

Project One

Competitive benchmark

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Objectives

Analyse websites of some of the "best-in-class" airlines, evaluating how these market leaders are addressing the same problems we will be facing, specifically the flight booking process, when designing the Fly UX website.

How do "best-in-class" websites solve the problems we are looking to solve with Fly UX?

To answer this I will be highlighting best design practices that can be emulated, identify areas of improvement and establish conventions that we need to follow.

The resulting research will be used to design an online experience that will help the user achieve their end goal of booking a flight, easily and efficiently.



Evaluation

UX evaluation will include 3 airline websites and 1 "wildcard" website.

The focus of this evaluation will be as follows:



Q Search (incl. Search results)

Cost (incl. Ancilleries)

Book

Positive
Best practices of usability
and heuristics

Neutral
Expected behaviour

Negative
Needs improvement



Competitors







Ranked as the world's best airline by Skytrax four times and topped Travel & Leisure's best airline rankings for more than 20 years

We are a low-cost European point-to-point airline Emirates fly the world's biggest fleets of Airbus A380s and Boeing 777s, offering our customers the comforts of the latest and most efficient wide-body aircraft in the skies.

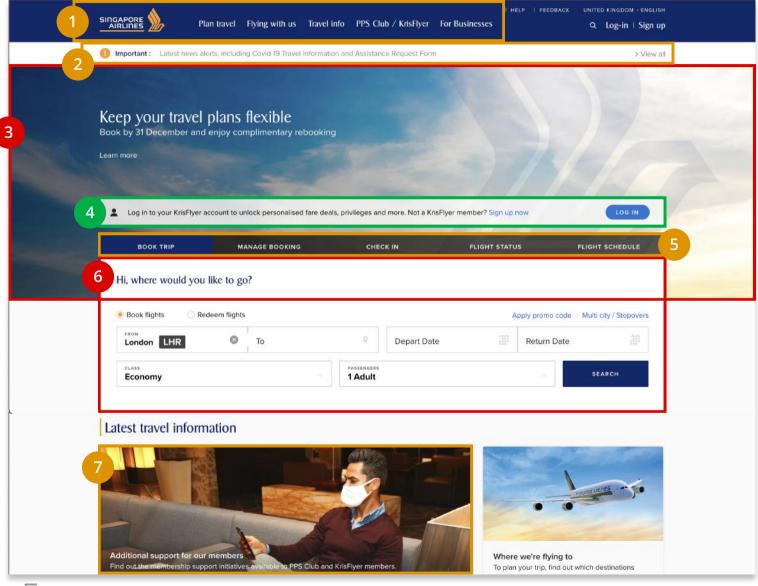
Pairing homeowners with families looking for places to stay.
Vacation Rentals By
Owner (Vrbo)







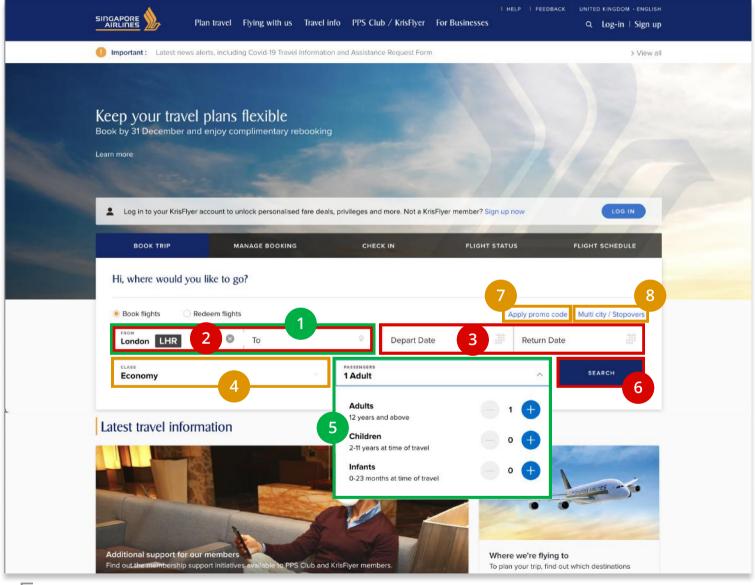




- 1 Simple navigation.
- Clean view of important information with option to click through to view all alerts.
- 3 Large amount of wasted space.
- 4 Log in / Sign up for "personalised" deals .
- 5 Tabs for search, manage booking, check flight info.
- 6 Search panel is close to "fold" on a large screen and below for smaller screens.
- 7 Imagery reflecting current climate.



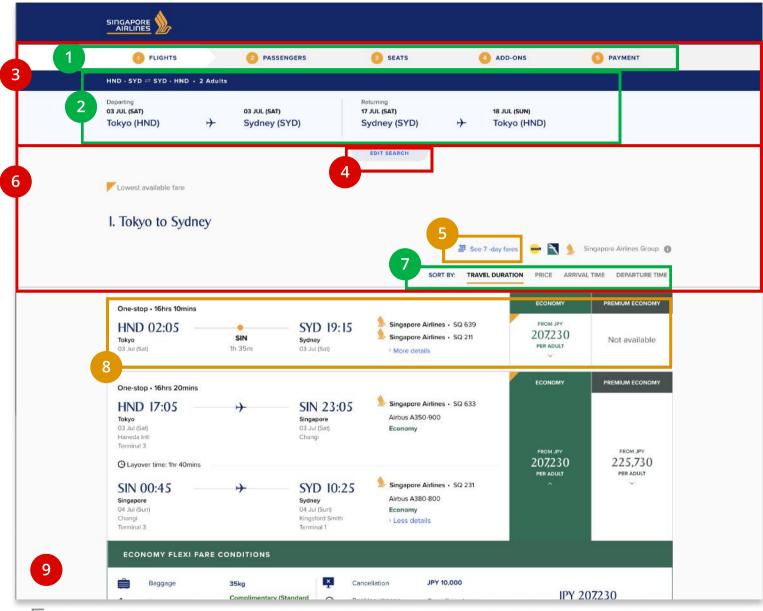




- 1 Intuitive airport selection.
 - Airport search filters from 1st character.
- Defaults to LHR.
 - Clearing 1 (any) airport field clears both airport fields.
 - Available routes (due to travel restrictions) difficult to find and not filtered in search form.
- No flexibility (+/-) on date selection.
- Class defaults to Economy
- Passenger selection simple design.
- 6 Form reset to defaults when no flight available.
- 7 Opens a page with simple form.
- 8 Opens a page with similar search panel.







