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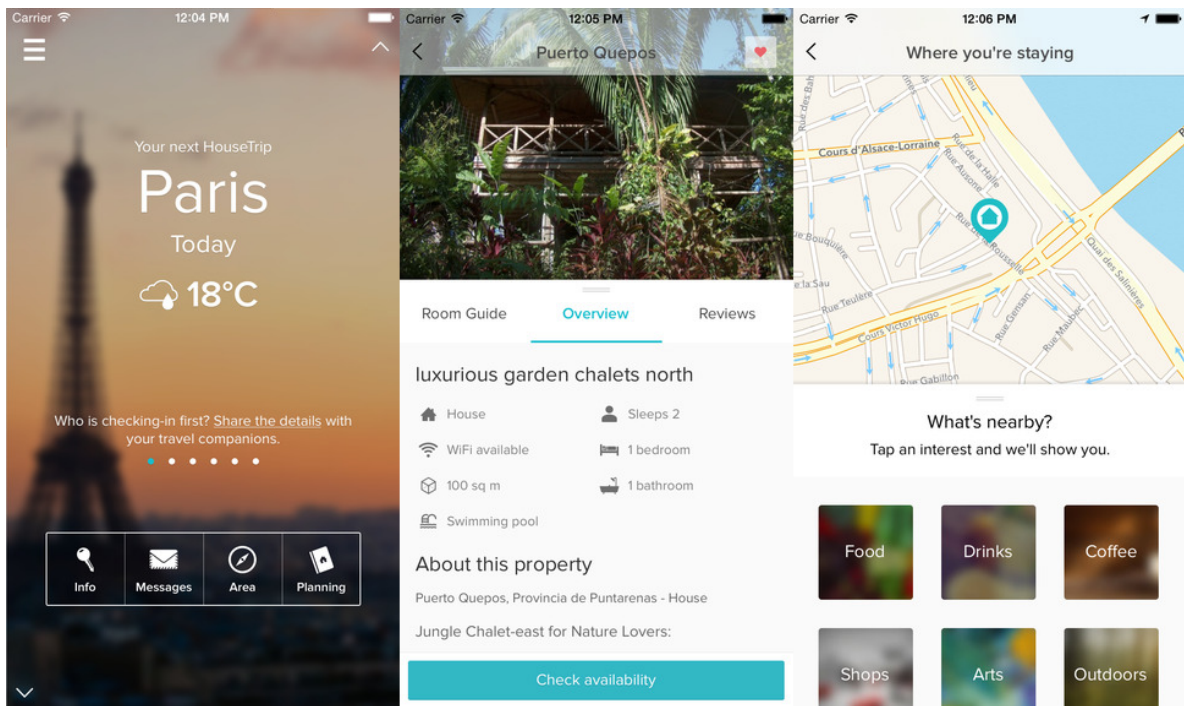
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So you're going travelling, and you need to make sure everything is prepared before you go and that you have enough to make sure you can survive while you're away from home. In the past you'd have to go around doing some serious research, printing out maps, or perhaps even just winging it when you arrive at your destination. Fortunately, this is the smartphone age and as the (somewhat clichéd) saying goes, there's an app for that. Plenty of apps are available to make your travel experience much, much, easier and here are ten you should definitely check out.

