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USA app guide

INTRO

Telaway presents the ultimate iPhone app guide for your trip to America. We have over 15 years of experience not only in the world of mobile telecommunications, but also within the travel industry, putting us in the perfect position to recommend **the very best apps** currently available. These apps are perfect for anybody planning a trip to the United States. **We'd like to make your travel easier and more fun, and these apps can do that for you!**

The use of apps on all kinds of smartphones has boomed in recent years and indeed many new apps seem to appear almost on a daily or weekly basis. That mass of applications can be confusing for those people just looking for something that will make their life a lot easier. The good news is that our guide does all of the hard work for you as our staff have spent countless hours researching the hundreds of apps that may, or may not, help you when it comes to going on holiday. The result? An guide that details the iPhone apps that we KNOW are best designed to help you travel with your smartphone. These apps really do not take up much space on your phone, but our staff believe that they will be invaluable at various times. You won't go wrong with these apps in your arsenal when you are visiting the US.

The need to ask some stranger for advice or searching for tourist information point is now long gone, and so are any doubts about the information that they have provided you with. Leave the stress at home and download these great apps!

Bon Voyage,

The TelAway Team

Disclaimer: TelAway is providing this list as a resource and is not responsible for the content or functionality of any of the below applications. Apps change quickly - please read the latest release notes for each application before installing.

MUST HAVE



WIKITUDE [download wikitude](#)

Wikitude is not only incredibly useful – it's just so COOL! We believe you will absolutely love it. After downloading the app, use the camera on your smartphone and get information on a whole host of places sent directly to your phone. This app is also going to then show you various deals, special offers, coupons, reviews and a lot more things connected to shopping, eating, entertainment, and just general places of interest. This app is going to keep you entertained for hours (if not days!) and by using it you will be able to learn all kinds of things about the city you are currently in and will get information sent to you instantly saving you having to ask various people what that building in front of you actually represents. This app is free, but the information it can offer you means it is worth its weight in gold and it is for that reason alone that we have included it in our guide.

YELP [download yelp](#)



You may already be familiar with the Yelp website online as it is full of different reviews for all kinds of businesses in cities across the United States, so having their app installed on your smartphone also makes perfect sense. This app makes searching for businesses very easy indeed and you can also go ahead and make reservations for tables at restaurants without leaving the app or pick up tips on places you should check out by people that have already done so. Finally, it also allows you to then call the different businesses direct from your phone in order to get more information and it does all of this via an extremely easy to understand interface.

TRANSPORTATION

CAR RENTALS [download CarRentals](#)



The CarRentals.com app is going to make life so much easier for you should you wish to hire a car and drive yourself around the US. This app searches through over 30 major car rental companies based in America with offices near where you are staying, and gives you completely unbiased quotes on renting a car for the dates you have specified. What this app will also do is show you the cheapest quote and then provide you with a map to let you see where all of the companies are located according to your current position, and even give you directions on how to get there. The app will also then allow you to create your very own driver profile, speeding up your booking! Overall it just makes renting a car so much easier than before.



FLIGHT HERO PRO [download flighthero](#)

Unless you are sailing to the US from the UK, then this particular app really will end up proving to be quite useful. What you get with this app is all of the information that you will ever need about flights including arrivals and departure times, flight status, information on over 5000 airports in the US and over 1500 different airlines, traffic delays getting to the airport, weather delays, and even plans of the terminals to let you see where you need to go. Having all of this information is clearly going to make it easier and less stressful for you as you will no longer have to turn up to the airport in a blind panic, unsure as to whether or not everything will go smoothly. This app does come with both a free and paid version, but to be honest we believe that the paid version is well worth the money and is something that you should consider downloading.



MOOVIT [download Moovit](#)

Moovit is an app that provides you with information on public transport and if you want to move around a city, then this particular app is going to save you a lot of stress as all of the information that you are going to need will be there on your smartphone at all times. This app is pretty amazing as it does provide you with up-to-the minute information about the different routes that are not only available, but also the quietest and the quickest ones that you should jump onto in order to get to your destination. This app works with the busiest cities in the US and it offers you a live map to consult and check schedules from all of the main stations in that city. There is also the ability to use it on the move where it offers you advice on what to do next depending on your location in order to avoid the crowds. Overall there is no doubt this is an app you are going to just love.



WAZE [download Waze](#)

Waze is a community-based navigational app for drivers that should make it quite difficult to get lost, even when you are in an entirely new and strange city. However there is a bit more to it than just showing you how to get from point A to point B. You can get up to the minute information on roads you should avoid due to police, accidents, or just heavy traffic, and of course the less time you spend in traffic, then the less gas you use up as you sit there not moving. This app also offers you voice-guided navigation to allow you to get to your destination as quickly as possible. One of the best parts about it is its ability to change your route to an even better one depending on what is going on with the roads in your area. This app is also very intelligent as it will learn the routes that you drive on a regular basis and offer you advice on how to shorten the journey time as well as even point out the cheapest filling stations in the area in order to help save you some money.



