## Travel

The Internet is a fantastic resource when it comes to booking holidays. You can book flights, trains, buses, accommodation, car hire online and you can often find great deals available when you book via the Internet.

You can also research holiday destinations by reading reviews, checking out hotel websites, visiting tourism websites and looking at photographs before you travel!

### What are the benefits?

- **Good deals** – you can often find lower prices online because companies cut their overheads significantly by taking a booking directly over the Internet rather than having you book through a travel agent in a shop or over the phone.

- **Choice** – when you browse for holidays on the Internet you literally have the world at your feet! You can search for accommodation, flights, and package holidays from any one of hundreds if not thousands of companies from all over the world.

- **Know before you go** – having access to the Internet means you can research your holiday destination before you go. You can read other traveller's reviews, see photos of where you are going and find out about interesting things to do when you are there!

### A small word of caution!

When booking travel online we need to apply the same guidelines as we do to online shopping:

- Only book with a reputable company
- When using your credit card ensure that you are on a secure website (see the shopping handout for more information on using your credit card securely)
- Keep an eye on the terms and conditions

- Be aware that flight prices quoted often do not include taxes and charges so might work out more expensive than you first think when you come to pay!

## Using GOOGLE to find travel information

Using Google is a great way to find information on your holiday destination, hotel, etc

For instance, if you were going on holidays in Tenerife and were interested in hill walking while you were there – a simple Google search for "Tenerife hill walking" returns lots of useful results.
If you were travelling to Prague and wanted to find some nice restaurants to eat in you could search for "Prague restaurants" and you will find lots of reviews, photos etc to help you find what you are looking for.

Try it yourself – enter in some keywords about the holiday destination you are planning (or dreaming!) of visiting and let Google do the searching for you!

## Travel Websites for you to visit

There are hundreds of travel websites out there - here are a few suggestions to try out

Flights:
www.aerlingus.com
www.ryanair.com
www.skyscanner.ie

Accommodation in Ireland:
www.accommodation.ie

Package holidays:
www.holidaysonline.ie
www.budgettravel.ie

Many websites will search out the best deals for you, so you can just enter your travel dates and let them do the work -

www.kayak.ie

www.gohop.ie
www.ebookers.ie

Many of the well known travel guide book companies have excellent websites

www.fodors.com
www.lonelyplanet.com

You can also ask read reviews on hotels, destinations etc on travel review websites

www.tripadvisor.com

Travel forums are handy places to post up your questions, or read questions posted by other travellers

www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree/index.jspa
www.travelblog.org/Forum/
www.fodors.com/community/

**Activity 1**

### Visit the Louvre in Paris

You have decided to take a trip to Paris and would like to visit the Louvre gallery

You want to:

- Find out the opening times of the Louvre
- Find a hotel near the Louvre
- Find a restaurant near the Louvre

**Find out the opening times of the Louvre**

❶      Go to the Google search page and search for **Louvre**

❷      Scroll down the results page and find a link to a page where you might find information about Louvre opening times

What are the opening times of the Louvre?
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**Find a hotel near the Louvre**

❶      Go to the Google search page and search for 'hotels near Louvre'

❷      Explore the links on the results page

What is the name of the hotel you have chosen?
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Can you make a booking online?
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**Find a restaurant near the Louvre**

❶      Go to the Google search page and search for 'restaurants near Louvre'

❷      Explore the links on the results page

What is the name of the restaurant you have chosen?
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Can you make a booking online?
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Now you have found out the opening times of the Louvre, a hotel to stay in and a restaurant to eat in, all you need to do is book your flight – see Activity 2

Activity 2

**Booking a Flight with Ryanair**

In this activity you will complete all the steps in <u>booking a flight</u> , but won't actually make the booking!
- You don't have to use real names or enter credit card details
- There is a time limit on the Ryan Air website

Go to [www.ryanair.ie](www.ryanair.ie)