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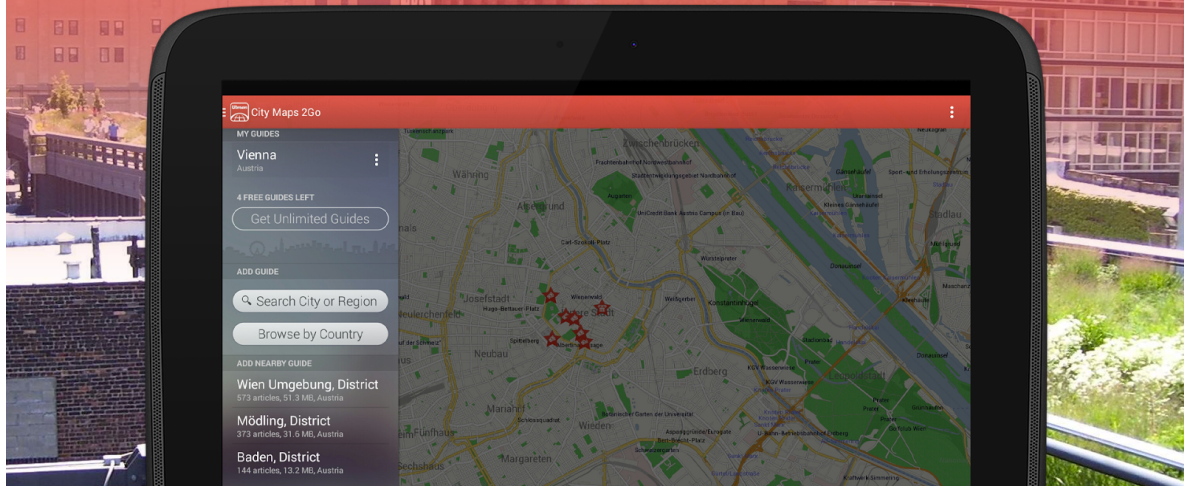
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House Trip (iOS) (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/id888281714>)

Travel doesn't always mean you have to stay in a hotel, in fact sometimes it's a lot nicer to stay somewhere more homely. House Trip is a service that lets you find and check out various properties that are available for you to rent for short periods of time. You just decide what you're looking for, how much you're willing to spend, and where you want to go. Then check out the reviews, and pick somewhere to stay – all within the app.

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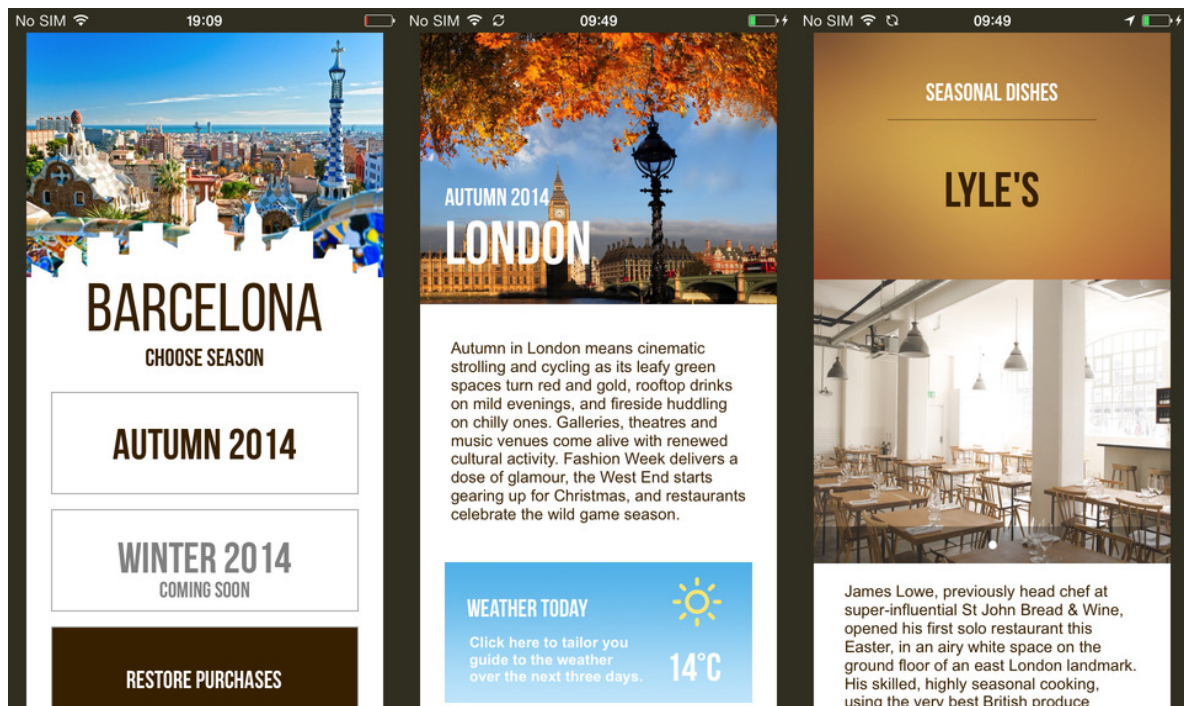
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City Maps 2Go (iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/city-maps-2go-pro-offline/id327783342?mt=8>), Android (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.ulmon.android.citymaps2go&hl=en>))

