactive travel forums. TripAdvisor was an early adopter of user-generated content. The website services are free to users, who provide most of the content, and the website is supported by an advertising business model.

And more information

Tripadvisor, Inc. is an American internet-based travel company headquartered in Needham, Massachusetts. Its branded sites and forums operate as online travel guides offering free user generated reviews of travel-related content. Founded in 2000, Tripadvisor has grown to become one of the most popular travel destination and accommodation websites in the United States. As of 2021, [Tripadvisor's total number of user reviews and opinions](#) reached approximately one billion, covering listings for restaurants, hotels, vacation rentals, and attractions.

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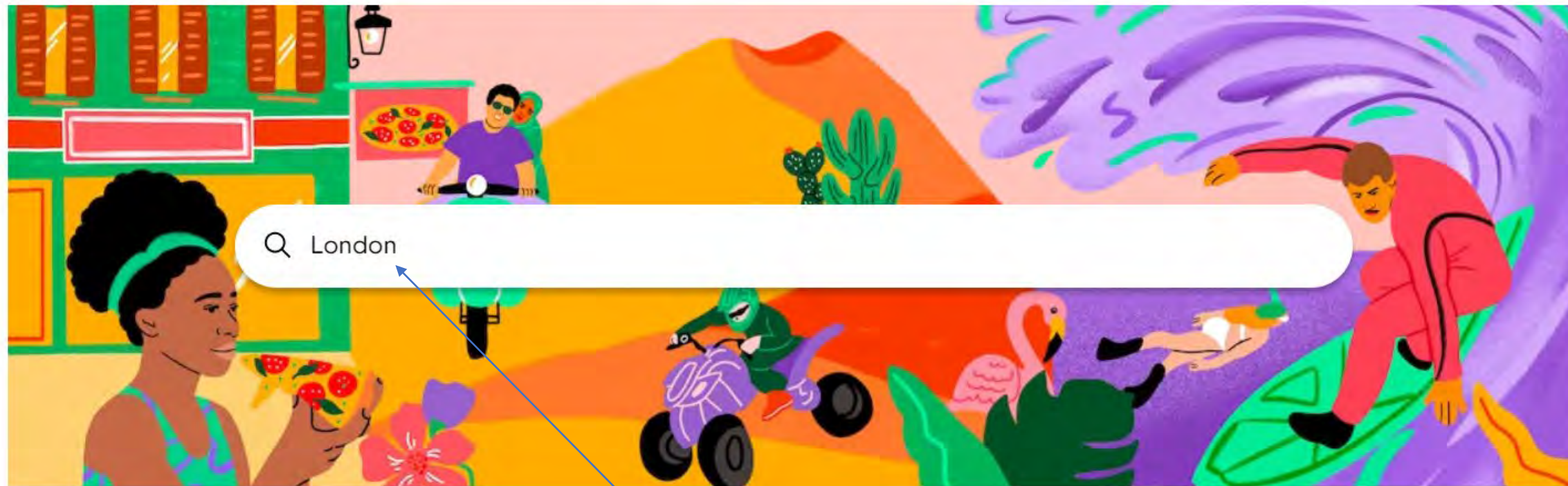
Restaurants



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Where to go, right now

Let's say you are interested in traveling to London and I type that in

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Here is what shows up – you can see several different choices re London

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Assume I just want some general travel advice about London

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What you need to know
London



There is this nice picture, but if you scroll down

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Get ready

Get there

Get around

Get ready

Travelers' pro tips for experiencing London



Trockie

BE PREPARED: Regardless of the weather report, always have an umbrella and/or rain jacket on hand!



robbelcher

Don't use the hop-on-hop-off buses. Get an Oyster card each and use the normal buses and tubes, it is so much cheaper.



joannstringer

Walking tours ... are a great way to see the city and the neighborhoods for a very reasonable cost (tip the guide at the end of the tour).

In the words of those who've been there before ...



PMQuestions

The World City, both dynamic and historic; both multicultural and cultural;

You see ideas, recommendations, and tips from experience travelers

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If you want some ideas on things go to do – click this


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Europe > United Kingdom (UK) > England > London > Things to Do in London

Things to Do in London, England - London Attractions


Things to Do in London

Map


Popular things to do




Half-day
Tours




Day Trips



Specialty
Museums



Cultural
Tours



Walking
Tours

This gives you some choices – let's try Walking Tours

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Experiences you don't want to miss

Travelers' top picks



BEST SELLER

Stonehenge, Windsor Castle and Bath with Pub Lunch in Lacock

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Full-day Tours

from \$103.82 per adult

Likely to sell out



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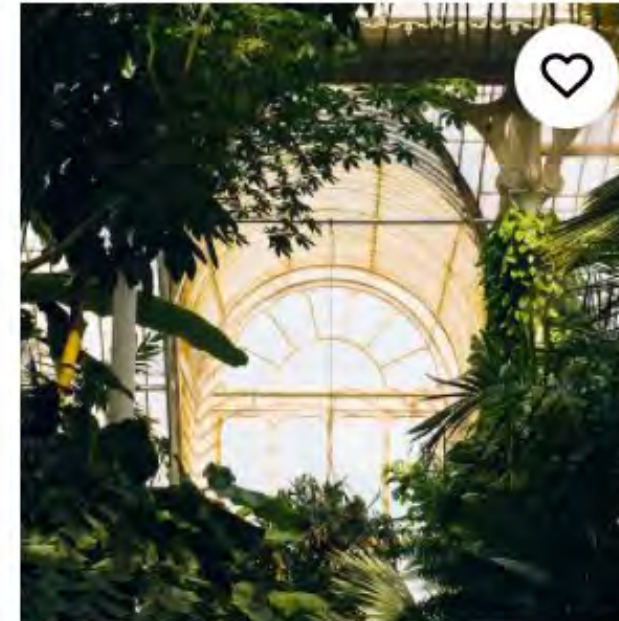
Harry Potter Tour of Warner Bros. Studio with Transport from London

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Bus Tours

from \$123.20 per adult

Budget-friendly



Kew Gardens Audio Walking Tour Guided By Expert Botanist

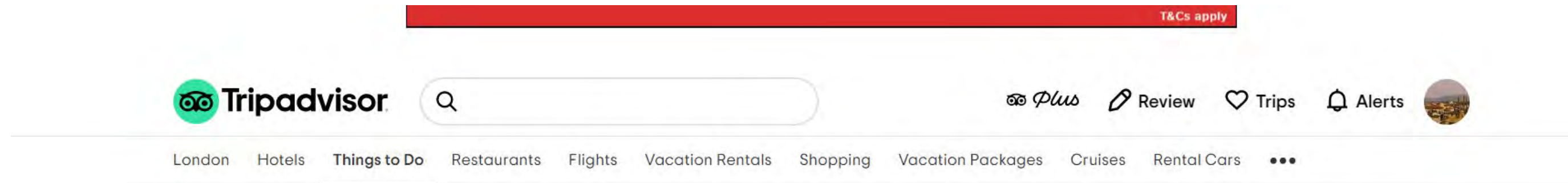
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Walking Tours

from \$6.91 per adult

You will get lots of suggestions

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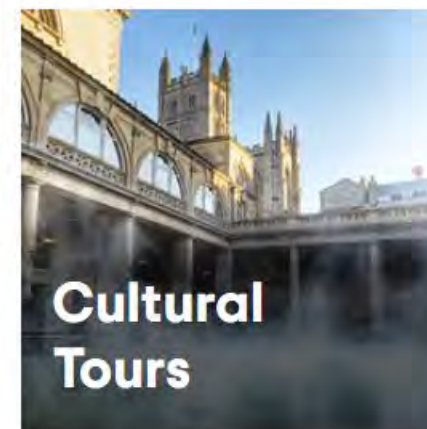
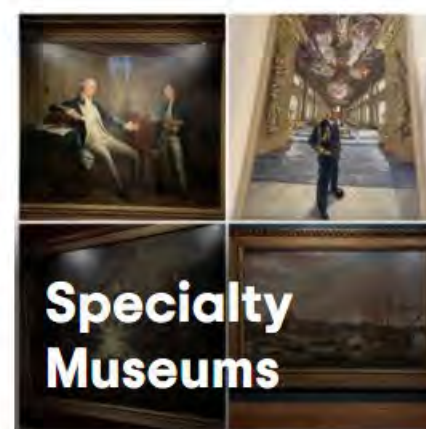
Europe > United Kingdom (UK) > England > London > Things to Do in London

Things to Do in London, England - London Attractions

Things to Do in London



Popular things to do



Let's try Specialty Museums

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Specialty Museums in London

📅 Enter dates

📍 Map

Traveler favorites ▾

①

← All things to do

128 places sorted by traveler favorites ①

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Category types

Attractions

Tours

Day Trips

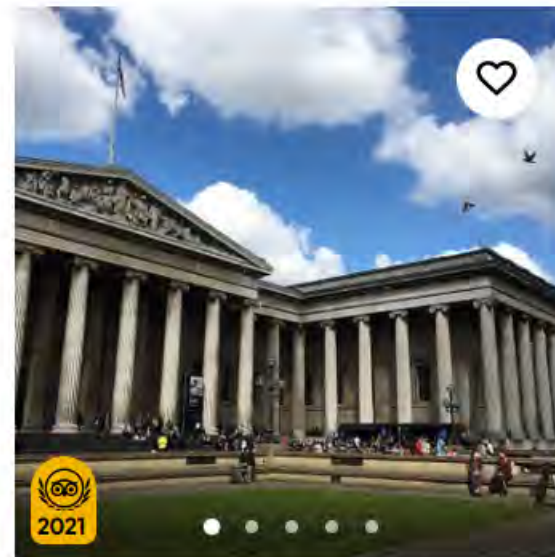
Outdoor Activities

Concerts & Shows

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Types of Attractions



1. The British Museum

★★★★☆ 72,893

Speciality Museums • Art Museums

Bloomsbury

By [LondonDanDan](#)

This is always a great place to see amazing artefacts (including **Egyptian mummies** and Assyrian war reliefs and ancien...