*The following screen (or similar) will appear:*



1. When booking a flight we are interested in the box on the right hand side of the page.

2. In this box we can choose whether we travel **One-Way** or **Return**, choose

    The destination we want to fly from

    The destination we want to fly to

    The date we want to travel

    The number of passengers



Click on the arrows to choose where you want to fly to and from destination

Click on the arrows to choose the number of people travelling

Click here to choose a Return or One-Way flight

click on the calendars to choose the date you want to go and the date you want to return
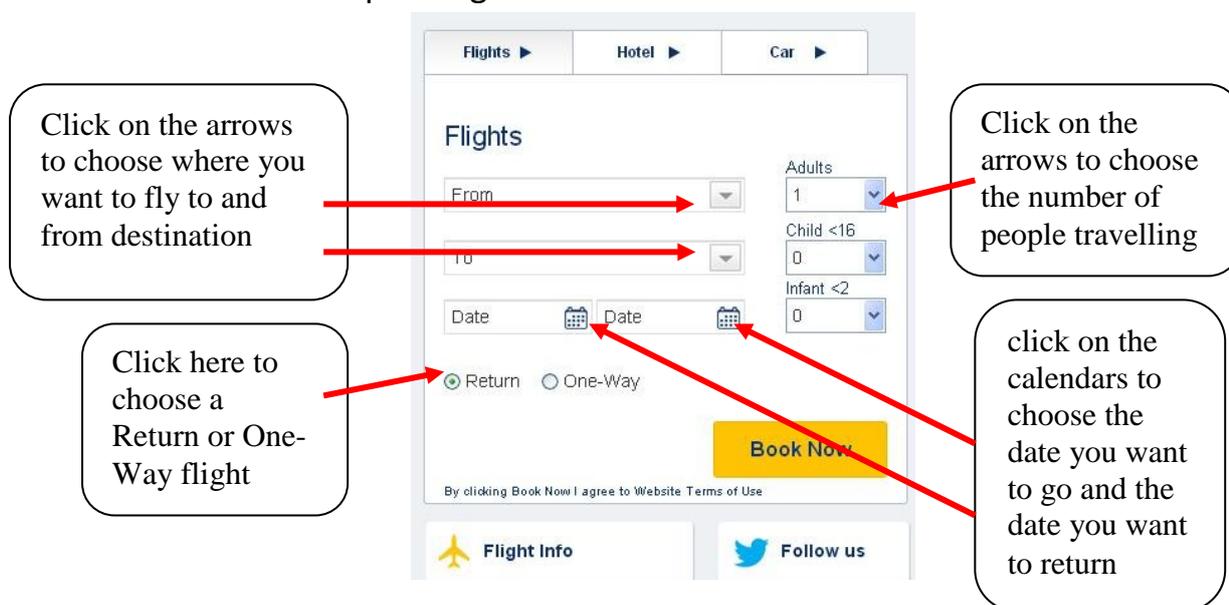
### 3. Enter the following details and click Book Now

- Type of Flight: Return Flight
- From: Dublin
- To: Paris
- Departure Date: 06/11/2014
- Return Date: 08/11/2014
- Passengers: 1 adult



| Flights ▶ | Hotel ▶ | Car ▶ |
|---|---|---|

**Flights**

| Dublin | ▼ | Adults 1 ▼ |
|---|---|---|
| Paris Beauvais | ▼ | Child <16 0 ▼ |
| 06/11/2014 📅 08/11/2014 📅 | | Infant <2 0 ▼ |

⊙ Return  ○ One-Way

**Book Now**

By clicking Book Now I agree to Website Terms of Use

*The following screen (or similar) will appear*



Flight details to Paris

Return Flight details

Details of flight and cost of flight including

### 4. The above screen shows the results of your search for flights
a. If there are more than one flight on the date the website will select one for you, the website has chosen the first flight on each of the travel dates, the choice appears in yellow

b. If you want to change your flight times, you can click on different flights

c. The details of the flight, including total cost of flight and taxes (but not baggage, or extra charges) also appear on this page

5. If you are happy with the details, click on Continue

6. *The following screen (or similar) will appear*

Airport Transfer

Sports/Musical Equipment

Special Assistance

**Passenger(s)**: You will need to start by entering your Title, First Name and Last Name.

**Travel Insurance:** If you don't require insurance go to the drop down menu in this section and choose the option "Don't Insure Me" which is between Denmark and Finland.

