

Holiday Fraud



Most people today book their holiday online end-to-end – hotel, flight tickets, car, excursions, shows and concerts, museums, etc. You too are probably an e-tourist. As e-tourism has become big business, the scamming of online tourist-related bookings has become a significant area.

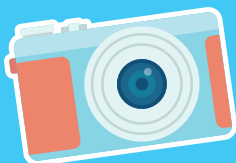
Use a reverse image search engine e.g. tineye.com to check accommodation images.

Take note of the following tips so that you protect yourself:



Scammers ask for direct bank transfers away from website.

If you are booking an accommodation try and call the owner of the property you shall be visiting.



The scammers' advert may state that they belong to a trade body or a consumer protection scheme of the country you are thinking of visiting. Contact the body or scheme to check the credentials



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