

Grate Britain: UK Travellers Amongst World's Most Irritating TripAdvisor® Survey Reveals Top Travel Pests and Pesky Habits

LONDON, U.K. – 24 November, 2008 – A TripAdvisor® survey of more than 8,500 worldwide travellers has revealed the British are amongst the most annoying travellers in the world.

With American travellers topping the list (18%), followed by those from France (12%) and Germany (10%), British and Chinese travellers (=6%) complete the roll call of the five most annoying nationalities.

As for the top travel annoyances, children who kick the back of seats are the ultimate no-no for almost one third of travellers (31%).

Rude seat recliners drive one in five travellers mad (21%), whilst passengers who bellow down their mobile phones (16%), block the aisles whilst stowing their bags (12%) and hog the armrests (4%) also get our goat.

“The notion of ‘travelling for pleasure’ can be a total farce when you’re surrounded by passengers who seem intent on making their presence felt – be it with a boot in the back, or an elbow in the ribs,” said Luke Fredberg, TripAdvisor spokesperson.

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Notes to editors:

8,931 worldwide travellers (including 469 British) took part in the TripAdvisor survey

Top Travel Annoyances

1. Children kicking your seat back	31%
2. Rude seat recliners	21%
3. Loud mobile phone conversations	16%
4. Passengers taking too long to stow overhead baggage	12%
5. People getting up before the seatbelt sign is off	5%
6. Armrest hogs	4%
7. Passengers consuming smelly food	4%
8. Travellers blocking moving walkways	3%
9. “Shoulder surfers” reading over your shoulder	1%
10. People wandering in front of airport service carts	1%

Top 10 Most Annoying Travellers

1. Americans	18%
2. French	12%
3. Germans	10%
4. British	6%
5. Chinese	6%
6. Russians	5%
7. Japanese	5%

8. Italians	5%
9. Indians	2%
10. Emiratees	1%

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