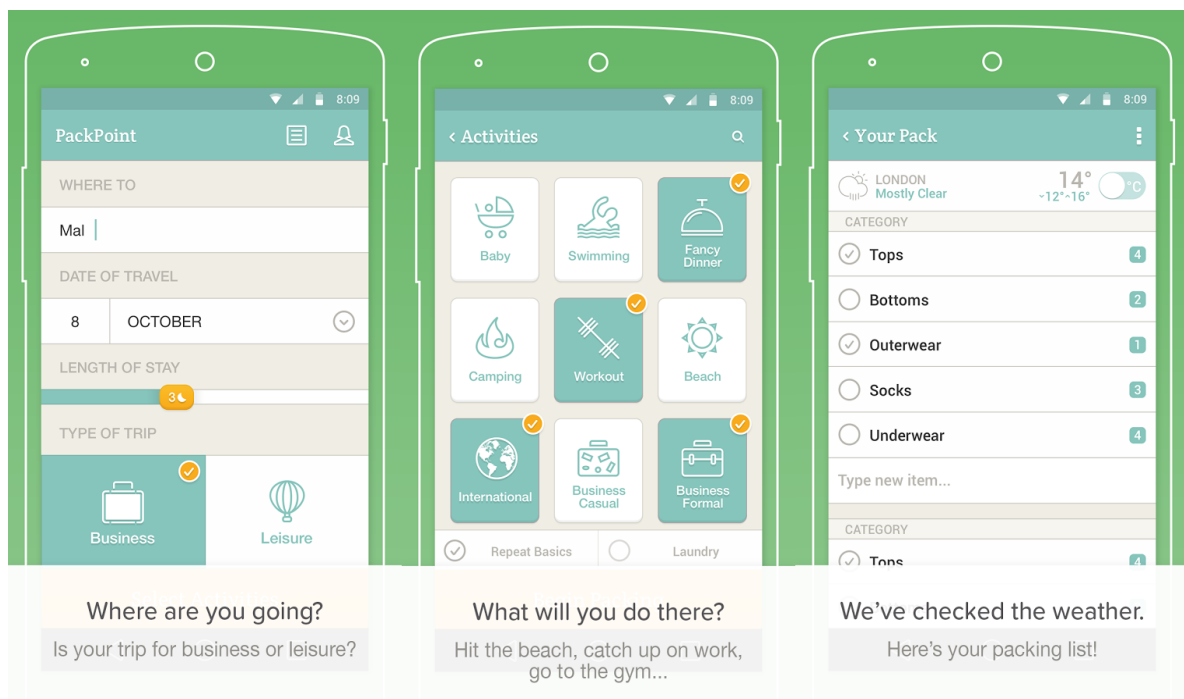
When you're abroad you can't really pop onto Google Maps to figure out where you are and where you're supposed to go, because that would cost an absolute fortune in roaming charges. City Maps is the perfect little travel app because it helps you navigate without the internet using its extensive selection of offline maps. All meaning you don't have to worry about figuring out where to go, or how to read a mapbook. There is also information on popular attractions, the local area, and even tools to plan your trip.



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Seasonal Cities (iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/seasonal-cities/id892365913?mt=8>))