GOOGLE MAPS [download google maps](#)

By installing Google Maps you will never need to own a paper map ever again as you will be able to get directions for every place in the United States via your smartphone. This map will offer you directions no matter the mode of transport you are using, even if you are walking or using public transportation, and it will also provide you with a voice guided option to offer you directions even while you are driving. This particular app will also provide you with live traffic information to help you to avoid congestion and there are also links to reviews of local businesses that you may wish to consider checking out when you are in the area. If you have ever used, or even seen a link to, Google Maps on your computer, then using this app will be very easy and of course you will already know how useful it will be and how good an addition it is to your smartphone.

TOURING



AUDIO GUIDIA [download Audio Guidia](#)

Prepare to be blown away by this app. By downloading it you will never need another tour guide ever again thanks to the information that this single app is able to provide you with no matter the town or city that you are visiting in the United States. What this app does is that it gives you access to over 350,000 different articles that are linked to Wikipedia on various places of interest such as monuments, tourist locations, parks, and a whole host of other things that you may wish to explore when you are visiting the US. The information that you will then have sent directly to your phone will be more than enough to then decide if it is somewhere that you should check out and we feel that you should seriously consider downloading it before you even travel in order to start planning your entire trip.

FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT



OPEN TABLE [download OpenTable](#)

By downloading and installing OpenTable you will be making life so much easier when it comes to finding and then making a reservation at a good restaurant no matter the town or city that you are currently visiting. What OpenTable offers you is the chance to search not only by a particular name of a restaurant, but also to just see the different places that are open within a set distance from your current location. The latest version also includes reviews from other diners that have already used this particular app.



METRO ME [download MetroMe](#)

MetroMe turns your smartphone into your own personal concierge that is capable of offering you advice and recommendations on a whole host of things according to your own personal preferences. This particular app works on any city in the US and it focuses on certain key areas such as offering tips on the best events in the city, the best dining available, nightlife, sports, VIP events, recommendations on places to stay and several other things that the traveler really should know about. Basically what MetroMe does is it acts as an events tour guide and it means you no longer have to ask people or go to the tourist information people in order to get this information as you can simply sit in your hotel room and let your smartphone do all of the work.

TKTS [download TKTS](#)



Tkts is an app that you really should have on your smartphone if your trip to the US is going to result in you staying in New York City. What Tkts does is it allows you to check out the various Broadway shows that are currently being performed and it will then allow you to go ahead and book a ticket to allow you to say that you have actually been to what has to be the most famous theatre area anywhere in the world. The problem with Broadway is that there is always so much going on, but Tkts makes life so much easier as it will tell you more about each show to allow you to decide if something really is for you. However, the best part has to be that you can pick up top class tickets for up to 50% off the normal price via this app although those tickets are on a first come first served basis so you have to get in quick.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS.COM [download hotels.com](#)



As the name suggests, this is the official app for the huge online website Hotels.com and there is no doubt that if you are trying to get your own place to stay, rather than allowing a travel agent to do it for you, then this app really can help you out. This app really is massive as it taps into their website and this alone offers you the chance to book a room in 150,000 hotels in over 200 countries and this does not even include the fact that you can choose from thousands of late deals that will save you money without having a negative impact on the quality of the hotel that you find yourself staying at. Apart from booking a room, this app is also going to allow you to read various user reviews just to help you to avoid those places that may sound good, but are let down by their poor customer service. The search facility is also very easy to use as you can enter your desired price range, location, and the dates just as you would do if searching their website via your computer and the Hotels.com app will then present you with the information in a well laid out manner to allow you to go ahead and make your selection.



HOTEL TONIGHT [download hotel tonight](#)

The Hotel Tonight app is the ideal solution for those people that like to take advantage of last minute deals in order to save money whilst still having a place to stay and it works brilliantly for hotels in the United States. It is worth mentioning that this app does not just include every single hotel that is in a city, but instead they limit the numbers to allow them to get you the best deals possible at hotels that are desperate for your business and the result of this is you getting a bigger saving than you would get elsewhere.



HOLIDAY HOME [download Holiday Home Vacation Rentals](#)

The Holiday Home Vacation Rentals app is the ideal solution for anybody that would like to get away from staying in a hotel and prefer to rent a home in the city of their choosing. What this app does is it allows you to search through a whole host of vacation rentals that meet your specifications, but perhaps the best part is that it lets you deal directly with the owner rather than a rental company and this can often lead to you making some substantial savings that would have otherwise been swallowed up by a third party.

