

Plan Your Next Vacation Online

(NAPSA)—For the many reasons you need a vacation, planning a well-deserved trip can seem like an arduous task. Between travel agents' mounting fees and time-consuming phone calls, it's often easier to simply book a vacation online in your own time. But how do you get started?

- **Start your vacation by searching the Web.** Search engines such as Ask Jeeves (www.Ask.com) are great places to start planning a vacation. By simply typing keywords, such as "travel deals" or "book a hotel," into the search box, you can find travel deals to suit your needs.

- **Find great deals by comparing prices and packages.** The Internet is a great resource for comparison shopping. Just because you found a hotel at an affordable price on one site doesn't mean the price isn't even better on another. Use your favorite search engine to help you find the Web's best travel deals.

- **Before purchasing tickets online, be sure the site is secure.** Before providing your credit card information, be sure the site you're on is secure. A site is secure when a lock appears in



Browsing the Web can be a great way to find deals on airfare, hotel and vacation packages.

the lower right side of the computer screen and the Web address begins with <https://> rather than <http://>.

- **Receive confirmation of booked travel.** Once you've made the purchase, keep a record of all confirmation information, such as the airline record locator number and the car rental pickup information. Print the confirmation pages that appear after you have completed your online reservation.

By following these simple steps, you can be on your way to a relaxing and enjoyable vacation in the click of a mouse.