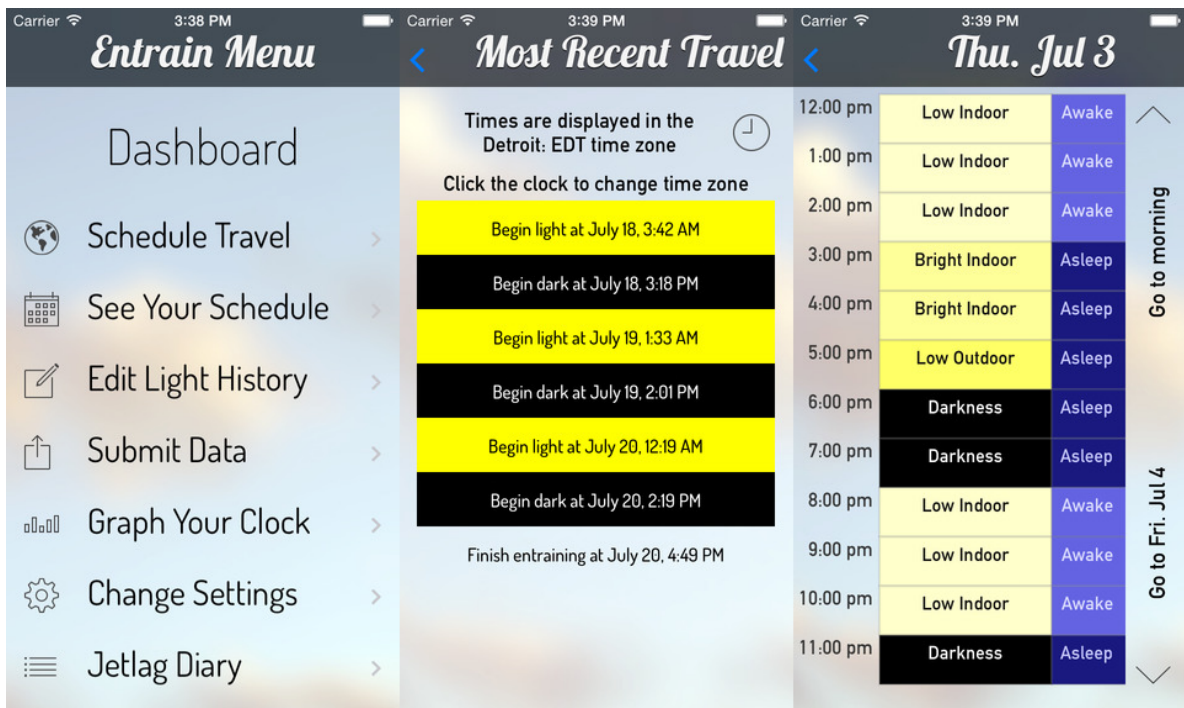
The thing about travel guides is that they're relatively absolute, whereas cities are constantly changing. Seasonal Cities gets around that by displaying guides for 11 different cities that updates every three months to correspond with a new season. The new content is specifically written by travel journalists who live in the cities in question, which is what you want really a guide written about someone who really knows what they're talking about. Plus you don't want to have your trip all planned out and then find out that some of your planned activities are suddenly unavailable.



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Packpoint (iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/packpoint-packing-list-travel/id896337401?mt=8>), Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.YRH.PackPoint&hl=en_GB))

One of the most important things to do before you head off on travelling adventures is to sort out your packing list. Rather than sorting it all out yourself, Packpoint takes away all the hard stuff and does it for you. All you have to do is tell it where and when you're going, how long you're going for, and any extra activities you plan on doing while you're there. Then, hey presto you've got yourself a personalised packing list that should suit your needs. Just in case you think there's too much, or too little, you can go ahead and alter that list in any way you see fit.