#1 is the British Museum

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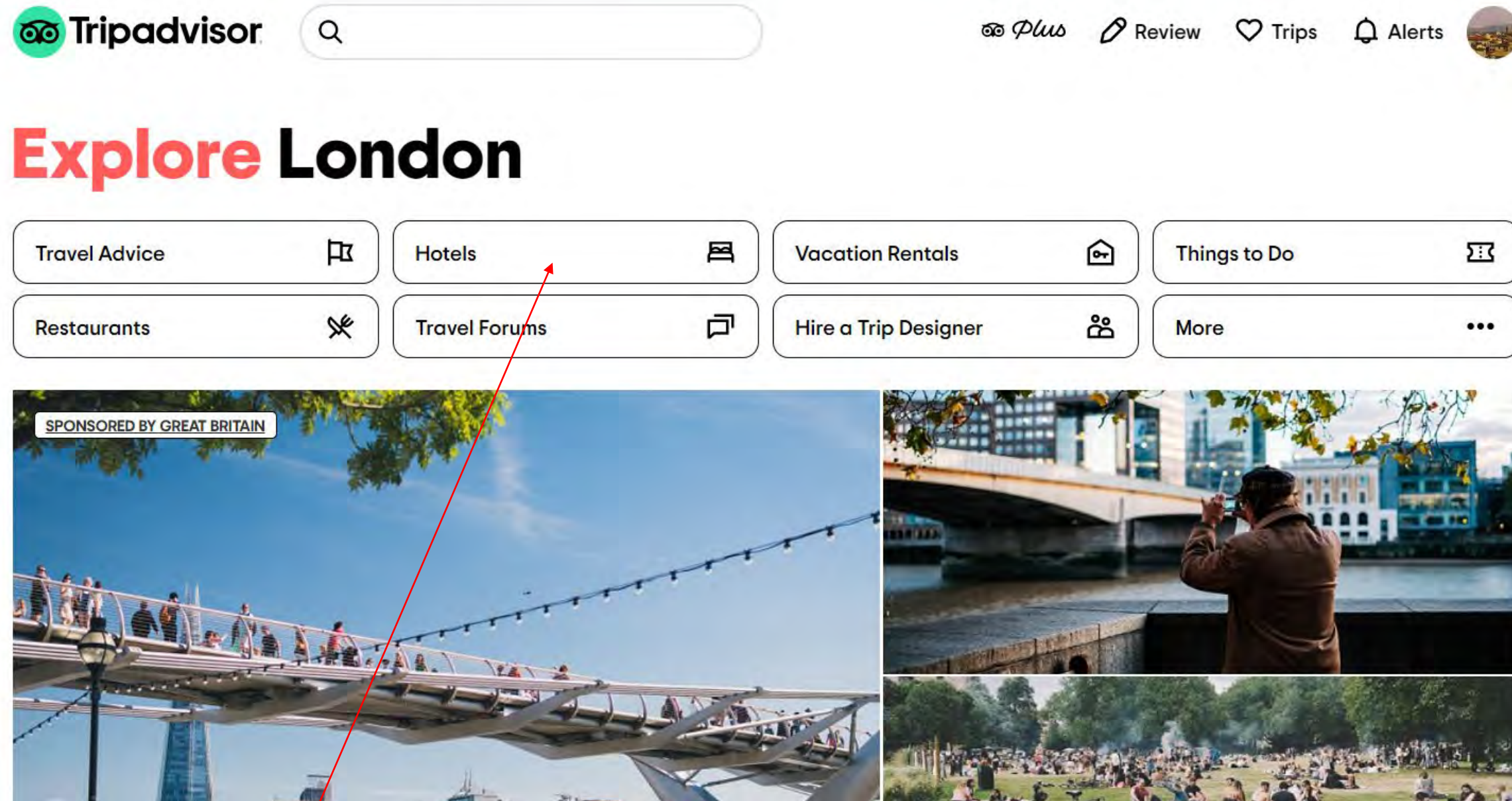
The Travel Forums can give you good advice

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Critique my 3 day London Itinerary by Shelly J	9	4:29 pm by MarD
O2 climb by Suki	5	4:29 pm by Wotsit
First day in London itinerary by Kat	14	4:08 pm by r c
Traveling to London from New York by American	5	3:28 pm by sueduncBATH
Harry Potter warmer bros studio transportation by AnaStasia S	32	3:08 pm by ElmersEnd
London with a "few" disability's - help please by Adèle Marie M	13	2:41 pm by Beatrice

People ask all kinds of questions and get advice from other travelers

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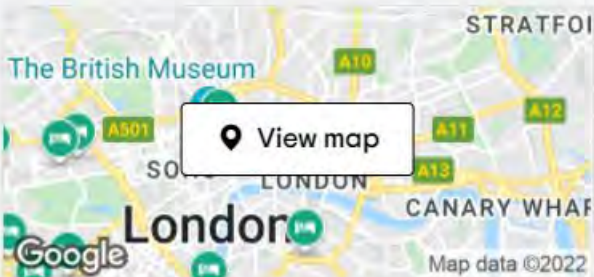
A lot of people use TripAdvisor to research hotels

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Check In -/-/ - Check Out -/-/ - Guests 1 room, 2 adults, 0 children

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☐ Properties taking safety measures

Deals
☐ Free cancellation ⓘ
☐ Reserve now, pay at stay ⓘ
☐ Properties with special offers


Price
\$0 - \$458 +
☐ ☐
Price per night

Popular hotels in London right now

Breakfast included 4 bubbles & up 5 Star 4 Star

Plus Pro tip: Enter your dates to see qualifying Tripadvisor Plus savings and perks

4,225 properties in London Sort by: Best Value ⓘ

 InterContinental London Park Lane Sponsored
3,126 reviews
By NoelofCroydon
"Outstanding service from this wonderful hotel and it's friendly staff, especially Dimitri at the Mexican /"

\$432 View deal

To look at prices and reviews



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Staff Ballon Room Event

"11th March 2022- My mother took me to her work do, which took place at the Intercontinental Hotel, (it brought back memories as this was my first job many moons ago! The staff are amazing especially our personal waiter jigneshkumar -Jazz he really lifted the mood he is very friendly he couldn't do anything more for us. 5 star service and 5 star waiter.... Lovely guy! Genuine and looks like he really enjoys his job"

[Read more](#) ▼

Date of stay: March 2022

 Helpful  Share



Voyage782200 wrote a review Mar 9

1 contribution



Very satisfying weekend break

"Great location for Knightsbridge (Harrods, Harvey Nicks), Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace and Mayfair. As an Ambassador member, upgraded to a delightful suite. Freshly decorated, quiet room, very comfortable bed, effective A/C. Welcoming staff in all departments. Clean, spacious, relaxing public areas. Delicious Italian food at Theo Randall's in-house restaurant. Highly recommended."

[Read more](#) ▼

Date of stay: March 2022

Here's a couple for this hotel

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The Bailey's Hotel London Kensington

●●●●● 1,808 reviews | #356 of 1,206 Hotels in London

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Guests
1 room, 2 adults, 0 children

Booking.com

✓ Free cancellation until 03/2

Expedia

destinia.com

Hotels.com ↗ \$398
ZenHotels.com ↗ \$405

View all 20 deals ▼

Prices are the average nightly price provided by our partn...

Select a date to continue
🟡 Lowest priced dates

March 2022							April 2022						
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Average daily rates: \$185 - \$341

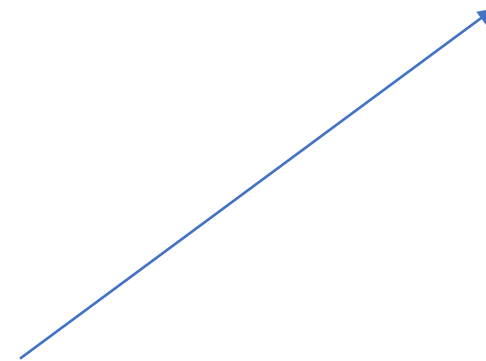
Traveler (759)

Room & Suite (283)

Dining (50)

Here's another hotel – The Bailey's Hotel

Other options are available if you click on More




For example , you can find about cruises




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
Featured Europe cruise deals


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7 Night Cruise to Baltic Sea

Ship: MSC Euribia | Inside Cabin

Sailing Date: 11/10/2023

~~\$1,469~~

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7 Night Cruise to Baltic Sea

Ship: MSC Euribia | Inside Cabin


Sailing Date: 11/12/2023

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I select July 2023

Europe Cruises

View prices from:  Jul 2023 ▾

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Deal Type

Any

☐ All Deals

☐ Last Minute Deals

Departing from

Any

☐ Amsterdam

☐ Ancona

☐ Athens (Piraeus)

☐ Barcelona

More ▾

Cruise length

Any

839 cruises in Europe

Sort by: Best Value ▾



9 Night Cruise to the Western Mediterranean


cheap cruises

\$1,329 pp


View Deal


View 7 deals and more information ▾

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 Sailing Date: 7/21/2023 change

 Norwegian Epic

 Departs: Barcelona

 Ports (6): Cannes, Floren...



