



Accessible Travel Resources – U.S. and International

An Easter Seals Project ACTION Quick Reference Sheet

When making travel plans within the United States or abroad it is helpful to know the level of accessibility one can expect, as well as information about the types of services that will be available in different cities and countries. The following resources include databases, publications, organizations, and travel tips to make traveling easier and more accessible.

Because of the ever-increasing number of publications, web sites, and resources on accessible travel this resource guide can only present a sampling of available resources. We hope it will be a helpful starting point and will be glad to provide additional information upon request. Please advise us if you find that contact information or Web links have changed.

Web Sites, Online Resources and Databases:

- **Access-able** has a database of international travel information, a free email newsletter, and a Web site with information regarding travel with disabilities, mature travel, accessible cruise lines, access guides, wheelchair travel, scooter rental, and accessible transportation.
<http://www.access-able.com/>
- **Access to Travel**, a travel resource sponsored by the Canadian government, provides information on accessible transportation and travel across Canada with the aim of making traveling an easier and more enjoyable experience for Canadians with disabilities.
<http://www.accesstotravel.gc.ca/main-e.asp>
- **Disability Travel and Recreation Resources** is a Web site of organized links to travel information. Topics include: travel planning; travel companions; information on services at different destinations; air travel; and traveling for children. The list concludes with a list of reference books that may be consulted.
<http://www.makoa.org/travel.htm>
- **Easter Seals Project ACTION's National Accessible Traveler's Database** is a comprehensive database of accessible transit services in the United States that has information on accessible tours, accessible airport shuttles, public transit operators, accessible van rentals, and accessible taxi services. The database also includes detailed information on services, fares, and how to make a reservation.
<http://www.projectaction.org>
- **Global Access Disabled Travel Network** enables travelers with disabilities to share their experiences, and also provides information on travel to destinations all over the globe. Global Access offers a free e-mail newsletter and offers links to useful resources.
<http://www.geocities.com/Paris/1502/>
- **iCan.com's Travel Web Page** is part of the iCan online web community: a one-stop resource for information, guidance, conversation and companionship for people with disabilities. The Travel page includes information on destinations, travel modes, travel tips and tools, a section of FAQs, and articles on current issues such as airport security.
<http://www.icanonline.net/channels/travel/>



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Discussion Lists:

- **TRAVABLE e-mail List** - The TRAVABLE mailing list was formed to discuss all aspects of travel for people with disabilities. It is open to the disabled community, and their families, and people in the travel industry. Topics of discussion on this list include: sharing travel experiences; passing along any useful information about accessible travel; and sharing ideas on how to make travel better for people with disabilities.
<http://maelstrom.stjohns.edu/CGI/wa.exe?SUBED1=travable&A=1>

Publications:

- **Emerging Horizons** is a consumer-oriented magazine about accessible travel. Their primary focus is on travel for people with mobility disabilities - everybody from wheelchair-users to slow walkers. Their newsletter includes access information, resources, news and travel tips and is available in print and on line.
<http://emerginghorizons.com/Horizons/>
- **New Horizons: Information for the Air Traveler with a Disability** – published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, this online guide is designed to offer travelers with disabilities a brief but authoritative source of information about the Air Carrier Access rules: the accommodations, facilities, and services that are now required to be available. It also describes features required by other regulations designed to make air travel more accessible.
<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/horizons.htm>

Organizations to Contact:

- **Access Exchange International** -- This U.S. based group has published a newsletter summarizing its efforts since 1991 to increase accessible transportation around the world. AEI provides technical information and papers to workshops on accessible transport in several countries. Its key publication, *Mobility for All: Accessible Transportation Around the World*, is now available in many languages.
<http://www.independentliving.org/mobility> Details via email: globalride-sf@att.net
- **Society for Accessible Travel & Hospitality (SATH)** is a non-profit educational organization that has actively represented travelers with disabilities since 1976. SATH's mission is to promote accessibility for disabled and mature travelers and employment for persons with disabilities in the tourism industry. The SATH Web site includes a wealth of information for travelers with disabilities, including online publications, information on travel agencies and tour groups, and links to other valuable resources.
<http://sath.org/>

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