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## **City Guides Help Travelers Save Money, Avoid Hassles**

(NAPS)—A new series of city guides is going the distance in helping travelers save money and avoid hassles. The guides, to 50 cities nationwide, were created by Lodging.com and can be viewed at [travelguides.lodging.com](http://travelguides.lodging.com).

The guides reveal the best time to visit, average weather conditions, public transportation information, in-season costs, suggested day trips and more. The guides also include a list of hotels with discounted rates that are exclusive to Lodging.com users.

According to Managing Editor Wendy Maxey, the most popular new feature in the city guides is the lodging-by-location tool, which recommends hotels that offer true proximity to the attractions, business locations, or areas of the city the traveler wants to visit.

"If you have ever booked a hotel 'downtown' only to realize upon arriving that it will take a 30-minute cab ride to reach your 'downtown' appointment, then you will appreciate this feature," says Maxey. "It really allows travelers to find the most appropriate hotels for their needs."



**Want to know which hotel in Miami, San Francisco, or Washington, D.C. is nearest to where you want to visit? A new series of city guides can tell you.**

About half of all Americans use travel media to plan their vacations, according to a recent Travel Industry Report. Of those who used more than one medium, 26 percent found Web sites the most useful.

The 50 guides cover cities in 22 states and include popular and unique destinations such as Albuquerque, San Francisco, Seattle and Key West.

Lodging.com, which plans to expand the number of city guides even further, processes more than 2,000 hotel reservations per week. More information is available by visiting [travelguides.lodging.com](http://travelguides.lodging.com).