Featured Deal

10 Night Cruise to the Mediterranean

Direct Line Cruises™

~~\$1,929~~


\$1,829 pp


View Deal


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 Sailing Date: 7/15/2023

 Norwegian Breakaway

 Departs: Rome (Civitavecchia)

 Ports (8): Santorini, Ath...



Featured Deal

7 Night Cruise to the Western Mediterranean

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This starts a scrollable list of cruises for me to investigate

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**Moving from Cruises back to Hotels....pretend I am
interested in the hotel we looked at before, The Bailey's
Hotel in London**

**Before I check rates, I want to find out what kind of
neighborhood within which the hotel is located**

**That's because I won't have a car and will be doing a lot of
walking from the hotel to tube stations, stores, restaurants**

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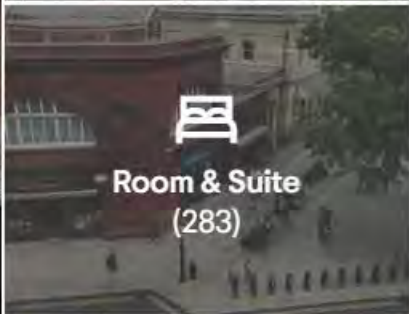
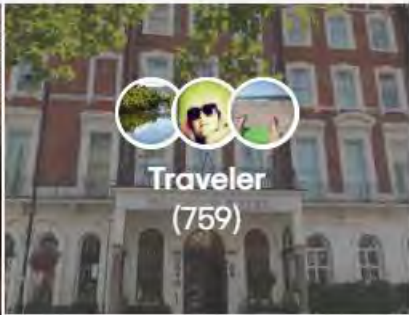
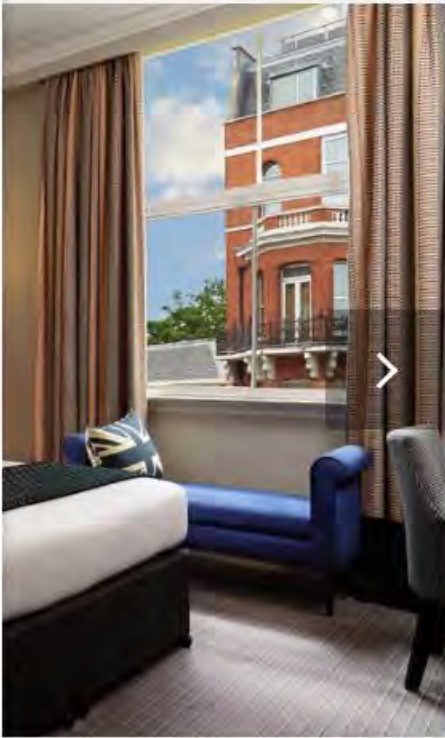
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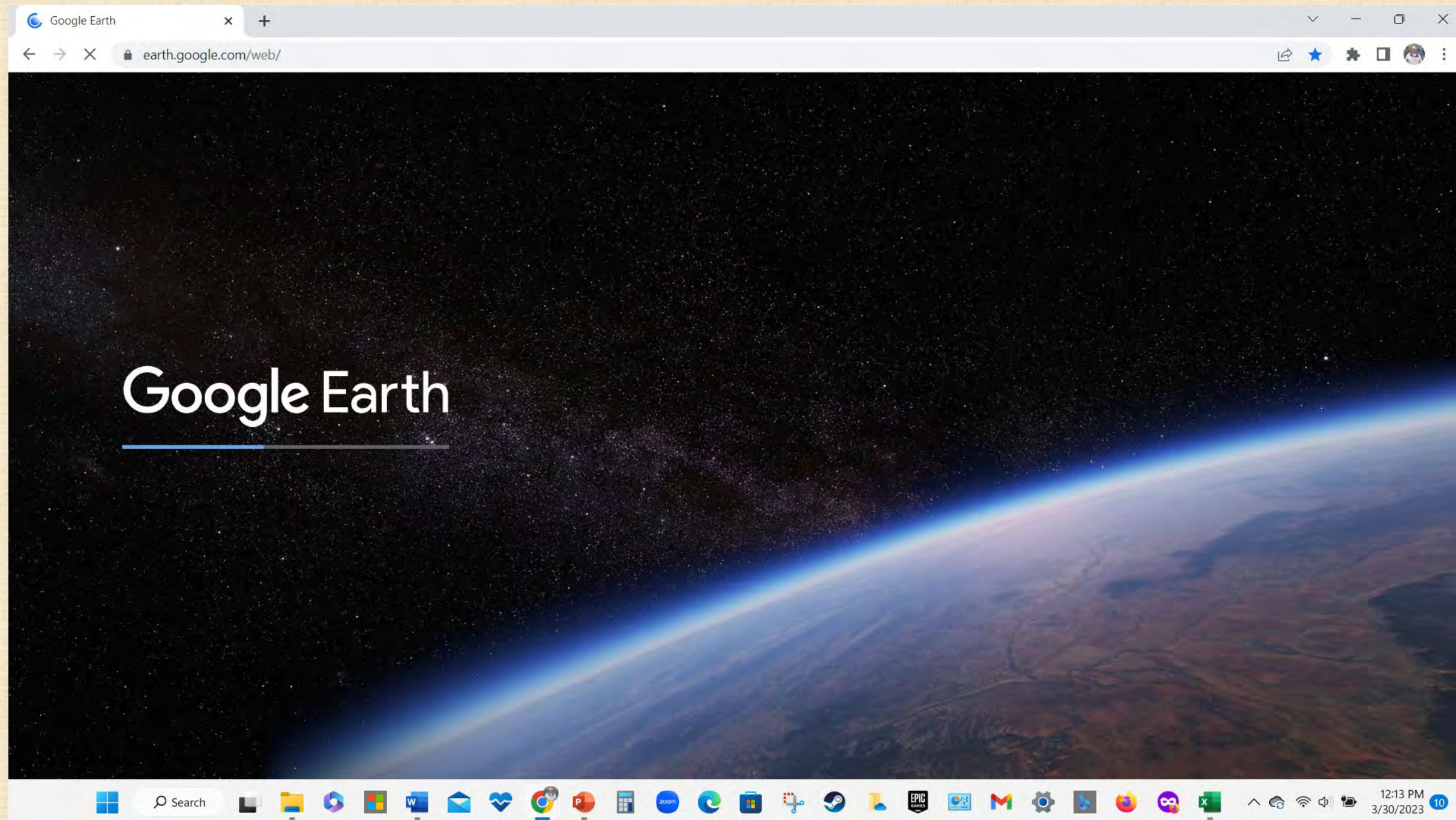
Here is the hotel



