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TRAVEL MYTHS, CHECKED

True or false? 10 travel claims

Our verdicts from official sources and peer-reviewed studies, worded as on our pages.

✓ True · ½ Partly true · ? Unproven · ✗ False

Booking day. Tuesday is the cheapest day to buy	? Unproven
Incognito. Search in incognito/private mode or clear cookies, because sites raise the fare when you search the same route again	? Unproven "No official evidence"
VPN. A VPN or another country's site gets you cheaper flights	? Unproven
Booking early. Fares rise as departure gets closer	✓ True "True on average, not for every flight"
Last-minute hotels. Hotels get cheaper at the last minute	? Unproven
Booking direct. Hotels are no longer forced to offer their lowest price on the big booking platform, so prices can differ between channels	½ Partly true
Bag fees. Airlines must tell you seat-selection and baggage fees up front, and extras cannot be pre-ticked	½ Partly true
Hotel cancellations. Booked a hotel online? You have 14 days to cancel for free under the EU/UK cooling-off rule	✗ False "Official sources say otherwise"
Split tickets. Split ticketing: booking your connection as separate tickets is cheaper and just as safe as one ticket	✗ False "Official sources say otherwise"
Cancelled flights. In the EU or UK, if the airline cancels your flight you can insist on a cash refund instead of a voucher or rebooking	✓ True "Backed by an official source"

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