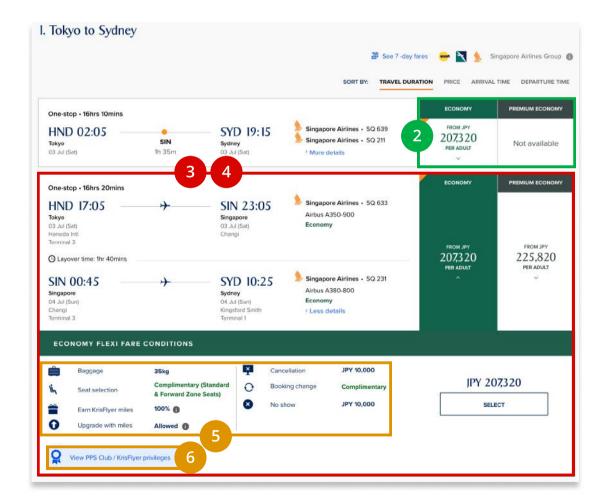
- 1 Breadcrumb denoting progress
- 2 Clean summary of search criteria
- Inconsistent use of "Sticky" summary and search criteria.
 - Breadcrumb No
 - Flight / Passenger No
 - Search criteria No
- "Edit search" UI is disconnected and clunky
- 5 "See 7 -day fares" simple grid, no frills, (no navigation back to search results)
- 6 Large amount of wasted space
- 7 4 Sorting options, defaults to "Travel Duration"
- 8 Oversized results cards
- Both legs displayed, but cannot process to return until Departing is selected







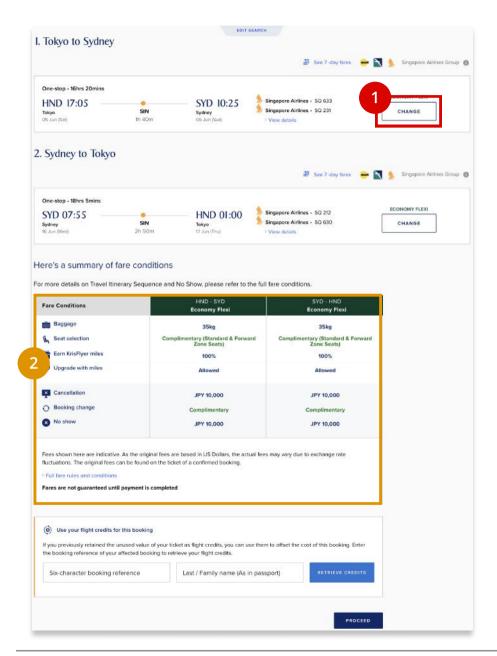




- 1 Inconsistent use of "Sticky" summary and search criteria.
 - Breadcrumb No
 - Flight / Passenger Yes
 - Search criteria Yes
- 2 Side-by-side price comparison based on "Class"
- 3 Expand card to select flight
- Expanded Search card has large amount of wasted space
- Good use of icons denoting what's included and additional fees
- 6 Link to Modal displaying memeber privalages by Class according to memebership tier





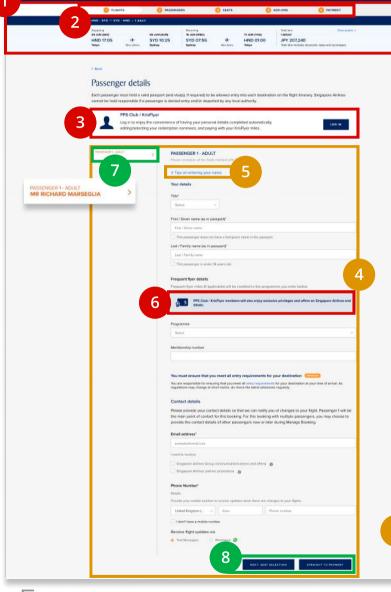


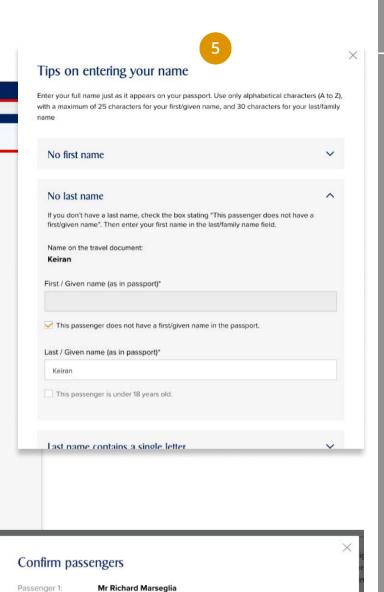


2 Easy to ready "Summary of fare conditions"









Cost // Passenger Details //

- 1 Inconsistent use of "Sticky" summary and search criteria.
 - Breadcrumb No
 - Flight / Passenger No
 - Search criteria Yes
- 2 Breadcrumb does not reflect progression (Flight highlighted on Passenger details)
- 3 Encouraging "log in" to PPS Club / KrisFlyer, no option to sign up
- 4 Simple form layout
- Informative Tooltip for entering your name
- 6 Promoting PPS Club /
 KrisFlyer, no option to sign up
- 7 Tab displays Passenger details once form is complete
- 8 User options; Seat Selection or continue to Payment
- 9 Modal confirming Passenger details before progressing to next step