**I am now going to use a very nice online tool
(which is also an app for phones/tablets)**

I am going to go to Google Earth
and search for that hotel

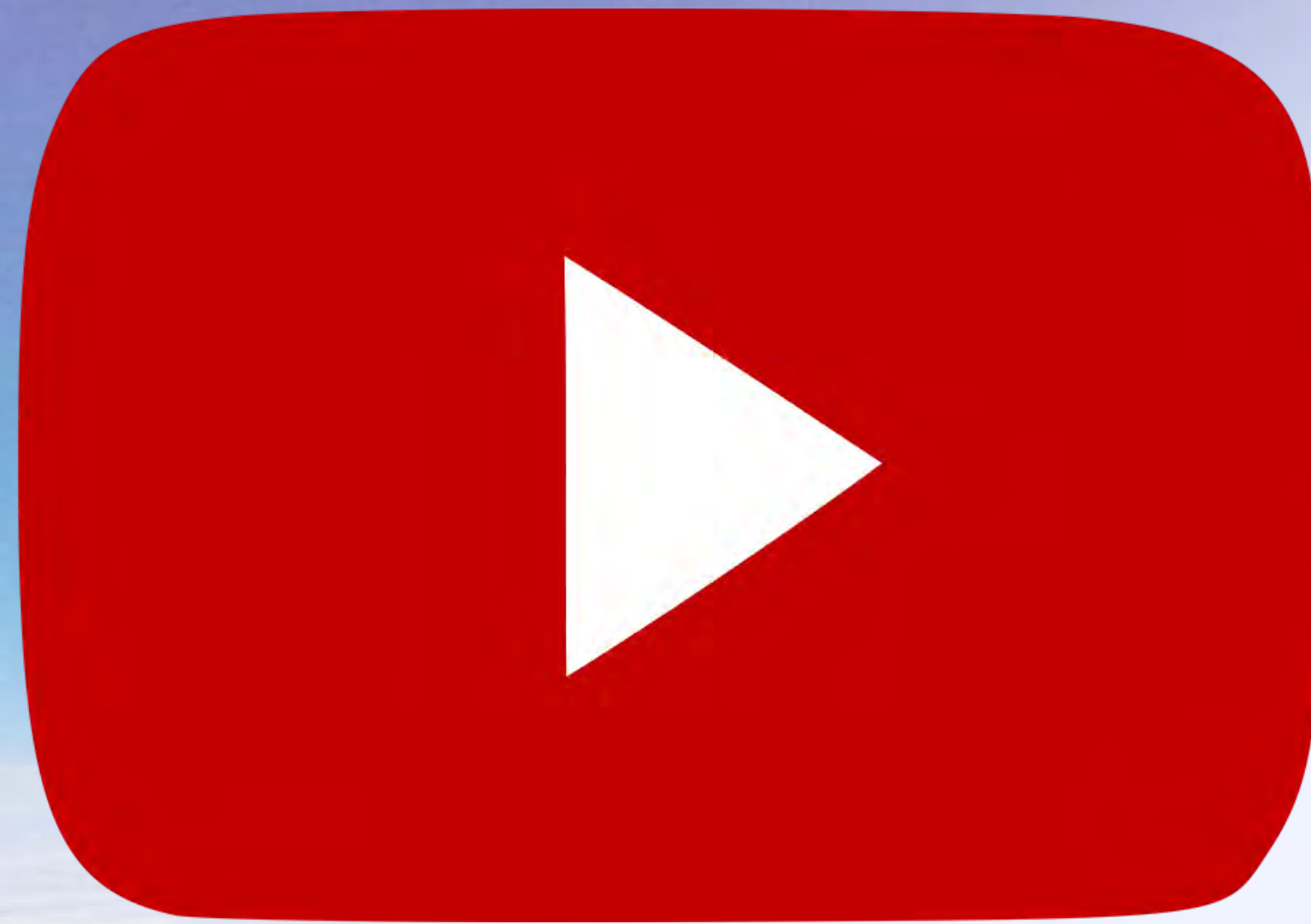
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Let's go check out the Eiffel Tower

<https://earth.google.com/web/>

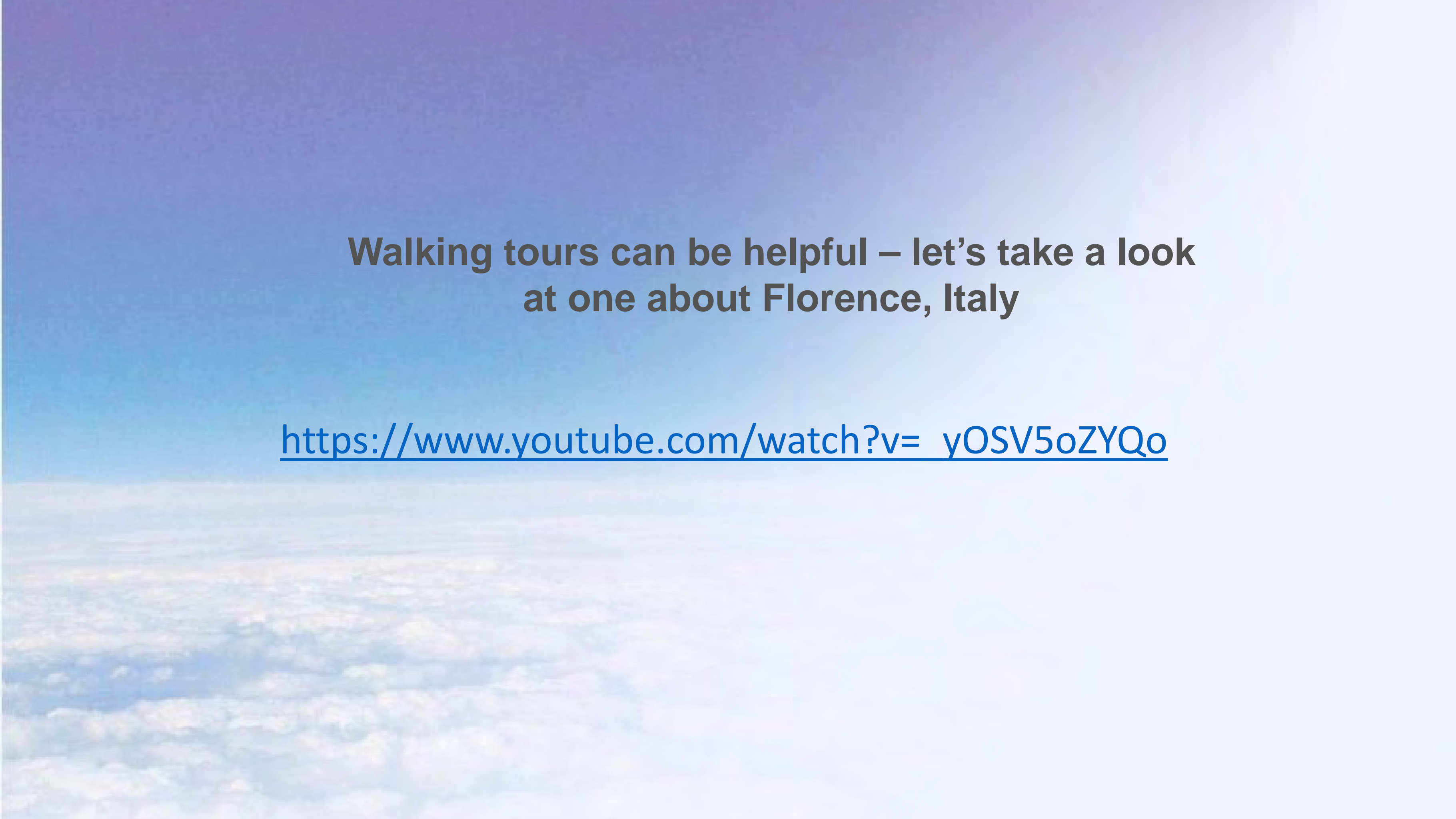


Another good site for travel planning is YouTube

**YouTube features videos about traveler's made
by people all the way from professional travel
gurus (such as Rick Steves) to anybody with a
smart phone**



<https://www.youtube.com/>



**Walking tours can be helpful – let's take a look
at one about Florence, Italy**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= yOSV5oZYQo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOSV5oZYQo)

