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Lastminute.com shares top weird travel requests from 2016

Asking for a little extra leg room or a special meal is one way to try and get a better in-flight experience, but some travellers go a lot further.

Checking whether the emergency slide will be part of disembarkation, warnings of a flatulent partner and a giant teddy bear with no meal requirements are just three of the top unusual traveller comments and requests lastminute.com received in 2016.

Savvy travellers know that those who don't ask, don't get. But while most requests are straightforward, the top ten are a bit more unusual and might just provide some inspiration for flight-goers this year.

Top 10 weird requests from Lastminute.com

1. So we can use the rubber slide to get off the plane, right?
2. FYI, I'll be travelling with a giant teddy bear. He won't require a meal.
3. Can you make sure my air steward is hot. Super hot. :D
4. Is there any way I can sit backwards like the stewardesses? You see I get seasick so.....
5. I need you to tell me who I'm next to - I hate sitting beside strangers. Thx
6. Good evening. Can I sit next to the pilot during the flight please. It's my birthday.
7. Just to warn you, my boyfriend farts. A lot.
8. I know it's prickly but I can take a cactus in hand luggage? It's a present.
9. It's our honeymoon, my missus needs treating like a queen guys.
10. No meal. Just posh chocs (no coffee ones though, urgh)

Chief Revenue Officer for lastminute.com, Andrea Bertoli said: "Holidays are a time for fun, so who wouldn't want to add a cheeky request to try and make the trip even more memorable? We wanted to celebrate our savvy customers by revealing the top ten requests and inspire other travellers to aim high when it comes to making the most out of every moment."

While some of the requests were a tad too ambitious, there are still a lot of different tricks that could help you get the best experience – and the most bang for your buck . Here are some top travel hacks from the expert flights team at lastminute.com:

1. Fly during the week

Tuesday to Thursday are usually the best days to book – you avoid the business traveller scrum on Mondays and the weekend break crowds. Flying when the masses aren't also ups your chances of getting a better deal as fares are often lower and there's better availability.

2. Pay a little extra for VIP treatment

Why wait until after your flight to relax when quite a few airports have swish lounges available for a fee? Instead of squeezing into a crowded waiting area, you can pay for a comfy lounge with unlimited food and drink (not just of the soft variety), free wifi, free magazines and newspapers. It's perfect for a pre-flight unwind or an extra touch if you're jetting off for a special occasion.

3. Wake up early to book

All the flights that get put on hold overnight (usually from business customers) are released when the flight systems are loaded first thing every morning, usually at around 1am. This means that the earlier you book, the more likely you are to get a better price.

4. Take an early flight

Early morning flights, particularly those which leave before most people have had their morning coffee, are often cheaper and more likely to leave on time. Though there's never a guarantee that your flight won't be delayed, leaving early often means there isn't a back log of flights to contend with.

5. Grab January city break bargain

The cheapest time of year to book a city break is in January. In fact, there are often deals for flights and two nights in a hotel for under £100 to lots of cities like Dublin, Prague and Copenhagen. If you've had enough of the cold, why not take a look at our guide to [where's hot in January](#).

Watch the Lastminute.com top 10 weirdest requests video [here](#).

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