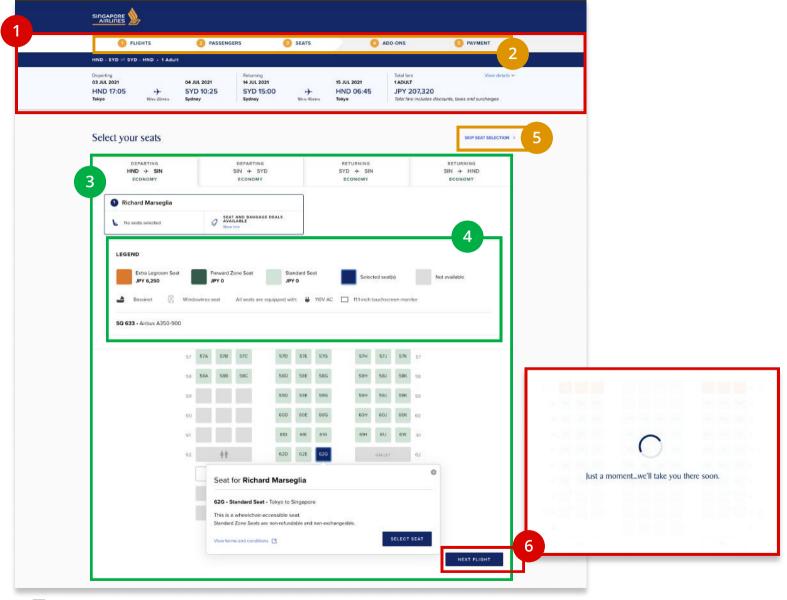
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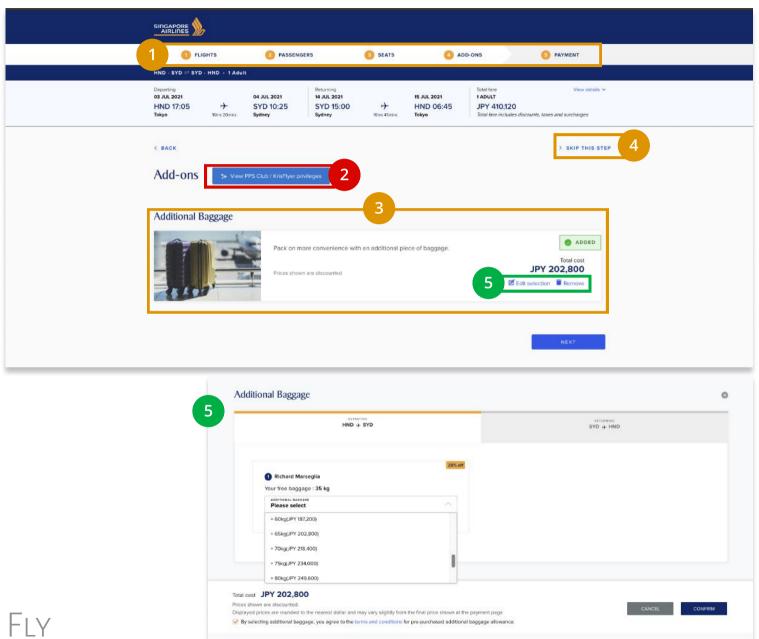




- 1 Inconsistent use of "Sticky" summary and search criteria.
 - Breadcrumb No
 - Flight / Passenger No
 - Search criteria No
- 2 Breadcrumb reflects Progress
- 3 Simple and easy to use Seat selection
- 4 Flight Legend is informative
- 5 Option to skip this step
- 6 Long Interstitial between every selection







- 1 Breadcrumb reflects Progress
- 2 Promoting PPS Club /
 KrisFlyer, no option to sign up
- 3 Simple Ancillery selection Additional Baggage
- 4 Option to skip this step
- Add, Edit, Remove selection

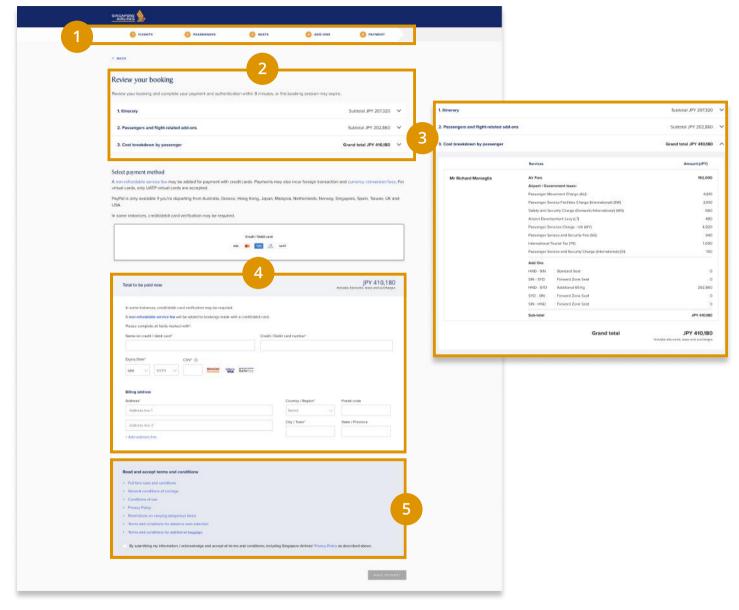
 Good range of baggage

 weight options
- 6 Long Interstitial between every selection





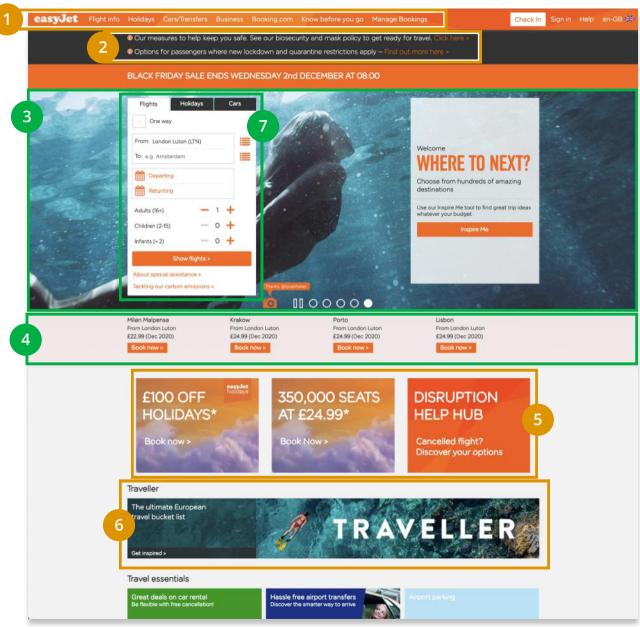




- 1 Breadcrumb reflects Progress
- 2 Simple accordian UI showing booking summary
- 3 Clean layout showing breakdown of each step
- 4 Standard Payment method
- 5 Standard Booking Terms and Conditions

