

Travel Itinerary for Visa Application

Resource List



Flight itinerary for visa application

1. Refundable flight ticket

- This is the safest and the fool proof option for flight itinerary.
- Refundable tickets are usually 5-10 times the sale price ticket.
- Always book refundable tickets directly from the airline's website.

2. Local travel agent

- This is the second best option.
- Travel agents can hold tickets for up to 7 days. They may charge a fee for their service.

3. Visa ticket booking websites

- These are online travel agents that can hold tickets for up to 7 days.
- Examples -
 - [Dream Euro Trip](#) (Fee €25.99)
 - [Flight Reservation for Visa](#) (Fee €25.99)
 - [Travel Visa Bookings](#) (Fee \$20)
 - [Travel Visa Guru](#) (Fee \$14)
 - [Visa Reservation](#) (Fee \$20)
 - [Schengen Visa Flight Reservation](#) (Fee \$15)

4. Free ticket hold option with award miles

- Some airlines offer to hold an award ticket for up to 5 days.

- You must be signed up for the airline's frequent flyer account and have a few thousand miles.
- Examples -
 - [American Airlines](#) (Hold up to 5 days using AAdvantage miles)

5. Free ticket hold option by airlines

- Some airlines offer the option to hold a reservation for up to 48 hours.
- Examples -
 - [Copa Airlines](#) (Free 48 hour hold option)
 - [American Airlines](#) (Free 24 hour hold option)
 - [United Airlines](#) (Free 24 hour hold option if pay in-person)
 - [Turkish Airlines](#) (Free 24 hour or more hold option)

6. Free ticket hold option by flight booking websites

- Some online flight ticket booking websites offer the option to hold reservations for up to 3 days
- Examples -
 - [Yatra.com](#) (Free 3 day hold option)
 - [Agent.ru](#) (Depends on the airline)

7. Paid ticket hold option by airlines

- Some airlines offer the option to hold reservations for a small fee.
- Examples -
 - [United Airline's Farelock](#) (3 day hold for \$6.99 and 7 day hold for \$8.99)
 - [Aeroflot's Deferred Payment](#) (2 day hold for \$17.40)

8. Email price quote/itinerary by airlines

- Some airlines provide an option to email a price quote or itinerary.
- This is not a reservation hold, but it does work for some visa applications such as UK.
- Examples -
 - [British Airways](#) Email Price Quote
 - [Qatar Airways](#) Email Price Quote

9. 24 hour ticket cancellation option by United, Expedia, etc

- Some airlines and online flight booking websites have a 24 hour ticket cancellation policy.
- Examples -
 - [United Airlines](#) (24 hour flexible booking policy)
 - [Expedia](#) (24 hour cancellation policy)
 - [Priceline](#) (24 hour cancellation policy)
 - [Orbitz](#) (24 hour cancellation policy)
 - [Travelocity](#) (24 hour cancellation policy)

10. Onward ticket booking websites

- These are onward ticket booking websites that promise a booked flight ticket valid for up to 48 hours.
- Examples -
 - [Flyonward](#) (24 hours valid ticket for \$9.99) (As of August 2017, they seem to be shutdown)
 - [OnwardFlights](#) (24 hours valid ticket for \$7)
 - [BestOnwardticket](#) (48 hours valid ticket for \$12)
 - [ReturnFlights](#) (Free service, downloadable photoshopped fake tickets)

11. Purchasing non-refundable flight ticket

- I suggest this option only if you are 100% certain that your visa will be approved.

Hotel itinerary for visa application

12. Refundable or pay at check-in option

- These options sometime do not even require credit card information.
- Make a note of when the booking needs to be cancelled.

- Examples –
 - [Booking.com](#)
 - [Expedia](#)

13. Pay deposit option

- Some booking sites let you hold a reservation by paying a small deposit upfront.
- Examples –
 - [HostelWorld](#) – You pay 20% of the booking as non-refundable deposit.

14. Non-refundable hotel/hostel

- Book a non-refundable hotel/hostel only if you are 100% certain that your visa application will be approved.

For more detailed information on ways to get a travel itinerary for visa application, check out the blog post [14 ways to get a travel itinerary for visa application](#).