

THE SMART TRAVELER'S CONTRACT CHECKLIST

Flights & Hotels

What's Covered. What's Not. What You're Actually Agreeing To.

- ✓ Understand booking contracts in plain English
- ✓ Know what is and isn't covered
- ✓ Avoid costly assumptions
- ✓ Designed for real bookings, not theory

Includes:

- ✈ Part 1 – Flight Booking Contract Checklist
- 🏨 Part 2 – Hotel Booking Contract Checklist



Why This Checklist Exists

Flights & Hotels

When you book flights or hotels, you're not just making a reservation. You're entering a **legally binding contract**.

Most travelers lose money not because of bad luck — but because:

- ✓ They didn't read the fine print
- ✓ They misunderstood what “non-refundable” actually means
- ✓ They assumed protections that were never included

This checklist helps you:

- ✓ Understand exactly what you're agreeing to
- ✓ Identify what is not covered
- ✓ Avoid costly assumptions
- ✓ Travel with clarity and confidence



Part 1: Flight Booking Contract Checklist

Understand your fare rules & legal rights before booking



Fare & Ticket Type

- Refundable or non-refundable?
- Fare class confirmed (Basic, Economy, Business)?
- Fare rules reviewed (not just promo page)?

Changes & Refunds

- Cancellation allowed?
- Refund type:
 - Original payment
 - Airline credit
 - Voucher (with expiration)
- Change fees + fare difference apply?
- Credit expiration date noted?

Flights: Delays, Baggage & Seats

Review the fine print for unforeseen situations



Delays & Airline Changes

- What qualifies as a “significant schedule change”?
- Refund guaranteed if airline cancels?
- Hotel or meal coverage during delays? (Usually NO)

Baggage Rules

- Carry-on allowed (size & weight)?
- Checked baggage fees reviewed?
- Liability limits for lost/damaged bags understood?

Seats & Boarding

- Seat selection included or paid?
- Can airline reassign your seat?
- Overbooking policy accepted?

Flights: Connections & Legal Terms

Know the rules before connecting or signing



Connections & Layovers

- What qualifies as a “significant schedule change”?
- Refund guaranteed if airline cancels?
- Overnight layover hotel included? (Usually Usually NO)

Legal Fine Print

- Conditions of Carriage reviewed
- Arbitration or lawsuit limits accepted
- Jurisdiction and governing law stated

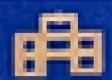


Important: Non-refundable usually means
NO refund for any reason.

Part 2:

Hotel Booking Contract Checklist

Understand your rate restrictions & policies before booking



Rates & Payments

- Refundable or non-refundable?
- "Free cancellation" deadline confirmed (hotel local time)?
- Pay now or pay at hotel?
- Advance deposit required?



Cancellations & No-Shows

- No-show penalty disclosed?
- Early checkout penalty applies?
- Modification fees allowed?

Hotels:

Fees, Rooms & Liability

Factor in the hidden costs and fine print



Taxes, Fees & Extras

- Resort or destination fees?
- Parking charges?
- Wi-Fi fees?
- Damage or service charges?



Room & Occupancy

- Exact room type guaranteed?
- Bed type confirmed?
- Maximum occupancy understood?
- Extra guest or child fees?



Liability & Deposits

- Security deposit required?
- Amount & release timeline known?
- Theft/loss disclaimer acknowledged?



Beware These Universal Red Flags

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Rule to Remember

If it's unclear—assume it's NOT covered.

Final Pre-Booking Confirmation

Before clicking “Confirm Booking,” ask yourself:

- Do I understand what happens if plans change?
- Do I know what money is recoverable?
- Have I accepted all exclusions knowingly?
- Did I save a copy of booking terms?

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- Smart travelers**
protect themselves before paying.



Travel Smarter, Skip Regret

Remember—knowledge is your best travel companion:

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Safe travels!

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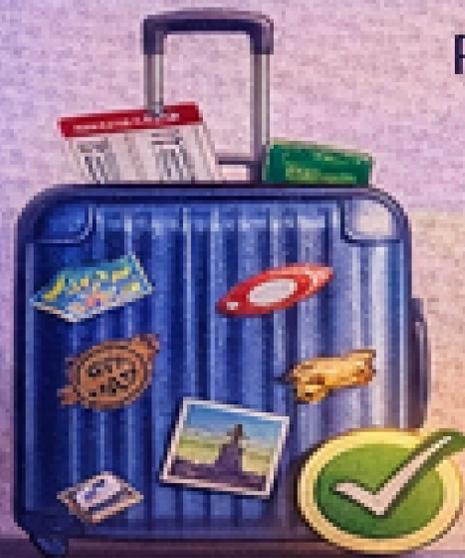


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Travel Booking Contract Checklist



Remember—knowledge is your best travel companion:

- Know your booking terms.
- Know your rights and restrictions.
- Avoid unnecessary surprises & fees.

