

Social-networking and travel blog site TravBuddy.com partners with HotelsCombined.com for hotels

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TravBuddy successfully integrates a hotel search engine using HotelsCombined's API



TravBuddy.com, a social-networking site for travelers and hotel-meta search engine HotelsCombined.com, today announced a partnership to launch a new hotel search service for the Travbuddy.com website.

Through this partnership, TravBuddy users will be able to:

Conveniently search multiple hotel reservation websites simultaneously from a single location

Compare prices and availability from all major accommodation providers, on the same screen, to find the lowest rates

Search over 700 000 global hotel deals and access over 1.5m consumer reviews, 3m hotel images, 2m hotel descriptions and advanced mapping functions

The search functionality can be found on the TravBuddy.com homepage -

<http://www.travbuddy.com>

'The hotel price comparison functionality provided by HotelsCombined.com has already been a big hit with our community of travel savvy members,' said Eric Bjorndahl, CEO of TravBuddy.com. 'The HotelsCombined.com team worked closely with us on providing an integrated solution, and we are incredibly happy with the results'.

'We are proud to partner with TravBuddy.com, a community of travel enthusiasts. This is a wonderful opportunity to combine TravBuddy's comprehensive travel content with HotelsCombined's powerful hotel search tool,' said Yury Shar, Director of HotelsCombined.com. 'We are pleased that TravBuddy users can now take advantage of our sophisticated meta-searching capabilities, empowering them to find the best hotel deals. Through our partnership, TravBuddy users will be able to improve the way they research, plan and shop for accommodation to save time and money'.

TravBuddy's integration of the booking engine was successfully completed via HotelsCombined's web services API, and provides full customization of the powerful technology. This integration marks the first stage of the partnership between the two websites with plans by HotelsCombined.com to incorporate and publish TravBuddy's top-rated travel blogs.

This integration is in line with both companies' vision of creating an open platform for travel content and technology, and in fostering co-operation between travel businesses to improve user functionality and the consumer experience.

About TravBuddy:

TravBuddy is a rapidly growing online travel community with over 1.2 million members, 500,000 travel photos, and tens of thousands of travel reviews and travel blogs. TravBuddy helps people share hotel reviews and travel advice, find travel partners, and blog about travel experiences. In contrast to a traditional travel guide book, TravBuddy harnesses the collective intelligence of its members to provide useful travel planning information. It was started by two brothers, Eric and David Bjorndahl, in 2005. For more information, please visit <http://www.travbuddy.com>.

About HotelsCombined.com:

HotelsCombined.com is the most comprehensive hotel search and comparison engine with over 700 000 global hotel deals from over 30 merchants, and millions of consumer reviews, hotel images and hotel descriptions. HotelsCombined.com compares prices from all major hotel reservation websites such as ActiveHotels.com, AsiaRooms.com, Booking.com, Cheaptickets.com, Gtahotels.com, HotelClub.com, Hotwire.com, OctopusTravel.com, Venere.com, Opodo.com and others to find the user the lowest rates, and redirects the user to the suppliers' website to book directly. The site searches all major accommodation websites in real-time ensuring up-to-the minute pricing and availability. HotelsCombined was founded in 2005 by former directors of popular hotel websites HotelClub.com and RatesToGo.com. For more information, visit <http://www.hotelscombined.com>.

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