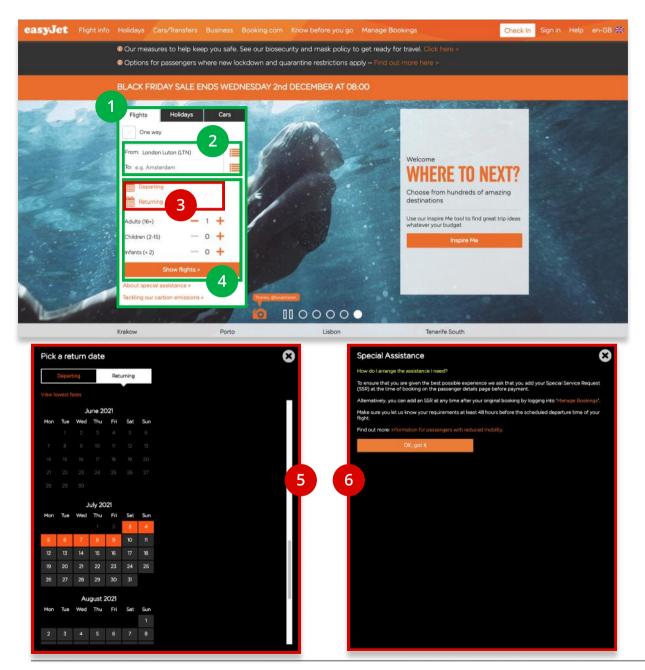






- 1 Simple navigation.
- 2 Clean view of important information with option to click through for more info
- Carousel Hero block with Inspirational image tips / ideas & upsell opportunities
- 4 Carousel Late Deals. Sales opportunity
- 5 Static Deal Blocks for current offerings and other promotions and information
- 6 Generic banner
- Search panel in a prominent position and above the "fold"





- 1 Clean design
- Intuitive airport selection (1)

Airport search filters from 1st character

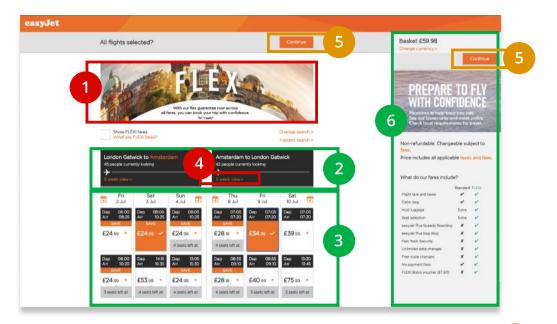
Modal "slidout" airport selection list (2)

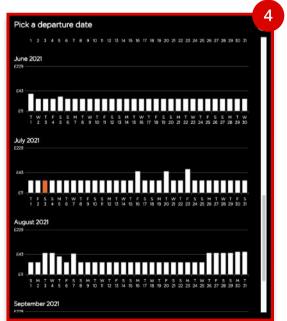
- No flexibility (+/-) on date selection.
- 4 Minimum requirements needed to perform search
- Modal "slidout" uses half screen

Lots of empty space

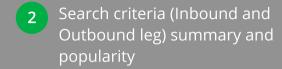
6 Modal "slidout" accessibility concern with contrasting colours





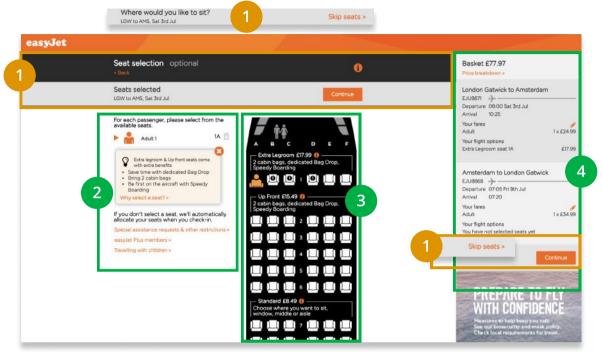


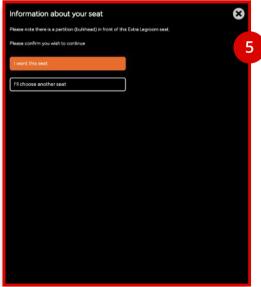


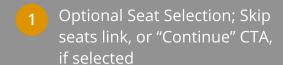


- 3 Simple Grid layout, showing limited availability
- "3 week view" shows all months, all weeks as a bar graph
- 5 Duplicate CTA
- 6 Sticky side Summary / information panel