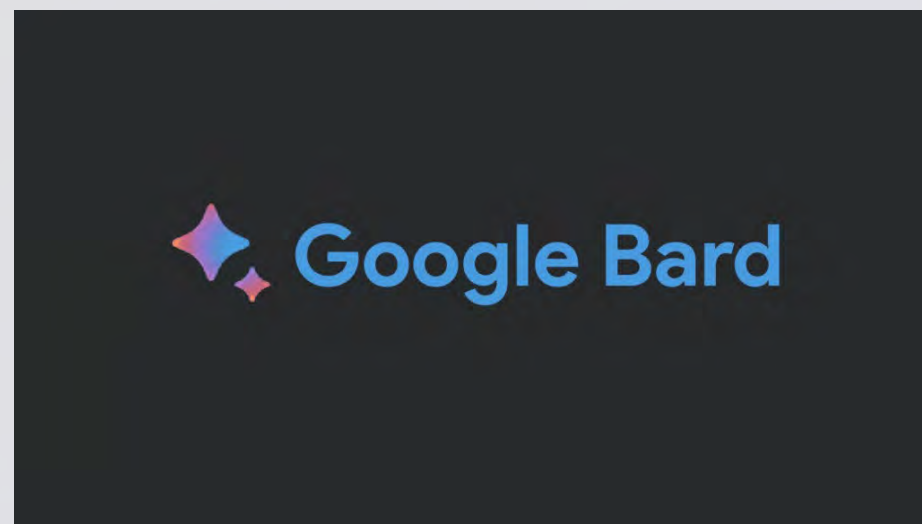
Let's move into the most recent Hi-Tech



The “Big New Thing” is AI



In My Humble Opinion.. There are three major AI alternatives

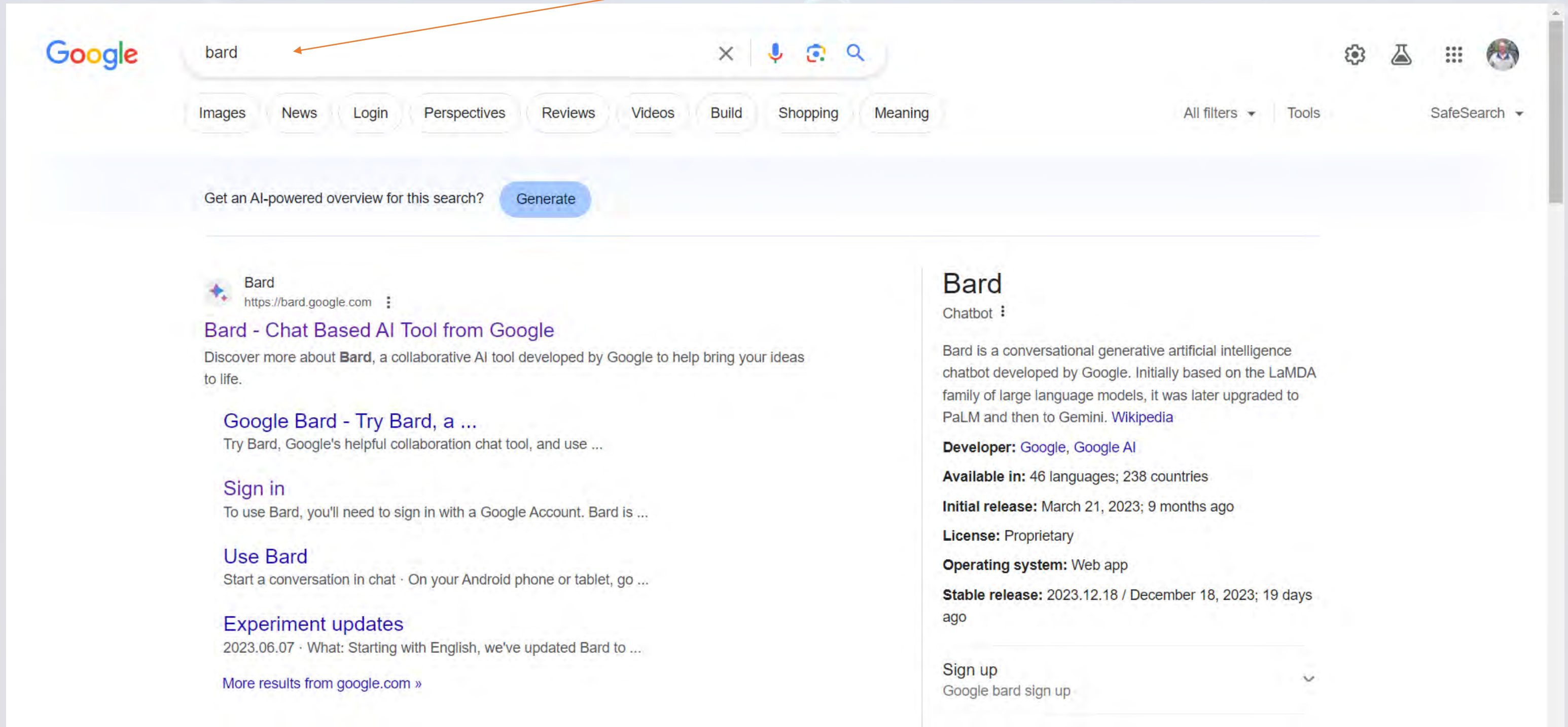


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Let's start with Google Bard



I Google “Bard”



The screenshot shows a Google search interface. At the top left is the Google logo. The search bar contains the text 'bard' and has an orange arrow pointing to it from the title above. To the right of the search bar are icons for voice search, image search, and a magnifying glass. Below the search bar are tabs for 'Images', 'News', 'Login', 'Perspectives', 'Reviews', 'Videos', 'Build', 'Shopping', and 'Meaning'. On the right side of the search bar area are links for 'All filters', 'Tools', and 'SafeSearch'. Below the search bar is a light blue banner with the text 'Get an AI-powered overview for this search?' and a blue 'Generate' button. The search results are displayed in two columns. The left column shows a result for 'Bard' with a link to 'https://bard.google.com' and a description: 'Bard - Chat Based AI Tool from Google'. Below this are links for 'Google Bard - Try Bard, a ...', 'Sign in', 'Use Bard', and 'Experiment updates'. The right column shows a detailed overview of 'Bard' as a 'Chatbot', including its description as a conversational generative artificial intelligence chatbot, its developer (Google), its availability in 46 languages and 238 countries, its initial release date (March 21, 2023), its license (Proprietary), its operating system (Web app), and its stable release date (December 18, 2023). At the bottom of the right column is a 'Sign up' button with a dropdown arrow.

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https://bard.google.com

Bard - Chat Based AI Tool from Google
Discover more about **Bard**, a collaborative AI tool developed by Google to help bring your ideas to life.

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Try Bard, Google's helpful collaboration chat tool, and use ...

Sign in
To use Bard, you'll need to sign in with a Google Account. Bard is ...

Use Bard
Start a conversation in chat · On your Android phone or tablet, go ...

Experiment updates
2023.06.07 · What: Starting with English, we've updated Bard to ...

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Bard
Chatbot

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Developer: [Google](#), [Google AI](#)

Available in: 46 languages; 238 countries

Initial release: March 21, 2023; 9 months ago

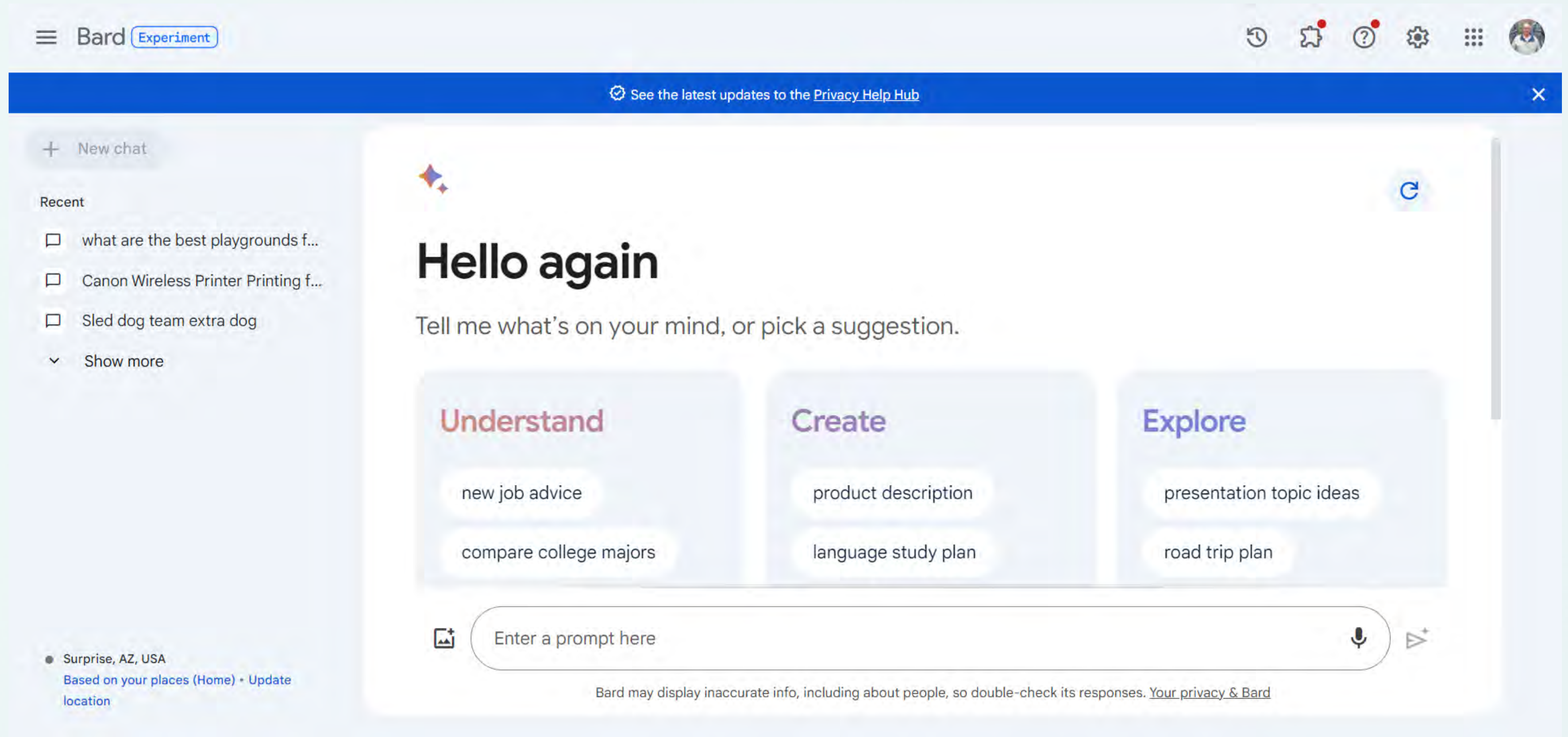
License: Proprietary

Operating system: Web app

Stable release: 2023.12.18 / December 18, 2023; 19 days ago

Sign up
Google bard sign up

This screen shows up for me



I ask the Bard AI for help planning a trip to France

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Tell me what's on your mind, or pick a suggestion.

Understand

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research a topic

Create

game night planning

thank you note

Explore

plant care tips

date night planning

Plan an eight day trip to France for me and my wife that includes museums, cathedrals, castles and wineries

Surprise, AZ, USA

From your device • [Update location](#)

Bard may display inaccurate info, including about people, so double-check its responses. [Your privacy & Bard](#)

And here is how it responds

Google Maps

Here's a possible itinerary for an eight-day trip to France for you and your wife that includes museums, cathedrals, castles and wineries:

Days 1-3: Paris. Start your trip in the City of Lights, where you can visit the Louvre Museum, the Musée d'Orsay, and the Notre Dame Cathedral. Take a stroll along the Seine River, and enjoy a picnic in the Jardin du Luxembourg. On your last day in Paris, take a day trip to Versailles to see the Palace of Versailles.

