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## App that answers questions for you

I get a surprising number of questions that either (1) I can't answer without knowing far more detail than the reader gives, (2) the reader can answer as easily as I can, or (3) involves asking SmarterTravel.com to do something we don't. Below are answers to frequently asked questions. Reading the answers before asking one of these questions will save you time and help you find the answer on your own. Where should we go? I need a 600-page book or an all-day discussion to answer this question in any kind of useful way. To be of any help at all, I must first know quite a bit about you: what kind of family or group you have, what your interests are, how much time you have, what budget goals or limitations are, whether you want luxury or simplicity, whether you prefer bright light or loneliness, what kind of activities interest you, what kind of climate you prefer, whether your grandson or your dog will go with you, and beyond, and beyond. Surprisingly, some readers who ask where to go don't even say where they live and will begin their turn. Sorry, guys, the only way I can help is when you submit questions that are much more specific. If you are completely unsure of what you want to do, my best recommendations are that you (1) read many travel publications, (2) log on to many destination sites, and (3) find a good travel agency that is skilled in dealing with questions like this. When are we going to visit? As with where the question depends, the best time depends on the question of how to define the best time: lowest prices, minimum crowds, the widest range of activities, warmest/coldest/driest/wettest climate, and beyond, and beyond. From a cost point of view, the answer is almost always in the off-season, but that may not be what you really want. What is the price? I'm probably getting this more than anyone else, and it's a little surprising. If you get as far as AskEd & AnswerEd, you're obviously already on SmarterTravel.com. And right there, on our bright new website, top right, is our own fare-search gateway; you can search for flights, hotels, car rentals, vacation and cruise prices. If you don't like our search system, there are dozens of others. Do not think we have secret ways to get on plane tickets inaccessible to you; We don't. We have to go through the same kind of search you do. If you ask for a trip that the regular US-based search engines don't handle, is a good place to try ETN, where you can submit a trip anywhere in the world and get ticket agents to respond with their best deals. And if you start your trip in another country, you are best to find a local discount travel agency, online or offline, in that country. Can you arrange the trip/sell me a ticket? No. SmarterTravel.com do not arrange tours or sell tickets. Any tickets. If you're only looking for schedule information, scroll to the top right corner to Travel Tools, where one of the options on the is Flight Times. Other Other includes a hotel finder and links to vendors who sell all types of travel. What are the requirements? Quite a few readers ask about different requirements and limitations, especially about air travel, but also about travel documents. You can answer almost all of these questions by simply googling the question. Here are places to look for some of your most common questions: Baggage restrictions: Each airline describes its online baggage policies. Just log in to the airline's website and look for a link to baggage. If you don't see it in a drop-down menu, go to site search or sitemap. (By the way, when applying, the official term is baggage, not baggage. Baggage is what you buy in a store; when you put your things in it and take it for a ride, it becomes baggage.) Permitted items in carry-on baggage: The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) maintains a list of locations and not for carry-on baggage. Passport and visa requirements: The State Department's travel information website has a button for information about foreign travel by U.S. citizens and another for detailed passport information. The information button leads to detailed lists of visa requirements to enter any country in the world. Is it safe to visit? No one can answer whether you want to be safe visiting any foreign country - or anywhere in the United States, for that matter. However, the Foreign Office is preparing a comprehensive data bank on world countries, including warnings about places to avoid and more general information about what visitors can expect. Click Travel Warnings from the State Department travel site for information on hot trouble spots, and Consular Information Sheets for other locations. Where should I complain? Most travel providers provide an address for complaints, or at least a contact us address, somewhere on their website. You can find them easily. And you can forget to make a big fuss by sending a registered, return receipt letter or Express Mail to the CEO - it will end up in the same complaints office. