

Wanna get away? One of the hardest things about taking a trip is trying to decide where to go. Hitlist is a travel app that shows you the best prices for flights anywhere in the world. Don't have anything to do next weekend? Check Hitlist to find a last-minute weekend getaway. The app keeps track of airfare that drops suddenly.

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IF YOU LOVE TO TRAVEL BUT NEVER SEEM TO TAKE ENOUGH TRIPS, AN APP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE CAN DO THE HARD WORK FOR YOU.

OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER SHOWS AN APP THAT'LL HELP YOU DECIDE THE 'WHEN AND WHERE' OF A LAST-MINUTE VACATION.

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Sure, there are hundreds of apps to help you find good deals on vacations. HitList does just as good a job searching for the best deals on airfare. But it goes a little farther than most other travel apps. It shows you the best deals available, whether you know where you want to go or not.

When you open the app Hitlist shows you suggested or recommended trips, usually 4 to 5 days based on the value and discount. It offers great ideas, like places where James Bond movies have been shot.

When it lists a price, it also shows when the price dropped, and how it compares to the normal price, and when it's considered good, great and spectacular.

When you first download the app it shows you only the deepest discounts, so you may only see budget airlines like JetBlue and Frontier. Sign up for a free account and you can select which airlines you want to see.

Deals vary of course, but I found round-trip tickets for San Diego for under 150 bucks, and roundtrip to Italy for 543, a flight that typically costs 940 dollars. But what makes Hitlist a great travel app is its weekend getaway and last-minute deals. If you want to get out of town next weekend for example but don't know where to go, you'll see the very best deals to destinations. Last minute deals are generally for flights that take off in a few days.

When you're ready to book it, the app will take you to the carrier's website with all the information already entered. I've found Hitlist to be a great app for anyone who loves to travel and can pick up and go at a moments notice. Wouldn't that be nice. I'm Jamey Tucker and Hitlist is the app of the day.

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HITLIST IS A FREE APP FOR IPHONES AND ANDROID DEVICES.

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If you're among the fortunate folks who can pack a bag and head out of town at a moment's notice, you should check out the app "Hitlist". It's not just another travel app that locates good deals on airfare, it goes a little farther.

Hitlist does find great deals by searching all of the airlines for dropping prices. It ranks deals as "good", "great" and "spectacular" based on what the tickets normally cost. Some deals last only a few minutes or hours because there's a limited number of tickets available at that price.

Hitlist gives you ideas based on great deals such as "best trips for photography", "tropical destinations" and one I especially like, "James Bond Movie Locations".

When you first open the app you may only see a few 'best deals' and the lowest prices are generally from budget airlines such as Frontier and Jet Blue. If you create a free account you'll be able to select your favorite airlines and get notifications when a ticket becomes available for a date or destination.

I searched 'last minute deals' and found great prices on airfare for Philadelphia, Denver and San Diego. The San Diego roundtrip ticket normally costs, according to the app,

over \$300 but it was available for a short time for only \$143. That roundtrip was for 4 days but the plane leaves two days! To nab some of these spectacular last-minute deals you'll have to be flexible, or ready to go. I can see it's perfect for anyone who wants to just get out of town for a few days. Trying to decide on a place and date without an app like Hitlist might actually prevent you from going anywhere. This is where Hitlist shines.

I also found special or spectacular deals on international travel. A plane ticket to Rome, which normally costs nearly \$1,000 was listed for \$546. Again, you'd need to be flexible and ready because that flight leaves in two days.

Hitlist is a free app for iPhones and Android devices. Since the app sends you to the airline's website it likely gets a cut of any ticket that is sold through the app. Hitlist also makes it easy to find a place to stay once you arrive at the destination by searching listings on Airbnb.

I don't have the freedom to just pick up and go anytime I want, but I'll keep checking the Hitlist app. Just in case I get an itch to get out of town one weekend.