Days 4-5: Bordeaux. From Paris, take a train or rent a car and drive to Bordeaux, the wine capital of France. Visit the Cité du Vin, a museum dedicated to wine, and take a wine tasting tour in the Médoc or Sauternes wine regions.

And here is how it responds

- Days 6-7: Loire Valley. Next, drive to the Loire Valley, which is known for its beautiful chateaux and vineyards. Visit the Château de Chambord, the Château de Chenonceau, and the Château de Villandry. Take a hot air balloon ride over the vineyards for a truly magical experience.
- Day 8: Return to Paris. On your last day, drive back to Paris or take the train. Enjoy a final stroll through the city before catching your flight home.

Let's see how Bing handles the same request



This is the initial Bing screen

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Bing homepage with the Copilot interface. At the top, the Microsoft Bing logo, a search bar, and the Copilot logo are visible. The user's name 'tom' and a score of '3595' are shown next to a profile icon. A menu icon is also present. Below the header, there are three task cards: 'Code' (with a code icon) asking to write C code for a linked list, 'Travel' (with a suitcase icon) asking for travel suggestions, and 'Laugh' (with a smiley face icon) asking for a limerick. A message states: 'Bing is powered by AI, so surprises and mistakes are possible. Please share feedback so we can improve! [Terms](#) [Privacy](#)'. Below this, a section titled 'Choose a conversation style' features three buttons: 'More Creative', 'More Balanced' (which is selected), and 'More Precise'. On the right side, a 'Recent activity' sidebar lists five items with their dates: 'EdTech Trends 2024' (Dec 30, 2023), 'Technology in Education' (Dec 30, 2023), 'Fun things to do and places to go for 1' (Dec 30, 2023), 'AI in Financial Investing' (Dec 11, 2023), and 'Running two antivirus programs simulta' (Dec 5, 2023). A link 'See all recent chats' is at the bottom of this sidebar. At the bottom of the page, there is a chat input area with a microphone icon, a text field containing 'Ask me anything...', an image icon, a character count '0/2000', and a send button. A browser status bar at the very bottom shows 'Waiting for www.bing.com...'.

Microsoft Bing SEARCH COPILOT tom 3595

Code
Write code for a linked list structure in C with functionalities to add, delete, and find nodes

Travel
Where should I travel if I have pollen allergies?

Laugh
Write a funny limerick about me

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Choose a conversation style

More Creative **More Balanced** More Precise

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Ask me anything...

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Asking the same question about a vacation to France

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Bing homepage with the Copilot AI interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Microsoft Bing logo, a search bar, and the Copilot logo. On the right, user information (tom, 3595) and a menu icon are visible, along with links for 'Recent activity' and 'Plugins'. The main heading reads 'Bing is your AI-powered copilot for the web'. Below this, there are several interactive tiles: 'Compare' (Should I have a hometown wedding or a destination wedding?), 'Chat' (Summarize the top news and expand on one topic that's the most important), 'Organize' (Create a table that analyzes public funding for the arts compared to GDP), 'Shop' (I need a gift for my friend who likes to hike in cold weather), 'Code' (Write code for a linked list structure in C with), 'Travel' (Where should I travel if I have pollen allergies?), and 'Laugh' (Write a funny limerick about me). At the bottom, a large input field contains the text 'Plan an eight day trip to France for me and my wife that includes museums, cathedrals, castles and wineries'. An orange arrow points from the title 'Asking the same question about a vacation to France' to this input field. To the right of the input field, there's a 'Feedback' button.

Microsoft Bing SEARCH COPILOT tom 3595 Recent activity Plugins

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Feedback

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Here is how Bing responded

I'd be happy to help you plan your trip to France! Here's an itinerary that includes museums, cathedrals, castles, and wineries:

Day 1: Start your trip in Paris. Visit the Louvre Museum and the Notre-Dame Cathedral.

Day 2: Take a day trip to the Palace of Versailles.

Day 3: Visit the Château de Chambord in the Loire Valley.

Day 4: Visit the Château de Chenonceau in the Loire Valley.




Here is how Bing responded

Day 5: Take a day trip to the Champagne region and visit the Moët & Chandon winery.

Day 6: Visit the Château de Fontainebleau.

Day 7: Visit the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte.

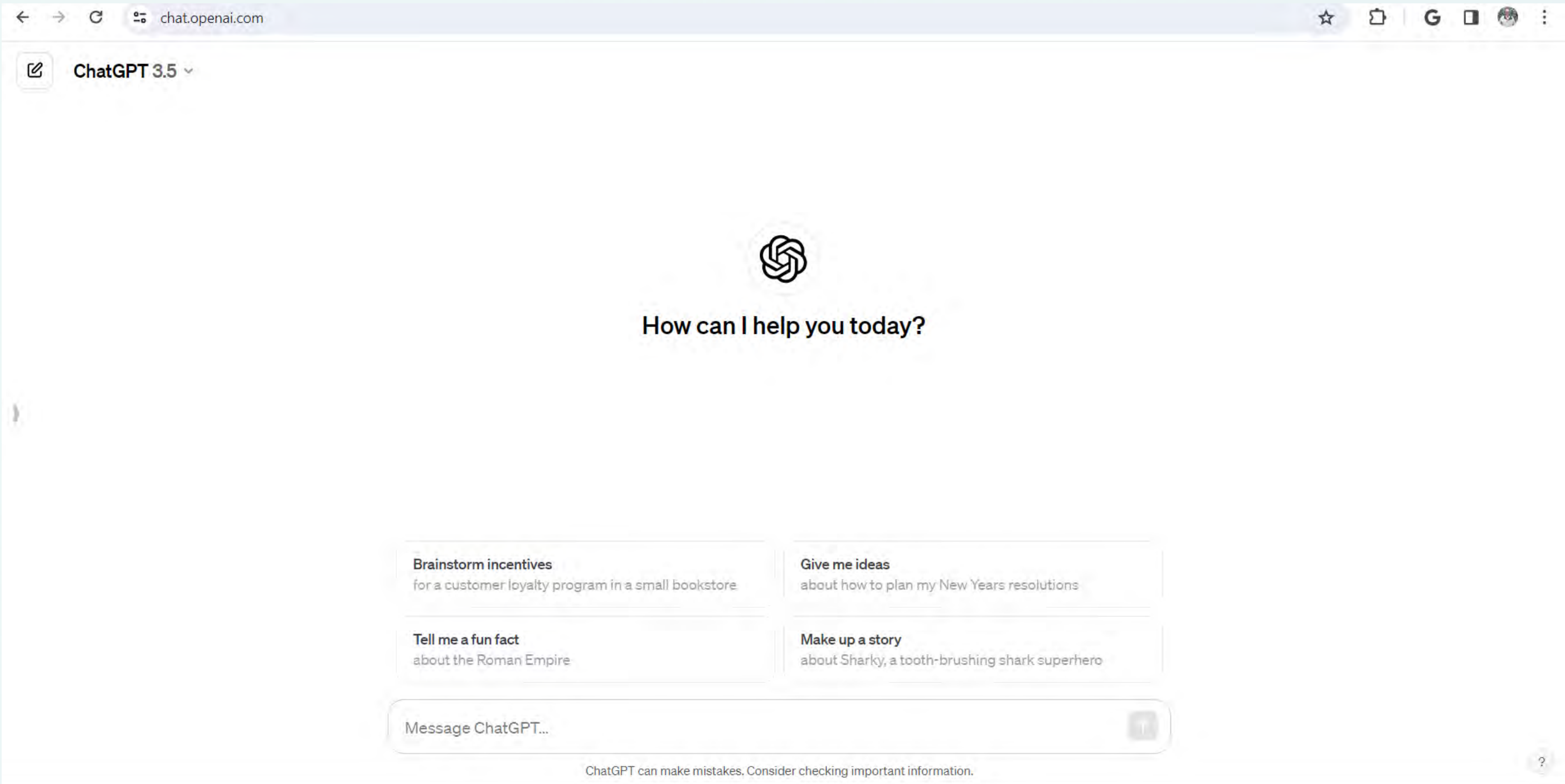
Day 8: End your trip in Bordeaux. Visit the Cité du Vin museum and take a wine tour.

I hope this itinerary helps you plan your trip! Let me know if you have any other questions or if you'd like me to suggest something else. Bon voyage!   

