

# Travel apps to change your world

When it comes to making smart use of your smartphone or tablet, these must-have travel apps go the extra mile, says **Carlene Thomas-Bailey**

**IN THE DAYS BEFORE** the internet, prepping for a holiday meant packing hefty guidebooks. The rise of travel apps has reduced the weight of your carry-on bag and means visiting new places can be more fun, exciting and spontaneous.

"Apps are a natural extension of the change that the internet has brought to travelling – and potentially they are even more powerful," says Bobbie Johnson, European correspondent for technology news site [www.gigaOM.com](http://www.gigaOM.com). "But the very best apps aren't just about fitting information from books or the web into a phone – they're able to use the power of your handset to understand where you are and what you're doing."

Apple retail stores even offer iPhone and iPad owners free travel-themed workshops. So, whether you want to find tasty, cheap eats in Paris or great coffee in London, we've found an app for that.



### 1 | Spotted by Locals

European city apps packed full of tips from locals; everything from the best cinema clubs to flea markets. When in Dublin, check out the "secret" record store on Wicklow Street, or a funky bar in a former garage.

**Price: Free to download (App Store), €2.99 for each city guide**

✉ FLY TO DUBLIN FROM 52 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING BRISTOL, KAUNAS AND MEMMINGEN (MUNICH WEST). [WWW.RYANAIR.COM](http://WWW.RYANAIR.COM)



### 2 | AroundMe

If you're on holiday in Barcelona, for instance, and have run out of money or petrol, this well-crafted app will help you find the nearest cashpoint, petrol station, or any other useful service that you need.

**Price: Free (App Store, Android)**

✉ FLY TO BARCELONA (EL PRAT, GIRONA AND REUS) FROM 41 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING BRUSSELS (CHARLEROI), LEEDS BRADFORD AND SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA. [WWW.RYANAIR.COM](http://WWW.RYANAIR.COM)



### 3 | Paris Bargain Eats

Get recommendations for the best-value restaurants in Paris, with meals costing about €15 each. The app tells you the opening hours too, which is handy as many Parisian restaurants are closed on Sundays.

**Price: €2.39 (App Store)**

✉ FLY TO PARIS (BEAUVAIS AND VATRY) FROM 34 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING BARCELONA (EL PRAT AND GIRONA), GLASGOW (PRESTWICK) AND STOCKHOLM (SKAVSTA). [WWW.RYANAIR.COM](http://WWW.RYANAIR.COM)



### 4 | National Trust

Just the ticket for family days out, use this app to find your nearest National Trust property. There are over 400 places to choose from, such as Glasgow's Pollok House, which contains an extensive collection of Spanish art. The app includes a what's on guide and contact details.

**Price: Free (App Store, Android)**

✉ FLY TO GLASGOW (PRESTWICK) FROM 10 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING DUBLIN AND FARO. [WWW.RYANAIR.COM](http://WWW.RYANAIR.COM)



### 5 | Eat Rome

Written by food critic Elizabeth Minchilli, this app is constantly updated with a varied selection of places to eat in Rome. It's neatly organised into headings such as "coffee", "gelato" and "markets", as well as displaying venues by name and area.

**Price: €2.39 (App Store)**

✉ FLY TO ROME (CIAMPINO) FROM 42 DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING DÜSSELDORF (WEEZE) AND SANTANDER. [WWW.RYANAIR.COM](http://WWW.RYANAIR.COM)



### 6 | Stansted

View live departure and arrival information from London's Stansted airport, get vouchers to spend in the terminal, and pre-book an airport car parking space.

**Price: Free (App Store, Android)**

✉ FLY TO LONDON (STANSTED) FROM 101 DESTINATIONS.



### 7 | Lonely Planet Spanish Phrasebook

Impress your travelling buddies by speaking the native language. If you want to speak Spanish in Seville, for instance, this app can help you with over 630 spoken phrases.

**Price: €4.68 (App Store, Android)**



### 8 | mX Croatia

This app offers a staggering 4,000 points of interest to check out in Croatia, from Roman ruins in Split and Pula to medieval sights in Dubrovnik and the country's stunning national parks. There's also a language translator, interactive maps and weather forecasts.

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