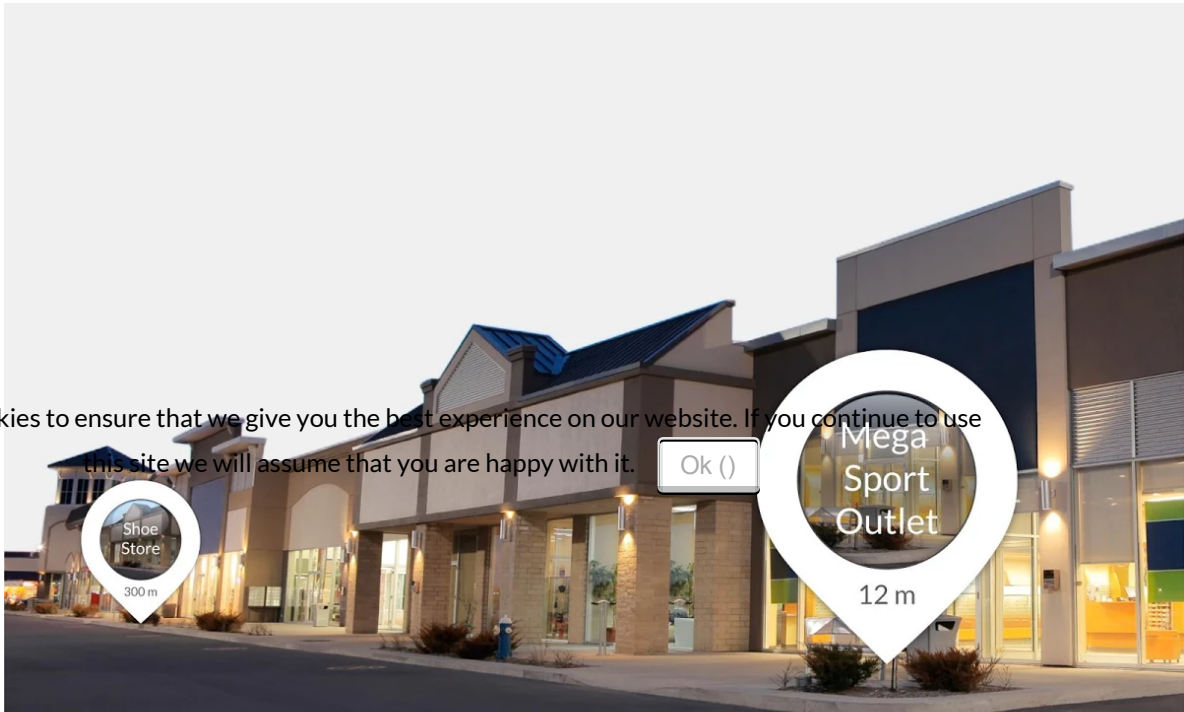
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Entrain (iOS)

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Jetlag is a nightmare, and for some it can take forever to recover from. Entrain simulates your own inner body clock on your phone and uses the magic of mathematics to help you adjust to any new timezones you will be coming across as easily and quickly as possible.

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Wikitude ([iOS](#))

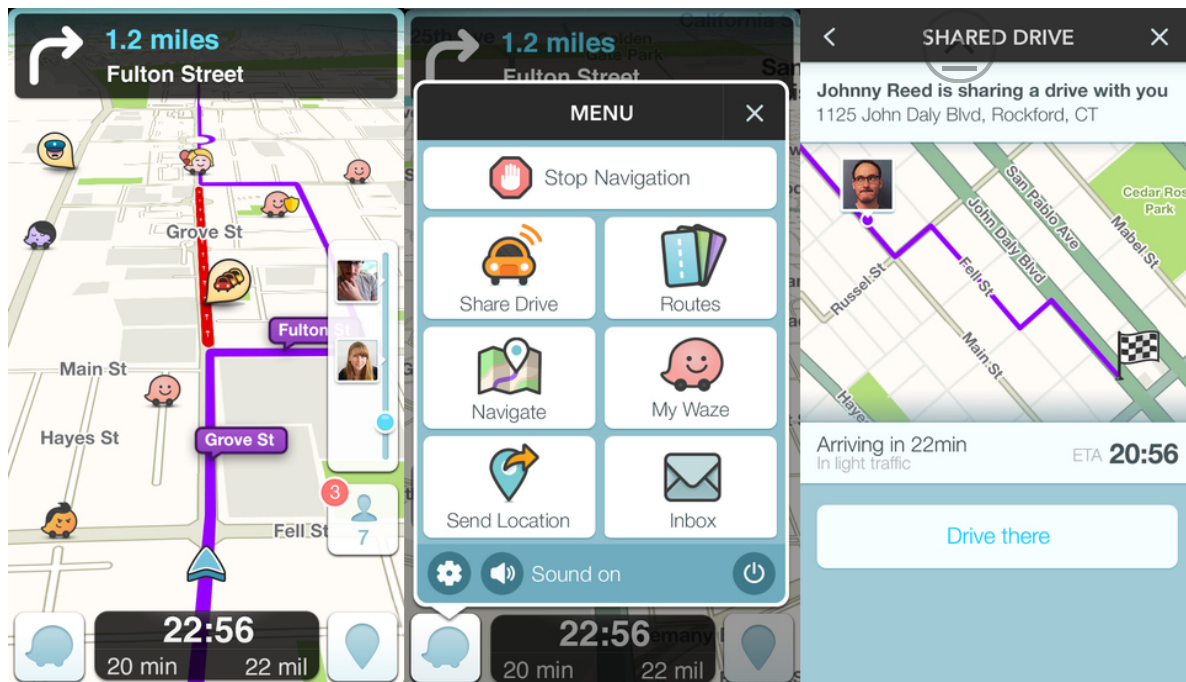
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If you're in a new place where everything is unfamiliar and exciting, you might want to know what every little thing is. The problem is you can't really do that very easily with something like a travel guide. Wikitude itself is an augmented reality app that has a feature that lets you scan places and provides you with the information you need on screen. There are plenty of other things it can scan, but in terms of your trip it is capable of scanning over 100