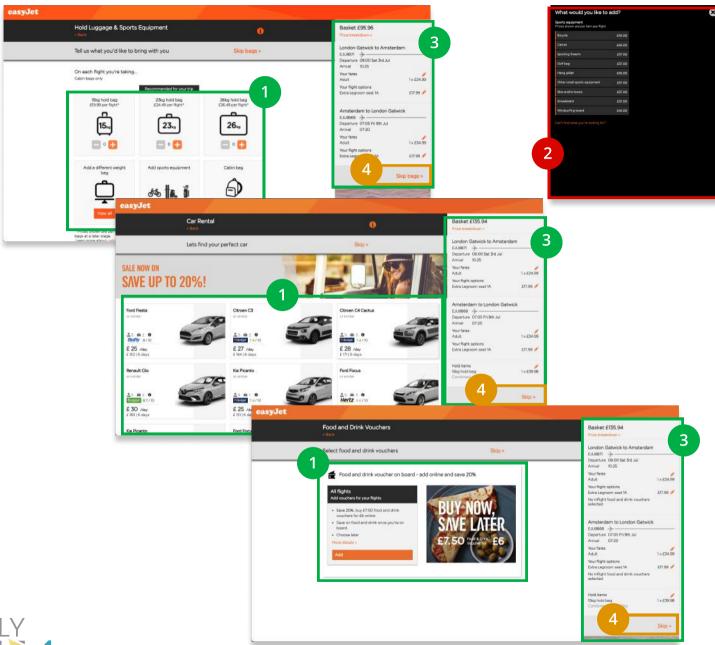






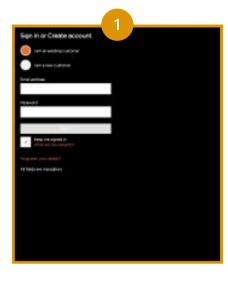
- 2 Seat Legend and description is informative
- Clear seat plan with clear cost information
- 4 Sticky side Summary / information panel
- Modal "slidout" uses half screen

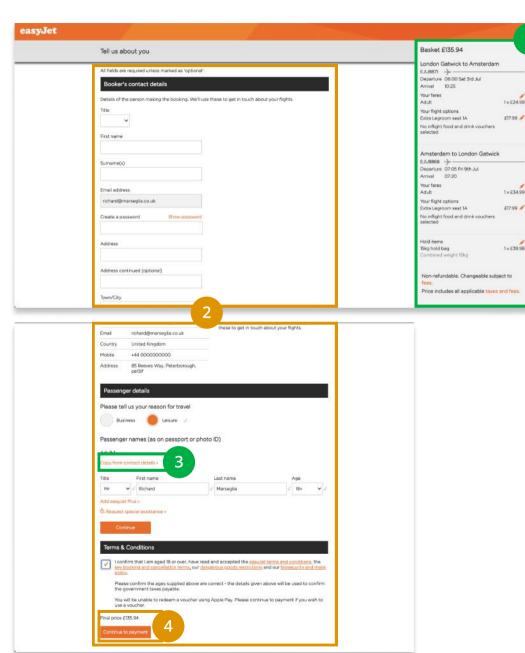




- Clear iconagraphy & good choice & upgrades
- 2 Modal "slidout" uses half screen
- 3 Sticky side Summary / information panel
- 4 Optional Ancilleries; Skip link, or "Continue" CTA, if selected



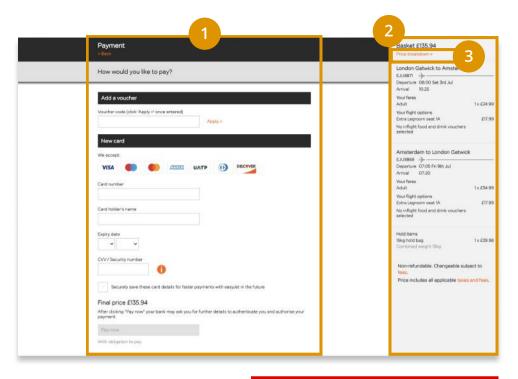


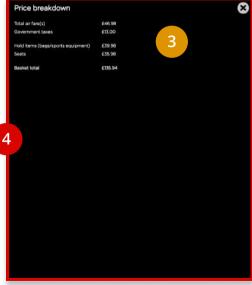


Cost // Passenger Details //

- Modal for log in or Sign up before you can proceed
- Simple form layout
- Copy from contact details preventing repeated data entry
- Price visible next to Continue CTA
- Sticky side Summary / information panel







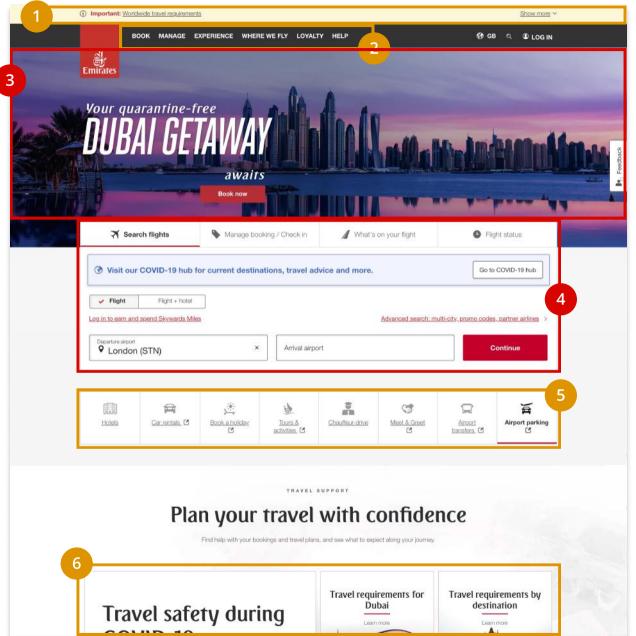
- 1 Clean standard payment layout
- 2 Standard Payment method
- Price Breakdown link opens Modal
- 4 Modal "slidout" uses half screen







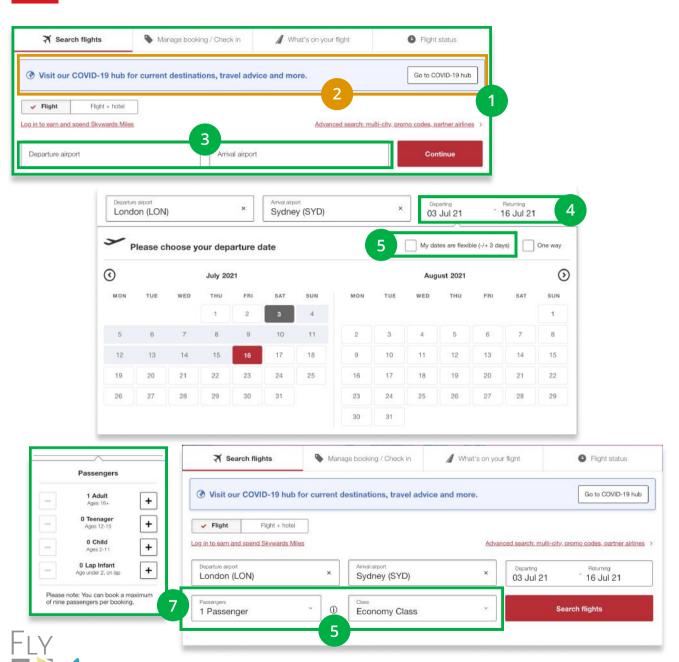




- 1 Clean view of important information with option to expand for more info
- 2 Simple navigation.
- 3 Large amount of wasted space.
- Search panel is close to "fold" on a large screen and below for smaller screens.
- 5 Simple proposition list with links
- 6 Oversized Deal blocks and Banners