**Check-In Bags:** If you want to check bags click on **Add Bags.** Here you can select what size bag you want for each of your flights. **N.B** You will need to select the option for both your outward and return flight.

**Reserved Seats:** Here you can choose where to sit but there is a charge for this option and costs between €10 and €20.

**Text Confirmation:** You can choose this option if you want to get your reservation number and flight details texted to your phone. These details will be automatically sent to you for free via email. There is a charge of €1.69

**Airport Carpark:** When you click on this option you get the cost of parking at the airport. Check the rate on the airport's website to see if the rate on the Ryan Air website is the lowest rate available.

**Airport Transfer:** Here you can book your airport transport again check online to see if the option offered on the Ryan Air website is the lowest available.

**Sports/Musical Equipment:** Here you can select for any sports or musical equipment you might have

**Special Assistance:** This is where you can request a wheelchair or other assistance.

When you have choose all your options click on **Continue**

The next page give you option to Rent a Car, click **Continue** at the bottom of the page if you don't want to hire a car. If you which to hire a car, check online with other car hire website to see if Ryan Air are offering the best deals.
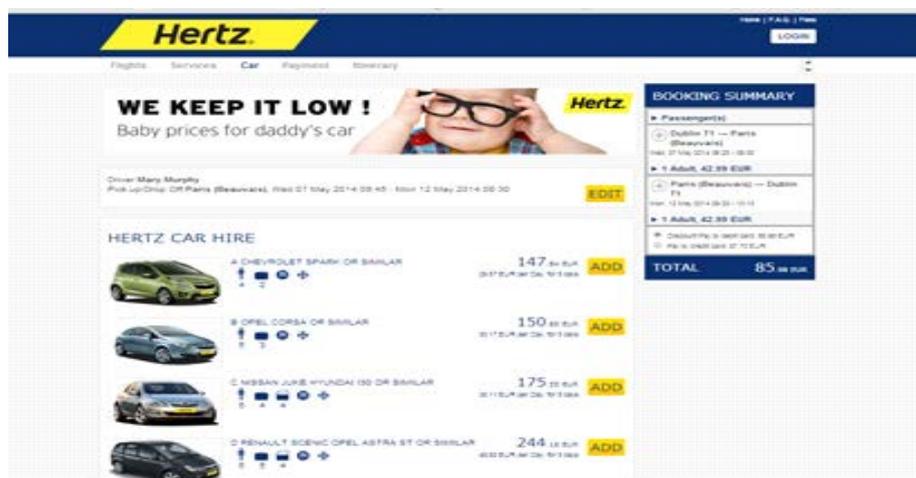


This next window give you the option to set up an account with Ryan Air which means that they save your personal details so that the next time you want to book a flight will need to log on with you user name and password and your personal details will appear without you having to type them again.