million places for you to enjoy. The only issue is that you need an internet connection for it to work, so maybe using it abroad isn't the best idea.

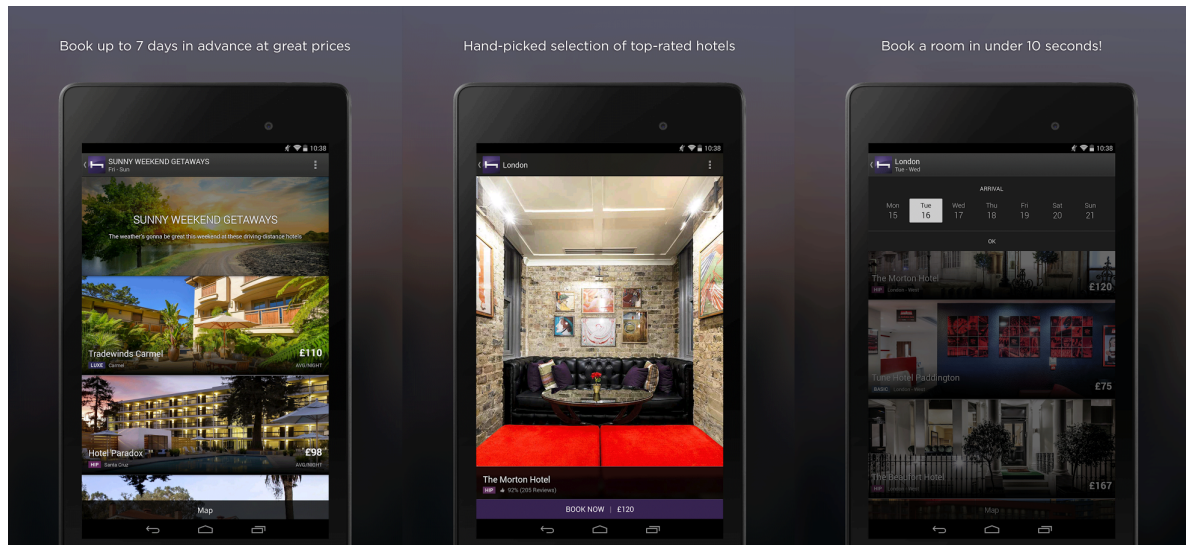


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Waze Social GPS (iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/waze-social-gps-maps-traffic/id323229106?mt=8>), Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.waze&hl=en_GB))

Being away means you don't really know the local areas that well, and if you're driving that can be an absolute nightmare. What roads are busy and when? Your standard in-car GPS probably doesn't know. Waze is a bit different because it's crowdsourced. In other words it's constantly collecting data about other users to work out whether or not the traffic is bad and what the roads are like. While most GPS apps have their set routes they want you to follow, they might take you down the busiest roads and leave you sitting in