Part 1: Flight Booking Checklist

Part 2: Hotel Booking Checklist

Part 3: Universal Tips & Reminders

Smart travelers know the rules of booking before paying!



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Reference Guide to Smarter, Safer Travel
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- ✓ Know your booking terms.
- ✓ Understand the fees & restrictions.
- ✓ Prevent booking surprises.
- ✓ Avoid lost money & stress.

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We hope you travel smarter and safer with these tips and reminders.

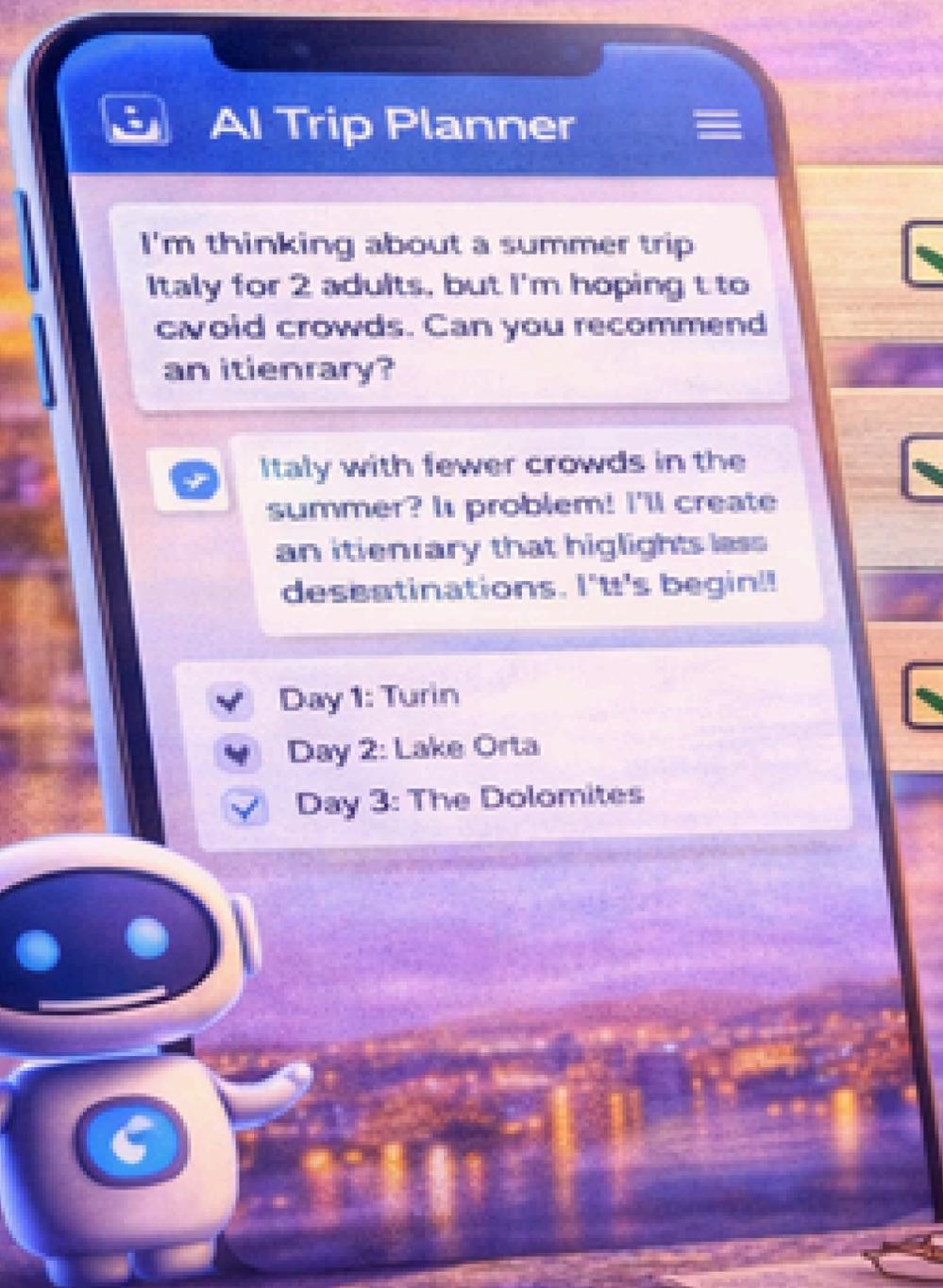
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