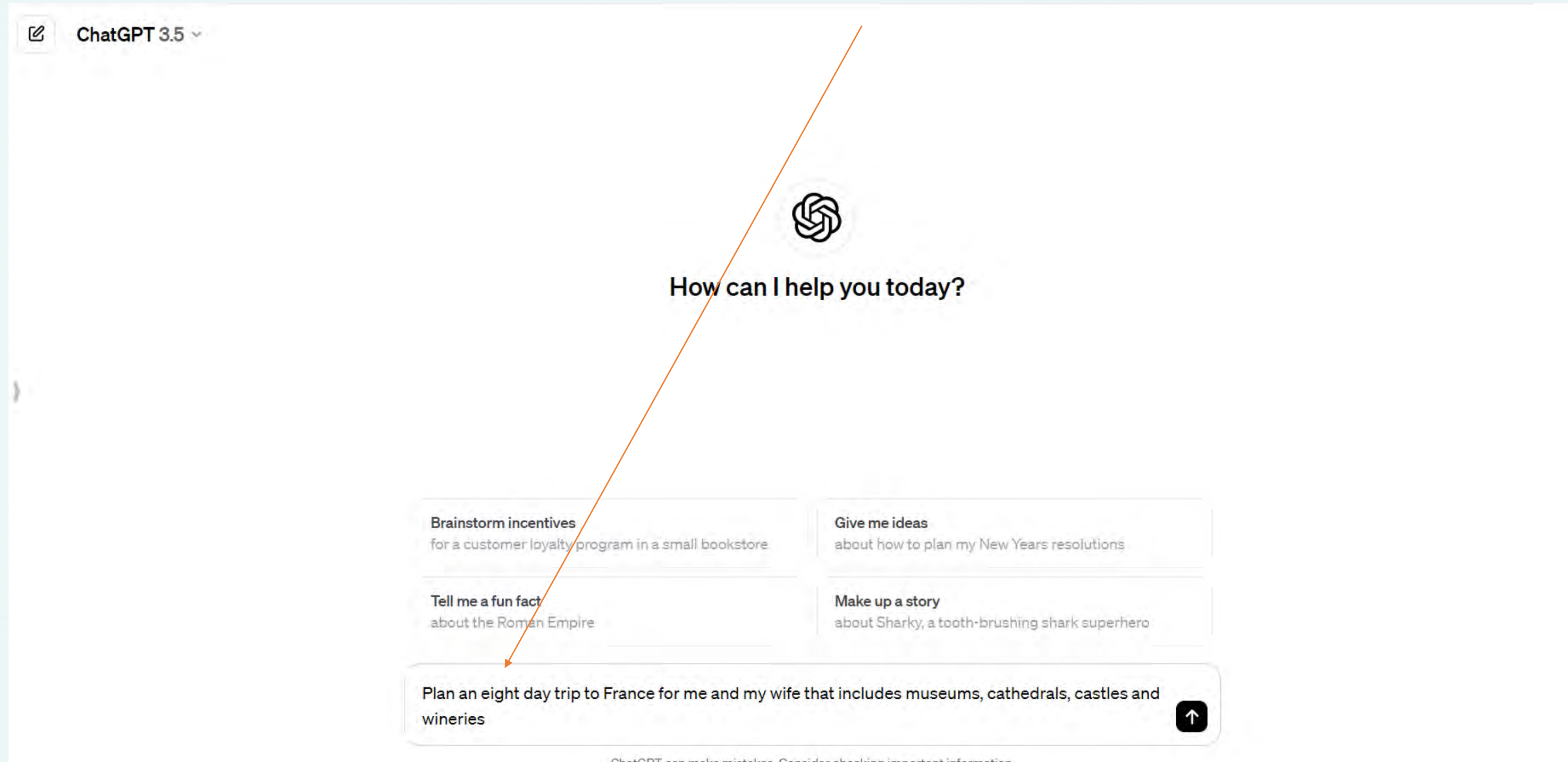
Let's see how ChatGPT does



Main screen from ChatGPT



Same question



ChatGPT is wordier in its response

Certainly! Planning an eight-day trip to France that includes museums, cathedrals, castles, and wineries sounds like a fantastic adventure. Here's a suggested itinerary:

Day 1-2: Paris

Morning: Arrive in Paris and settle into your accommodation.

Afternoon: Visit the Louvre Museum to explore world-renowned art collections, including the Mona Lisa.

Evening: Take a stroll along the Seine River and enjoy dinner in a charming Parisian bistro.

ChatGPT is wordier in its response

Day 2: Paris

Morning: Explore the Notre-Dame Cathedral, a masterpiece of French Gothic architecture.

Afternoon: Visit the Musée d'Orsay, housing an extensive collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist masterpieces.

Evening: Relax in a sidewalk café or take a Seine River cruise for a different perspective of Paris at night.

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Day 3: Versailles

- Morning:** Take a day trip to the Palace of Versailles. Explore the opulent palace, stunning gardens, and the Hall of Mirrors.
- Afternoon:** Visit the Grand Trianon and Petit Trianon on the palace grounds.
- Evening:** Return to Paris for a relaxing evening.

Day 4: Reims

- Morning:** Travel to Reims, known for its beautiful cathedral and as the traditional site of the coronation of French kings.
- Afternoon:** Visit the Reims Cathedral and explore the city center.
- Evening:** Enjoy a dinner at a local brasserie and taste the region's famous champagne.

ChatGPT is wordier in its response

Day 5: Reims/Epernay

- Morning:** Take a short trip to Epernay, another Champagne-producing town.
- Afternoon:** Tour one of the prestigious Champagne houses, such as Moët & Chandon or Dom Pérignon.
- Evening:** Return to Reims or Epernay for a leisurely evening.

Day 6: Loire Valley

- Morning:** Head to the Loire Valley, known for its beautiful castles.
- Afternoon:** Visit Château de Chambord or Château de Chenonceau.
- Evening:** Relax and dine in a charming local restaurant.

ChatGPT is wordier in its response

Day 7: Loire Valley

Morning: Explore more Loire Valley castles, such as Château de Villandry or Château d'Amboise.

Afternoon: Visit a local winery in the region.

Evening: Enjoy a farewell dinner in the Loire Valley.

Day 8: Departure

Morning: If time allows, visit a local market or take a last-minute stroll through the beautiful French countryside.

Afternoon: Depart from France with wonderful memories.

How about a Road Trip?

Let's ask Bing

Here is my question

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Write
Write an original fable about a fish and a frog finding love

Create
Write a poem with vivid imagery that doesn't rhyme

Shop
I need a gift for my friend who likes to hike in cold weather

Organize
Organize the last ten years of worldwide volcanic activity into a table

Laugh
Write a joke that my coworkers would find funny

Code **Travel**

My wife and I are senior citizens. We will travel by auto from Surprise, Arizona to Minneapolis MN in April 2024. We like to drive about 5 to 8 hours per day. We like to visit art and history museums. We like to visit State and National Parks. We like to stay in Hampton Inns. Plan an itenary for us.

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Bing plots out a several day trip for me

Sounds like a fun trip! Here's a possible itinerary for your road trip from Surprise, Arizona to Minneapolis, Minnesota:

Table 				
Day	Drive Time	Activity	Accommodation	
1	6 hours	Drive from Surprise, AZ to Santa Fe, NM	Hampton Inn Santa Fe	
2	5 hours	Visit the New Mexico Museum of Art and Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, NM	Hampton Inn Santa Fe	

3	6 hours	Drive from Santa Fe, NM to Colorado Springs, CO	Hampton Inn & Suites Colorado Springs/I-25 South
4	5 hours	Visit the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, CO	Hampton Inn & Suites Colorado Springs/I-25 South
5	6 hours	Drive from Colorado Springs, CO to Omaha, NE	Hampton Inn Omaha/West Dodge Road (Old Mill)

6	5 hours	Visit the Durham Museum and the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, NE	Hampton Inn Omaha/West Dodge Road (Old Mill)
7	6 hours	Drive from Omaha, NE to Minneapolis, MN	Hampton Inn & Suites Minneapolis/Downtown
8	-	Visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, MN	Hampton Inn & Suites Minneapolis/Downtown

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Visit the Minnehaha
Regional Park and the
Mississippi National River
and Recreation Area in
Minneapolis, MN

Hampton Inn & Suites
Minneapolis/Downtown

I hope this itinerary helps you plan your trip. Please note that the driving times are approximate and may vary depending on traffic and weather conditions. Also, please check the opening hours of the museums and parks before visiting them. Have a safe and enjoyable trip! 🚗 🌅 🏞️ 🎨

**Here is a popular site used primarily for discussions about airline travel
This may help you with researching flight times, connections, aircrafts**