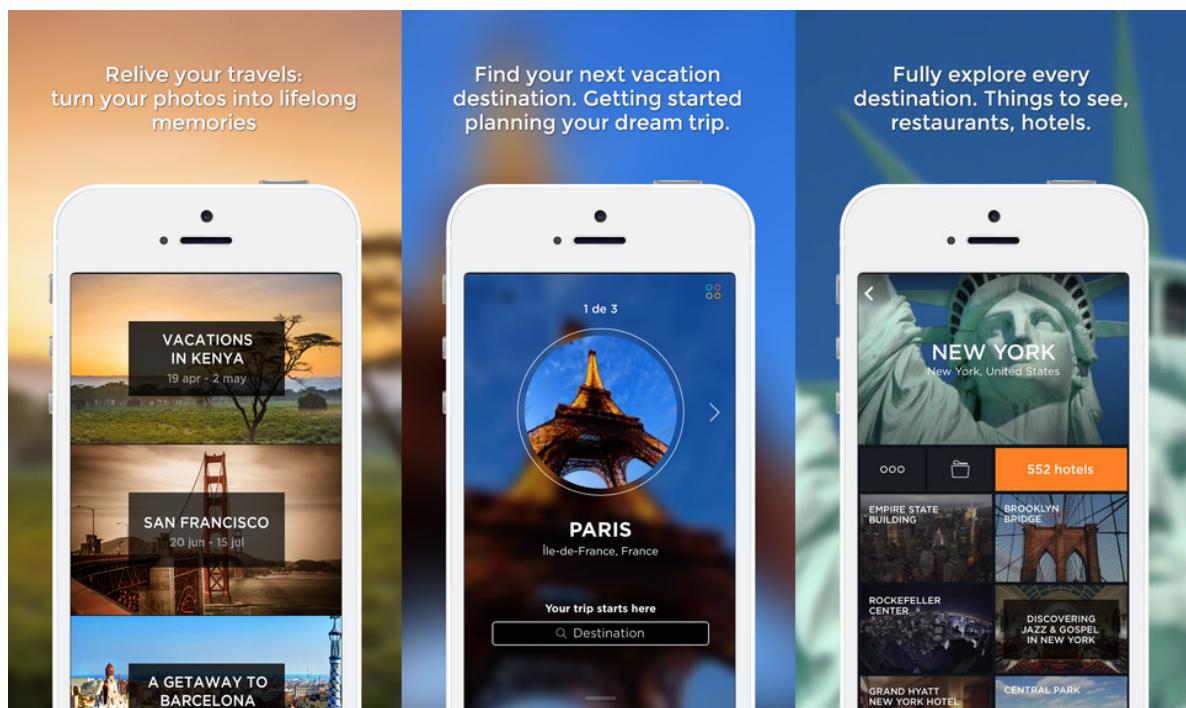
traffic for an obscene amount of time. Not Waze, it can't always send you down the quiet routes but it can do its very best to make sure you're not in your car longer than you have to be.



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Hotel Tonight (iOS (<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/hotel-tonight/id407690035?mt=8>), Android (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.hoteltonight.android.prod&hl=en_GB))

You can't always plan in advance, and sometimes mistakes are made. Whatever the reason, there are times when you end up needing a hotel for the night at the last minute, and this is an app that will help you find it. It's quick, it's easy, and you might even be able to get a last-minute discount at somewhere nice.