To set up an account select the details on the right hand side of the page under the title **Register Now** otherwise click on **Continue without registering**
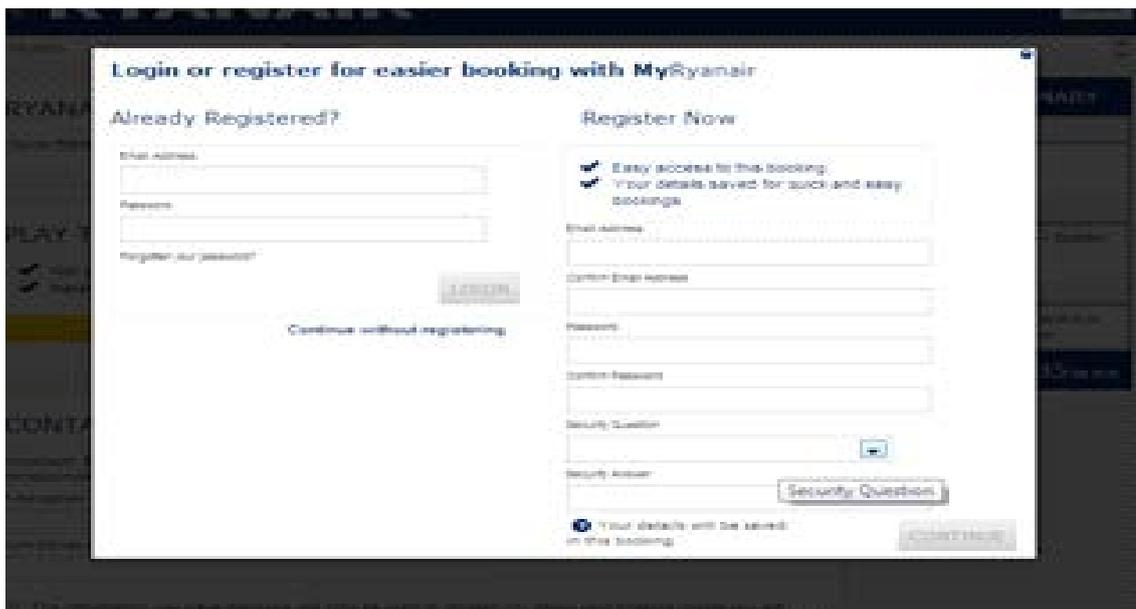
The next widow is where you enter your contact and payment details



In the **Contact** section type in your email address – you need to do this twice in case of any errors. Your flight details will be sent to this email address.

Just under where you can typed your email for the 2$^{nd}$ time is a message about receiving advertising from Ryan Air and its partners. If you do not

want to get these marketing email place a tick in the box at the start of the message.

Next you need to enter you contact phone number. If you are using a mobile number as you contact phone number you don't need to type the zero at the start of your phone number.

There is also the option of enter in the contact details of your next of kin. This is not necessary but if you would like to enter this information just click on the box **Emergency Contact**

Next you will need to enter in your payment details (either credit or debit card) and your postal address of the card holder.



Once you have entered all your details click on **Purchase Now** and the following message will appear
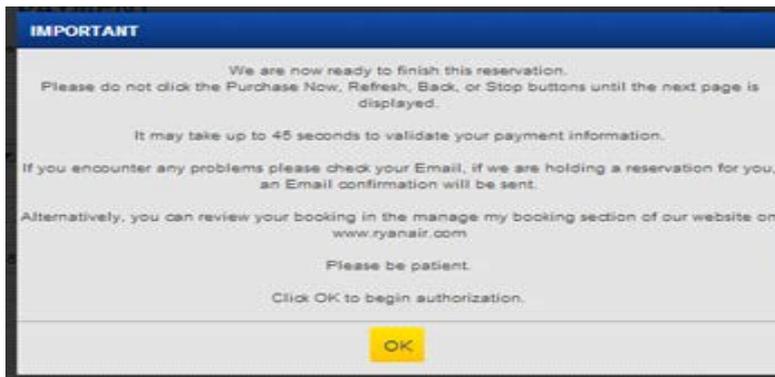
Read the message and then Click **OK**

The next window that appears will be the flight confirmation window with your booking reference number; you can print this page or write down the booking reference number. These details will also have been emailed to you.

**Printing Boarding Card**

You can print your boarding card from 15 days up to 4 hours prior to your flight departure. To do this go to the Ryan Air website and click on **Manage Booking** option for the menu across the top of the home page. Once you click on this you can choose the option **Online Check In**

**You have 3 options to choose from**

Option 1: Enter your reservation number and the last 4 digits of the credit card you used to book the flight

Option 2: Enter your reservation number, the email address you used to book the flight and where you are flying from and to

Option 3: The date of departure, the email address you used to book the flight and from and to.

From here you will be able to print the boarding card.