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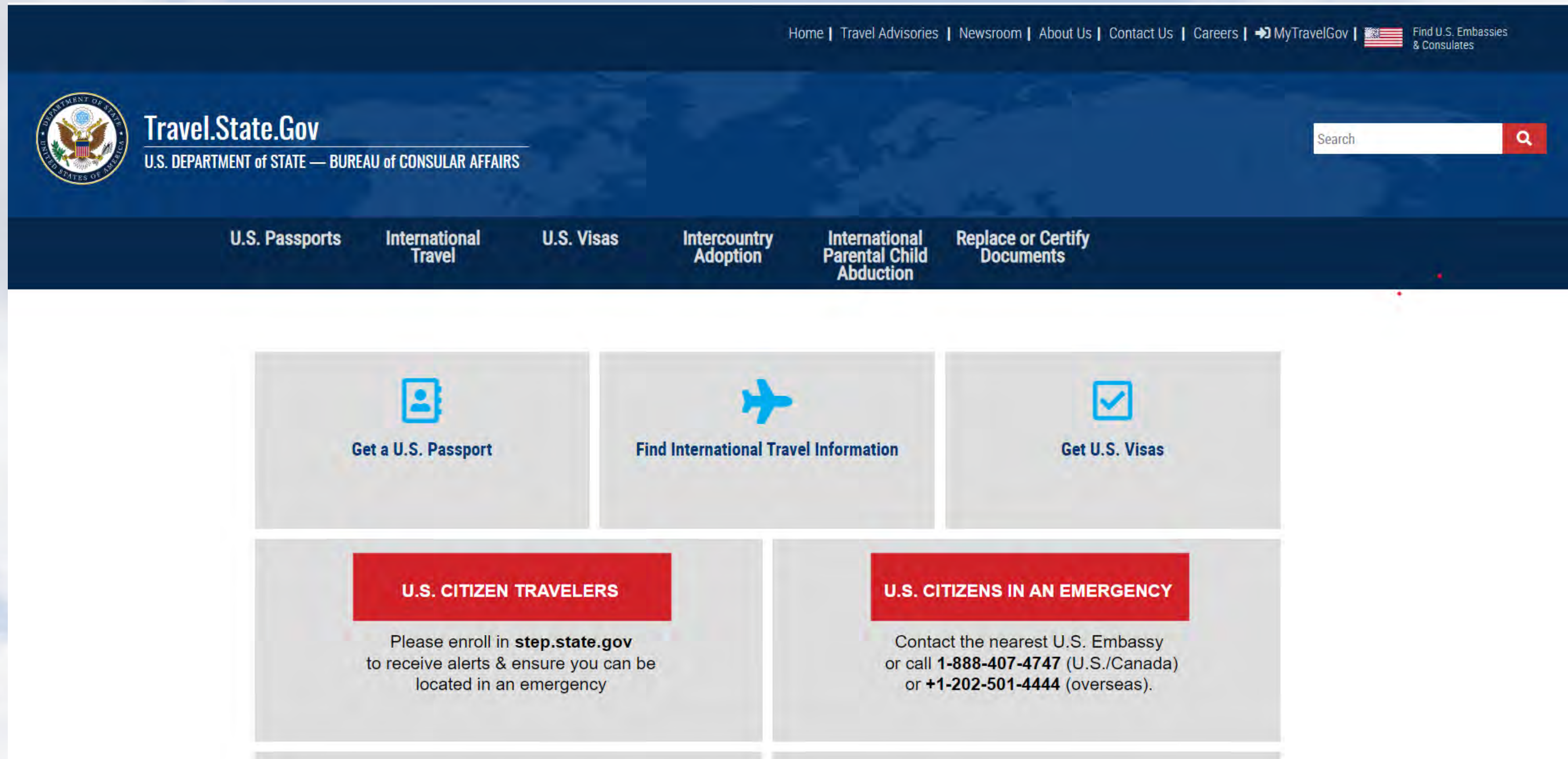
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Here is a similar site, called “flyertalk”

The background of the image is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The clouds are scattered across the frame, with some larger patches and some smaller wisps, creating a serene and open atmosphere.

**There are two websites that the U.S.
Government provides to inform and
guide travelers to foreign countries**

The State Dept site offers information to help plan foreign travel



<https://travel.state.gov>

This site is a program that allows the State Dept to provide you real-time information while in another country



Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
A SERVICE OF THE BUREAU OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS
U.S. Department of State



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TRAVELING?
Enroll a trip and get
Alerts



STAYING AT HOME?
Get Travel Advisories



FREQUENT TRAVELER?
Create an account



What is STEP?

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

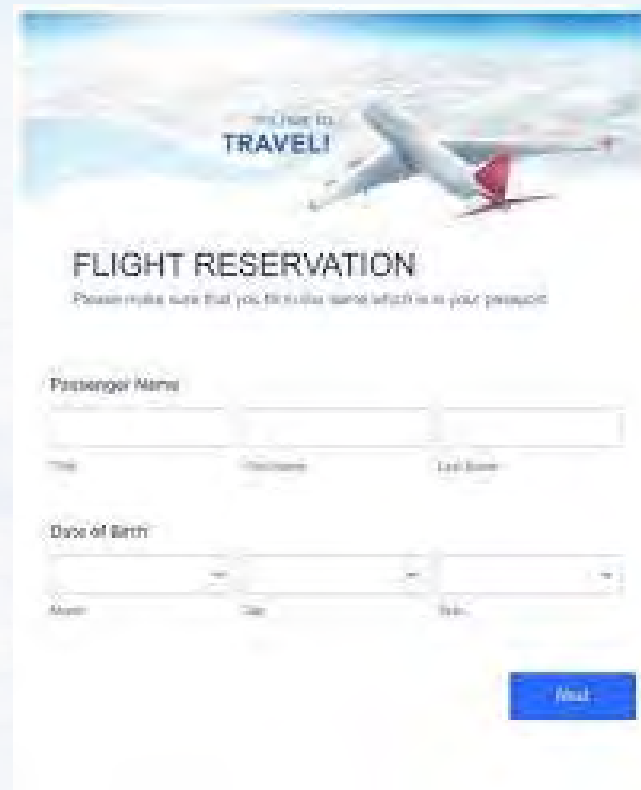
Benefits of Enrolling in STEP

- ✓ Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans.
- ✓ Help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.
- ✓ Help family and friends get in touch with you in an

<https://step.state.gov/>

What about making reservations?

You can always make reservations through the actual airline or hotel, but now there are massive online sites that can do that for you



A screenshot of a flight reservation form. At the top, there is a header with the text "TRAVEL" and an image of an airplane flying over a city. Below this, the title "FLIGHT RESERVATION" is displayed, followed by a small instruction: "Please make sure that you fill in the correct information as your passport". The form contains two main sections: "Passenger Name" and "Date of Birth". The "Passenger Name" section has three input fields labeled "First Name", "Last Name", and "Middle Name". The "Date of Birth" section has three input fields labeled "Month", "Day", and "Year". A blue "Next" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

or



Some of the most popular online sites include
Booking.com, Expedia, Hotels.com, Orbitz, Priceline,
Kayak, Travelocity and Trivago

Some of these are “OTAs” and some are “Aggregators”

The logo for Booking.com, featuring the text "Booking.com" in a blue sans-serif font on a white rectangular background.

Booking.com

The Orbitz logo, featuring the word "ORBITZ" in a bold, dark blue, italicized sans-serif font, preceded by a blue and white stylized arrow icon, all on a white rectangular background.

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The Travelocity logo, featuring three stylized starburst icons in blue and orange to the left of the word "travelocity" in a dark blue sans-serif font, all on a white rectangular background.

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Online Travel Agencies vs Comparison Sites (Aggregators)

[Last updated: Tue 26 Jan 2021]

This is without a doubt one of the most commonly asked questions by our users. Let's begin by looking at exactly what each of the options are, and their main advantages and disadvantages.

Let's discuss the difference

OTAs are not a new concept

Remember in the old days there were “brick and mortar” travel agencies?

You would go to their office, look through a bunch of brochures

They would suggest hotels and flights for you

You would pick and they would set it all up for you

They got the airline tickets, the hotel reservations, tour info, etc.

And they were paid a commission by all of the above

Today’s OTAs do the same thing, just via technology

Aggregators, AKA Meta Search Sites

An aggregator site, also known as a comparison site or a meta-site, allows you to make a single search and compare multiple OTAs in one place. In theory this sounds like the perfect time saver, and it indeed can be, but there are some big caveats. The biggest players in this field include Skyscanner, Kayak, Trivago and HotelsCombined.

Most aggregators will redirect you to the OTAs individual site to book, so in the end you're actually booking in the same place. In the last few years, some have added the ability to make direct bookings through their own individual platforms.

And then there are the Aggregators

Expedia Group

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Expedia Group, Inc. is an American online travel shopping company for consumer and small business travel.^[3] Its websites, which are primarily travel fare aggregators and travel metasearch engines, include Expedia.com, Vrbo (previously HomeAway), Hotels.com, Hotwire.com, Orbitz, Travelocity, trivago and CarRentals.com.^[4]

According to Rich Barton, the company's first CEO, the word "Expedia" is derived from a combination of "exploration" and "speed".^[5]

Many of these online travel sites are now owned by Expedia

Booking Holdings

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Booking Holdings Inc. is an American travel technology company organized in [Delaware](#) and based in [Norwalk, Connecticut](#), that owns and operates several [travel fare aggregators](#) and travel fare [metasearch engines](#) including namesake and flagship [Booking.com](#), [Priceline.com](#), [Agoda.com](#), [Kayak.com](#), [Cheapflights](#), [Rentalcars.com](#), [Momondo](#), and [OpenTable](#). It operates websites in about 40 [languages](#) and 200 countries.

In 2017, 89% of its gross profit was made outside the United States— most of which used Booking.com.^{[5][6]}

In 2019, consumers booked 845 million room nights of accommodation, 77 million rental car days, and 7 million airplane tickets using websites owned by Booking Holdings.^[5]

In 2017, 93.4% of revenues were derived from [commissions](#) and 6.6% of revenues were derived from [advertising](#).^[5]

The company ranked 216th on the 2019 [Fortune 500](#) list of the largest United States corporations by revenue.^[7]

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Many more are owned by another conglomerate, Booking Holdings



I hope you enjoyed the presentation and Happy Travelling!