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Raymond Reddington - June 17, 2022, 11:02 pm

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.TEN - July 12, 2022, 4:08 pm

amazing thread, didn't know about any of these. The only 'hack' I knew was that using services such as sky-scanner you're better clearing cookies as the more that you look at a flight the more the price increases.

I'll deffo be trying these shortly, need another holiday to europe asap, as well as potentially visiting friends in the USA.

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Sure, let me know if you find something relevant for the first post, I'll update it with it. Thanks for the help.

Alex Ports - July 26, 2022, 7:32 pm

Thank you! Well written. Will use this

Senior - July 26, 2022, 8:11 pm

This is excellent but you missed one hehe he

The carry on pillow that's actually filled with luggage!

lincoln - July 29, 2022, 5:32 am

This seems like really useful information, thanks for the post!

Zher0 - July 30, 2022, 10:43 pm

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Dr. Spicy - August 1, 2022, 11:05 am

skiplagging as you call it, will get you on the no-fly list very quickly. It is not allowed by any air carrier

md1312q - *August 16, 2022, 9:10 pm*

Wow didnt know skiplagged very useful thanks!!