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) makes it even easier to let the airline's complaints know. The website displays the current name, snail address, phone and email address for complaint offices of all major U.S. airlines. If you want, you can file a complaint with dot. And DOT also provides comprehensive information about the rights you do and don't have as air travelers. Life is filled with deep, complicated questions, and you don't learn any of the answers during your scholastic education. Enter the School of Life app on iOS, where you can watch insightful videos, have intelligent conversations, and hopefully find some answers. Humans are complicated. Sometimes we do things that make zero sense, but still seem perfect ... Read more: I am a big fan of The School of Life and we have covered many of their excellent YouTube videos before. Everything from why we get angry with our partners to using envy a productive tool for why people make us feel uncomfortable. That's a good thing, and now you can find everything in one place. But The School of Life app is more than just a collection of videos. It also has many articles to read from The Book of Life, which is their written content, and serves as a social network of sorts. Using the app, you can meet other people who are interested in having deep, intellectual conversation about all aspects of emotional intelligence, philosophy, psychology, sociology, political theory and the meaning of life itself. You can even set up your profile based on your interests, and then search for other like-minded people in your area to chat with. You can download the app at the link below. School of Life | iOS App StoreG/O Media can get a commission Q: I own a '92 Nissan Sentra SE with 1.6-liter/110-horsepower engine, automatic transmission, and air conditioning. I plan to install additional light that requires a 95-amp dynamo. Since my current dynamo only produces 70 amps, where do I find the extra 25 amps?-Martin A. GlennChapel Hill, N.C.A: As far as I know, it is not possible to hot rod your dynamo for the extra 25 amps. However, there are aftermarket alternators with the necessary reinforcements for the program that can be installed in Nissan. Find someone who specializes in automotive electronics; This is a great job and should only be attempted by an experienced technician. V-belt adjustment and cord compatibility are essential. You will certainly find the extra amplifiers, but don't be surprised if it's costly. Q: I own an '89 Dodge Shadow with 109,000 miles that has been in two front-end accidents. The steering wheel must be kept noticeably outside the middle to drive straight. I was told that the frame of the car needs to be adjusted, but it's an expensive job. Marc BaycamDearborn Heights, Mich.A: A car like yours, with a unibody construction, must be put on a frame-straightening machine to check for damage that could cause the steering problem. If an insurance company paid to repair your car, they can also pay to check your car on a frame machine. If it has had any steering wheel damage, such as to a tie-rod end or other related coupling, the steering wheel may not have been centered after front-end adjustment. Centering a steering wheel is a small adjustment. Q: I have a '92 Lexus LS 400, and I'm curious about a sulfur smell by passing other cars on the highway or at any time after hard acceleration. What could it be?-John A. WilliamsLa Palma, Calif.A: Usually this smell is associated with an engine that drives a rich fuel mixture. The smell is produced when the catalyst tries to burn fuel. Sometimes changing petrol brands also produce a smell from the fuel formulation. First, try to change gasoline brands; If that does not help, contact your dealer regarding the fuel mixture. If your catalyst needs adjustments, they should be made under warranty. Q: I A '93 Ford Taurus SHO with automatic transmission. The electronic fuel pump failed twice within five months of the date of purchase. One dealer said that bad petrol is the likely cause of the bugs, while others said I just shouldn't allow my fuel level to dip below a quarter full. I don't know who to believe. -A.T. IshidaHonolulu, HawaiiA: Metallic welding spatter may be loose inside the tank, causing contamination of the fuel pump. This leads to excessive pump wear and eventually fuel pump failure. If nothing is electronically wrong with your car, the tank must be removed and cleaned (this should be covered by the car warranty). The fuel level is not the cause of the problem. Q: I own a '91 Toyota Tercel with 36,000 miles. Every time I corner hard, the emergency brake light lights up. It only does this when you drive after the car has been sitting for a while with the parking brake on. Is this something I should worry about?-Michael ComparatoCooper City, Fla.A. Check a few areas: Look for a loose wire on the emergency brake switch, and inspect the brake fluid level in the main cylinder reservoir. Since the fluid level is monitored by a sensor, a sudden change of movement (such as during hard turns or sudden stops) can activate the brake light. A faulty sensor switch at the reservoir can also trigger the light. If the liquid is low, a technician must find out why. Leon Kaplan hosts a show at 790 AM KABC Talk Radio in Los Angeles. Write to: The Motorized World of Leon Kaplan, Motor Trend magazine 6420 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90048-5515.Leon's MotoringTip Of The MonthNow that spring has come for most of the country, it's time to pull the convertible out from under that car cover, loosen the trickle charger, and hit the asphalt. But before you start pushing up the rpms, remember to properly prepare the car for its coming-out. A vehicle that has been stored for several months must be taken to a technician as soon as possible. But to do so you need to start the engine; this can be very difficult on the starter. To avoid unnecessary grinding, spray a small amount of starting liquid into the air purifier. (Starter fluids are available at auto parts stores and are highly flammable and toxic, so just use them in a well-ventilated place.) This is the fastest way I know about getting an engine running, so that the oil pump can work faster than if the engine required several cranks before starting. Vehicles should be stored with a full tank of gas to prevent contamination. If your car was stored partially full, ask a technician to empty the tank and fill it with fresh fuel. Also check the liquids and brake and wheel cylinders, and you and your ride in fair-weather will soon be on the road. Road.