SHOPPING



FAST MALL [download FastMall](#)

The Fast Mall app is something that will prove to be rather useful if you love hitting the large malls that are in every town and city in the United States, but have no idea as to how you get around them. What this app does is it offers you a mall map that you can download and navigate around in order to stop you getting lost. This particular app is not fancy and nor does it do a whole host of other things as it merely focuses on providing maps that are easy to search for and easy to use and it has to be said that it does this surprisingly well.



SHOP SAVVY [download ShopSavvy](#)

When you love shopping, and especially when you are in a new country where you are unsure about the prices, it does pay you to have an app that will let you know if the price you are about to pay is the best one available or if you are going to save money by going elsewhere. ShopSavvy is an app that focuses on the barcode and all you need to do is to scan the code with your smartphone and the app will then show you a list of prices that are available both offline as well as online with it then allowing you to see if you really are getting a good deal.



MOBILE COUPONS [download Mobile Coupons](#)

Everybody loves to save money, but of course when you are new to a city it does make it that bit harder to find those money saving coupons and to know if you are getting a bargain or paying far too much in the first place, but with the Mobile Coupons app this problem will become a thing of the past. What this app does is it presents you with a whole host of coupons for all of the major stores that you will find in the US and the savings that can be made by using them really are quite substantial, but this is not even the best part of the app. The best part, or we believe the coolest part anyway, is that it pops up onto your smartphone as soon as you reach the mall.

USEFUL APPS



ACCUWEATHER [download Accuweather](#)

This app offers you the chance to have alerts about serious weather conditions in the US, it offers you radar shots for all of North America, gives you daily weather reports for your location as well as a 15 day forecast that is updated every 15 minutes, a status bar appears on your home screen telling you the conditions this very minute, you can customize it to focus on conditions that may affect what you plan on doing next, and overall it is a rather involved and comprehensive weather app. You will find it easier to plan your day thanks to the detailed information that this app provides you with.



CONVERTER PLUS [download ConverterPlus](#)

ConvertPlus is extremely useful especially when you consider you are traveling to a country whereby you know very little about measurements and even how much things cost thanks to you using a completely different currency. If you have visited another country before you had your smartphone, then you will have probably spent quite a lot of time trying to do some quick mental maths in order to get a rough idea of how it would all work out back home, but thanks to ConvertPlus those days are now over.



TRIP IT [download TriptIt](#)

TriptIt offers you the chance to make your trip that bit less stressful by simply organizing all of the different important dates and times and all you need to do is to forward the details to the app whenever you book something and it will do everything else on your behalf. The result of this is that you will then be able to view your travel plans on the one screen, will see where you are supposed to be at certain times, and you can then share those plans with other people should you wish to do so. There is no doubt that TriptIt does take away so much of the stress of going abroad and considering all you have to do is to forward snippets of information, then there really is no need to have any other kind of travel organizer on your smartphone.



EYEWATCH [download EyeWatch](#)

This app is designed to just give you some peace of mind about your personal security when you are visiting a brand new country or city. Basically, what this app does is that it sits there on your phone and you are able to set up a number of people that are classed as being trusted contacts who will then be alerted should something happen to you and you manage to trigger the alarm that is built into the app. The best thing about this app is that the person attacking you, or putting you in fear of your safety, has no idea that you have alerted people to you being in trouble and as soon as you do trigger everything it will automatically start to track you even if GPS is not working and you are in a building. This kind of app works extremely well and it is certainly something that will give you better peace of mind when you are in a strange country.



GOOGLE TRANSLATE [download Google Translate](#)

You won't feel completely lost at your destination if you have access to Google Translate. You can either type into a word box or use the speaking option to translate a phrase. You can translate 80 languages in text and hear 23 languages worth of converted phrases.

Translate 80 languages

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- directly translate speech and handwriting
- Star your favorite translations for quick access even when you're offline
- View dictionary results for single words or phrases

(Cost: free; for Android and iPhone/iPad)



OANDA CURRENCY CONVERTER [download oanda](#)

Convert amounts for over 190 currencies and four metals. Keep frequently used currencies on quick access, and use a big-button keypad to quickly enter conversion amounts. Specify Interbank rates, or use a percentage add-on to better predict the actual rate charged by your bank or credit card company—you will see both bid and ask rates.

This free converter uses OANDA Rate® data, the daily filtered rates used by corporations, tax authorities, auditing firms, and financial institutions.

Oanda uses an easy interface that gives you access to daily filtered rates. Besides that, you can use the Interbank rates, which are seldom available to the general public.

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