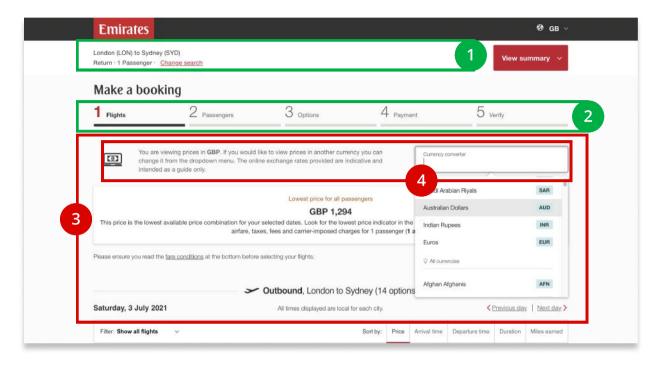


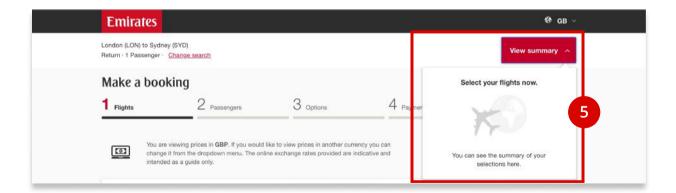


- 1 Clean design
 - Minimal fields on initial search form
- 2 Important information
- 3 Intuitive airport selection
 - Airport search filters from 1st character
- 4 Tabbing from Arrival airport displays Calendar field
- 5 Flexibility (+/- 3 days) on date selection.
- 6 Passenger & Class fields show on completion of dates
- Passenger selection simple design.







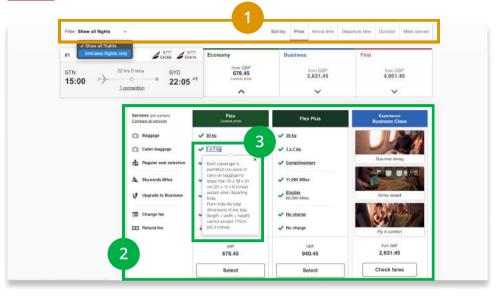


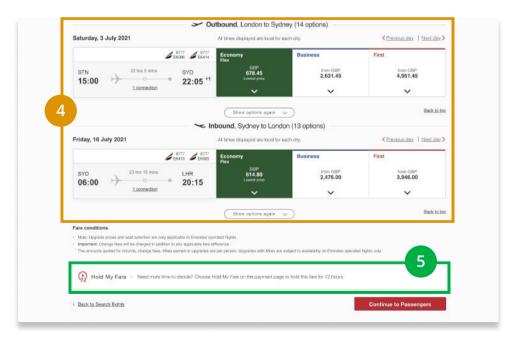
- 1 Search criteria (Inbound and Outbound leg) summary
- 2 Breadcrumb denoting progress
- Lots of blank space pushes results down
- 4 Currency converter not intuitive and relevant on search results
- 5 View summary is empty







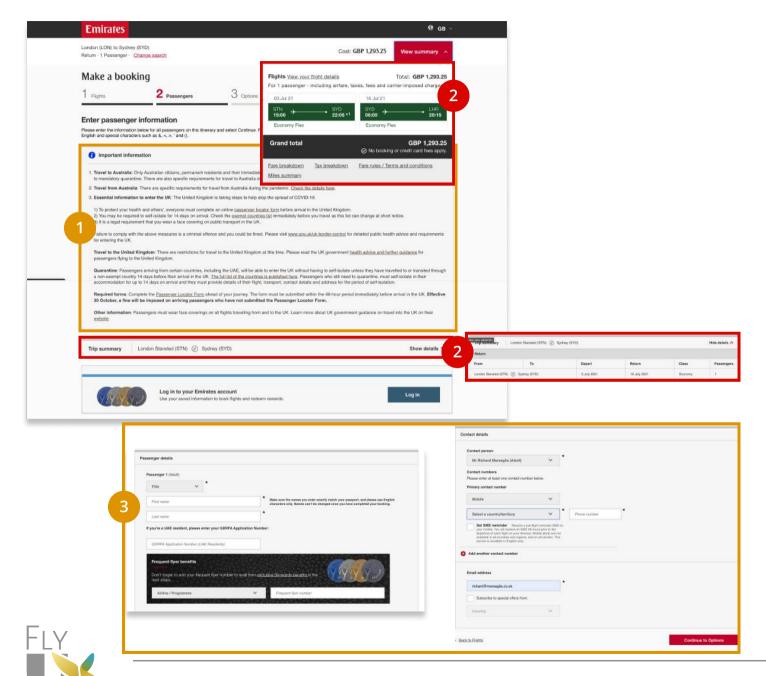




- 1 Clear display of Sort and Filter options
- 2 Clear Class benefits and services comparison
- Additional information relating to Class benefits and services
- Clear, but oversized flight selections
- 5 Hold my fare option

