LIMITLESS TRAVEL

COMPARISON TRAVEL SITE FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

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When Angus Drummond was just 22, he was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Quitting his job in investment banking, he set off on an adventure of a lifetime to travel the world. However, as his mobility continued to decline, he was finding it increasingly difficult to arrange accommodation. The only accessibility information booking websites offered was a 'wheelchair access' tick box, which research shows is only useful to around 8% of disabled people.

Angus quickly realised the practical challenges faced by disabled people when travelling, from finding suitable hotel rooms, to accommodating restaurants and attractions. According to the World Disability Report, over one billion people have a disability. In the UK alone, the figure is almost 12 million.

Securing support from the RSA, Key Fund, the Cabinet Office and Nominet Trust, Angus established Limitless Travel – an online portal to help break down barriers to travel for differently abled people. Taking advice from Scope, Age UK and RNIB, Angus made sure that Limitless Travel features a number of useful articles and guides on a range of destinations. Perhaps most importantly, the site allows users to search by disability and rate different facilities, while enabling hotel, restaurant and attraction operators to detail their accessibility features.

Limitless Travel kicked off with a guide to London first, and aims to expand its coverage to all of the UK, Europe, and eventually the rest of the world. It is also working on a number of ideas with tour operators who can offer trips to farflung destinations for travellers with a range of access needs.

If you're planning a trip that requires greater accessibility, make sure you check out http://limitlesstravel.org

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