

## Barcelona is Tops For Travel

**SYDNEY 22 November 2004** – Barcelona is the hottest travel destination for United Kingdom travellers, according to statistics released by online accommodation provider HotelClub.com ([www.HotelClub.com](http://www.HotelClub.com)). On the whole, online accommodation bookings by United Kingdom consumers have been brisk and have surged by over 226% compared to the same period last year.

Top 5 Domestic Destination	Top 10 Destinations
1. London 2. Edinburgh 3. Glasgow 4. Manchester 5. Birmingham	1. Barcelona 2. Paris 3. London 4. Sydney 5. Prague 6. Amsterdam 7. Rome 8. Edinburgh 9. Venice 10. Singapore

**Source:** [www.HotelClub.com](http://www.HotelClub.com) Accommodation Statistics, 1 July 2004 to 30 September 2004

At the same time, results also show that United Kingdom consumers continue to favour vacations and destinations away from home with 8 out of the top 10 destinations booked being destinations outside of the United Kingdom. This is in line with travel patterns of other developed European countries such as Germany and France, where majority of the consumers making bookings away from home.

The data was collected from hotel bookings made in 2004 by HotelClub.com's customers. HotelClub.com has a database 10,000 hotels in 47 countries throughout the world, including 1000 properties in United Kingdom. The website currently receives 3.5 million unique visitors per month worldwide.

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### About Flairview Travel

Flairview Travel Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cendant Corporation and part of Cendant Travel Distribution Services Division, is a world leading global accommodation e-wholesaler and specialist distributor of hotel room inventory over the Internet. Flairview Travel was established in 1995 and has since held the position of Asia Pacific's leading online accommodation provider. The company operates two websites – HotelClub.com ([www.HotelClub.com](http://www.HotelClub.com)) and RatesToGo.com ([www.RatesToGo.com](http://www.RatesToGo.com)). Flairview Travel is recognised as one of the few highly successful and profitable e-commerce businesses - experiencing up to 500% year on year growth since 1999. Flairview Travel has expanded operations beyond Asia Pacific, opening offices in 2001 throughout Europe and in North America in 2003. Flairview Travel currently operates ten offices worldwide in Australia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States.

### About HotelClub.com

HotelClub.com ([www.HotelClub.com](http://www.HotelClub.com)) is a full service website offering hotel bookings for up to 12 months in advance. It offers users the choice of over 10,000 hotels – at savings of up to 60% – in 47 countries and 1,300 cities worldwide. HotelClub.com is available in seven languages – Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish.

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