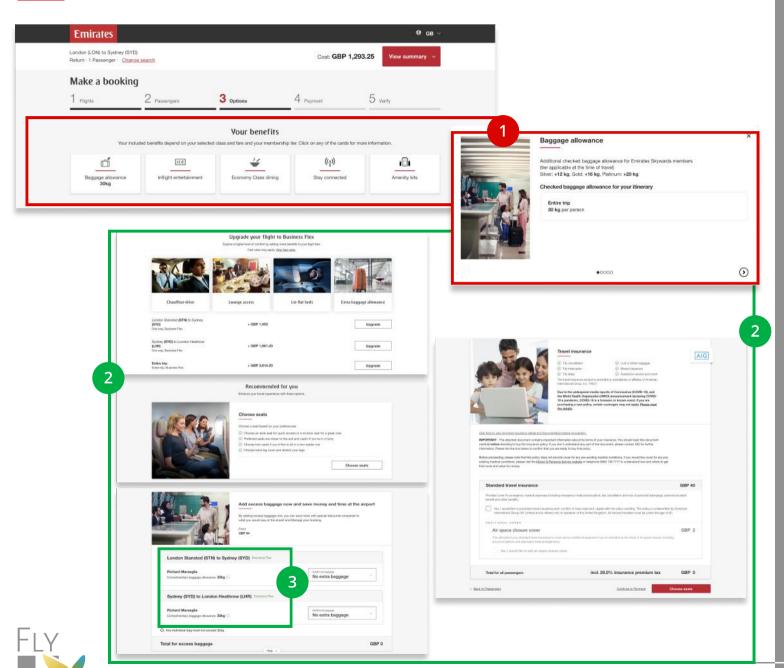






- 1 Important travel informatin fully expanded
- 2 Duplicate summary information
- 3 Standard Passenger information section

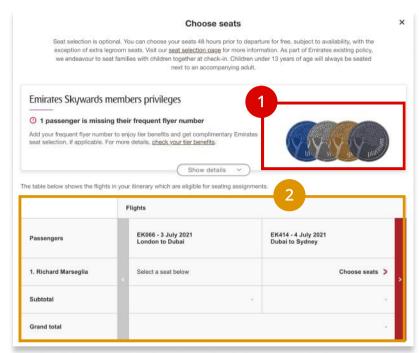


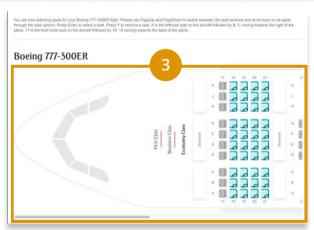


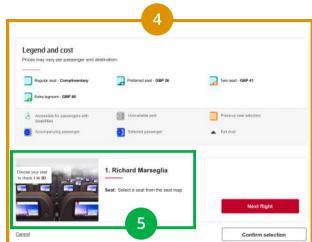
- 1 Large "View benefits" Information blocks pushes important ancillries down
 - Large Information modal with "Your benefits" scroller
- Good selection of ancilleries;
 Flight upgrade, Choose your
 seats, Extra baggage and
 Travel Insurance
 - Add ancilleries are cear and simple
- Passenger Information is pre populated



















Basic horizontal "sliding" Seat plan

4 Clear Legend and cost of seat selection

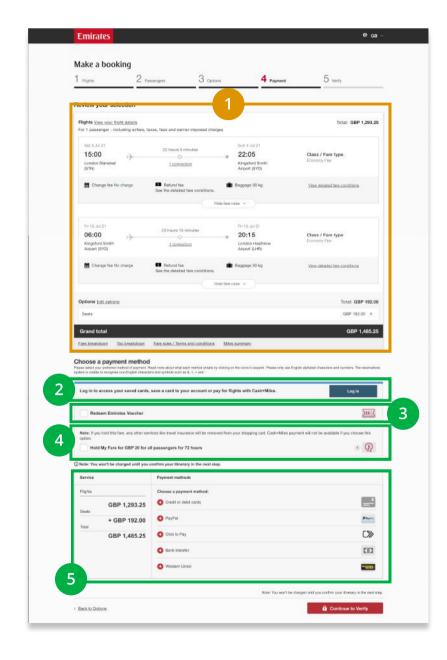
Interactive 3D view of seat selected

6 Seat selection confirmation on ancilleries page









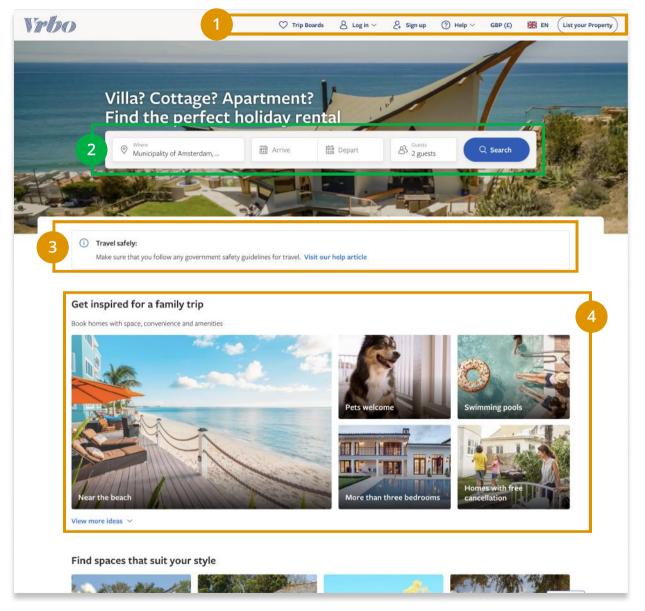


- 2 Login to account for quicker payment option
- 3 Voucher redemption option
- 4 Option to hold fare for 72 hours (for a small fee)
- 5 Multiple payment options





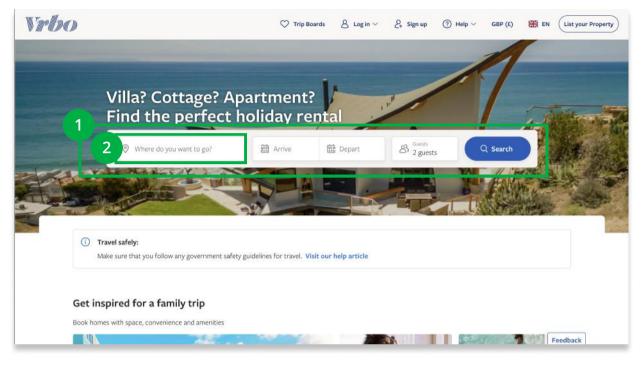




- 1 Minimal navigation options
- 2 Search panel in a prominent position and above the "fold"
- Clean view of important information with option to click through for more info
- Inspirational Deal blocks and Banners













- 1 Clean design
- 2 Intuitive Destination selection
 - Destination search filters from 1st character
- Ordered Destination list; City, Region, Neighbourhood
- Tabbing from or selecting
 Destination automatically
 displays Calendar
- No flexibility (+/-) on date selection.
- 6 Guest selection simple design.