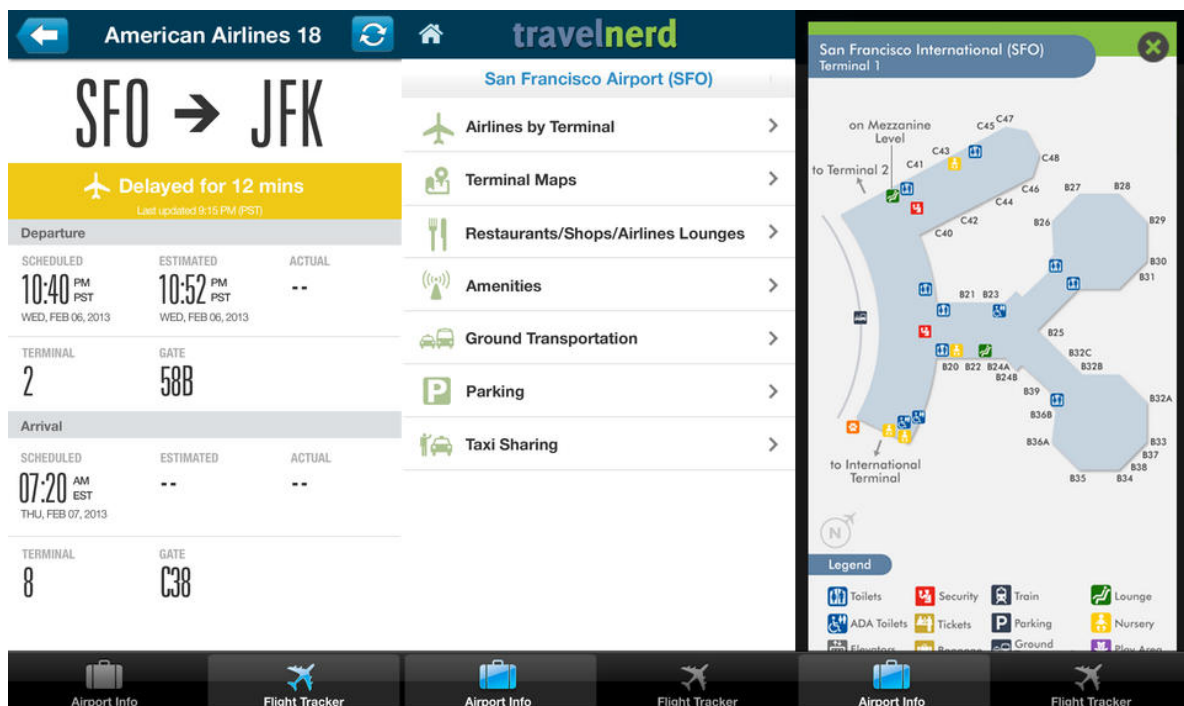
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Minube (iOS

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[Android \(https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.minube.app&hl=en\)](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.minube.app&hl=en))

Rather than helping you before or during your trip, Minube is there to help you in the post-travel period. If you've ever been on holiday then you're likely to have an awful lot of photos to sift through. Minube is all about organising those photos and help you re-live your trips once they're over. The app is able to identify where you've been and will tag your photos accordingly, from there you can add your own notes and comments before deciding whether you share them to the wider Minube community.



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Airports by TravelNerd (iOS)

<https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/airports-by-travelnerd/id578853409?mt=8>)

The airport is everyone's least favourite part of any trip, so why not do your research and make your time in one more enjoyable? Airports features comprehensive information on over 250 airports from around the world in order to help you navigate, save money, and telling you what services are available inside (Wi-Fi and whatnot).

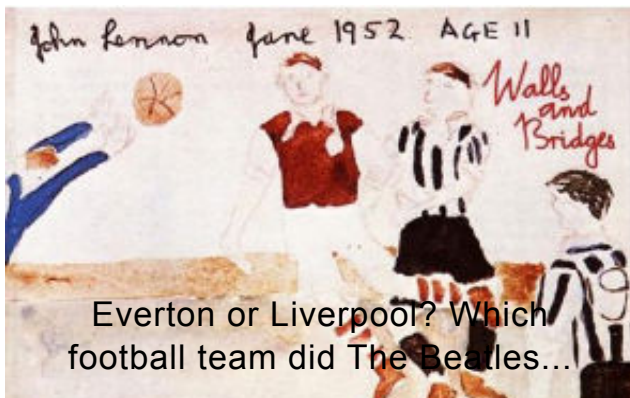
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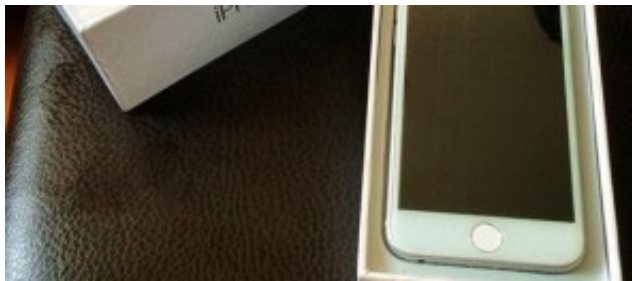


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