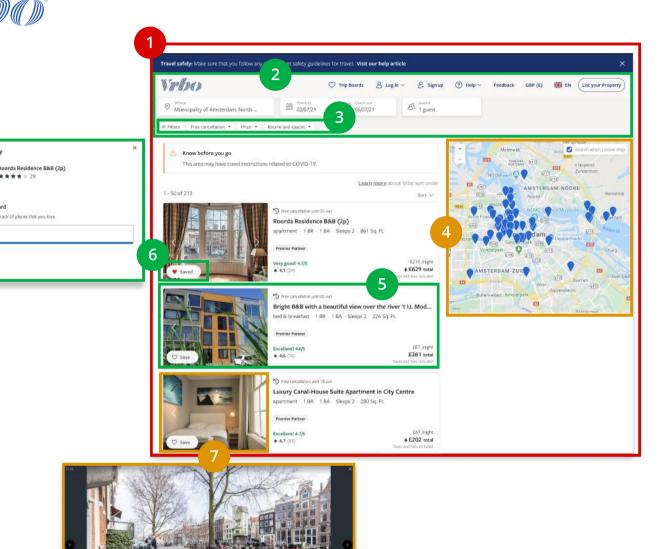






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Name your Trip Board

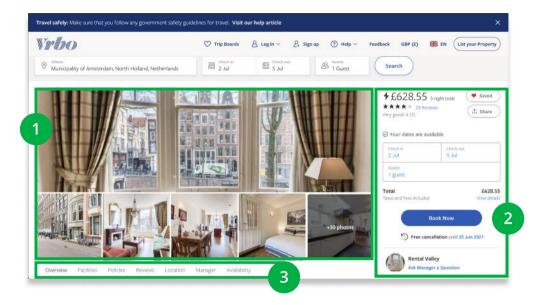


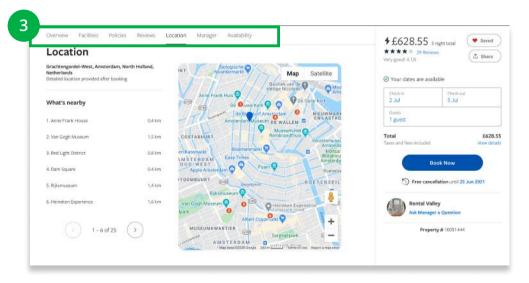
- Search result open in new browser window
- 2 Search panel fixed to top
- Common Filters shown with Additional filters in modal
- Search results displayed on interactive map
- 5 Simple layout, showing Property details incl. Rating
- 6 Save Property to "Trip Board"
- 7 Standard Image gallery







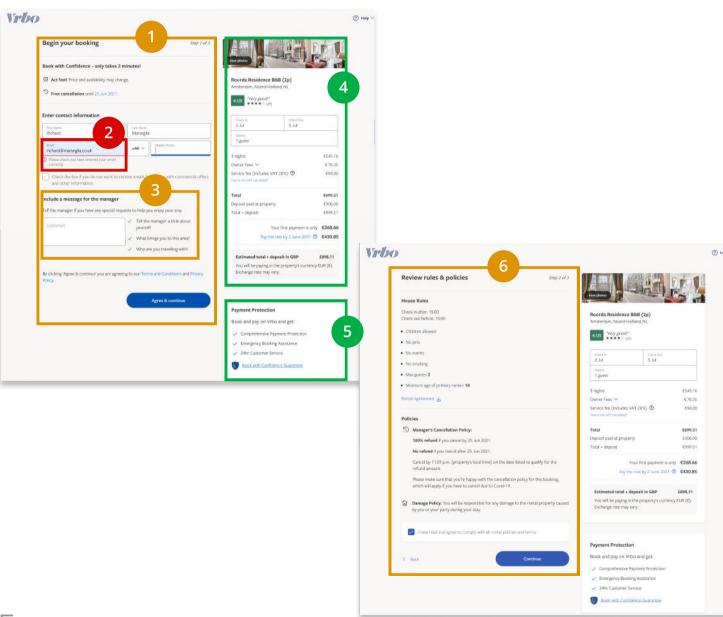




- 1 Property Image gallery
- 2 Clean summary panel always shown
 - Expandable to view more details
- 3 Sticky Property details Navigation





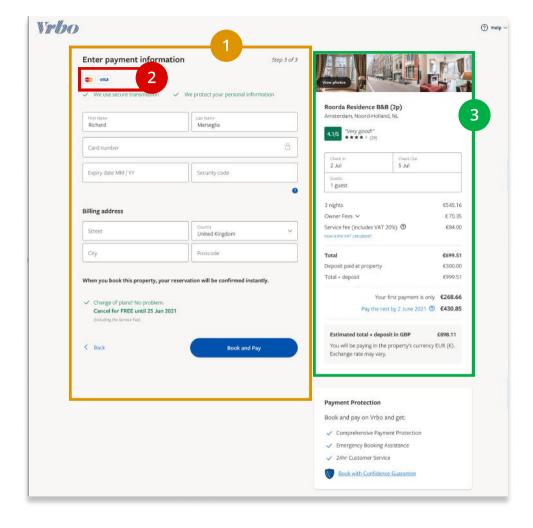


- 1 Very simple form to complete
- 2 Email address error message, however was able to proceed
- 3 Supply information about the guest
- Clean summary and payment information panel always shown
- Payment protection information for peace of mind
- Agree to the standard "House rules" and "Policy Information" before you proceed to payment









- 1 Clean standard payment layout
- 2 Limited payment methods
- Clean summary and payment information panel always shown

