

Travel Agent

What is it?

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Qualifications/Experience Required:

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What the Work Involves:

Discussing travel requirements with clients to determine their needs, preferences, and budget. Researching and recommending destinations, accommodations, transportation options, and activities based on client preferences. Booking flights, hotels, car rentals, tours, and other travel services, ensuring all details are confirmed and coordinated. Creating customised travel itineraries that include accommodation, transportation, activities, and special requests. Providing clients with information on travel regulations, visa requirements etc.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

The travel industry is highly dynamic, with opportunities in both traditional travel agencies and online platforms. While the role of a travel agent has evolved with the rise of online booking systems, there remains a demand for personalised travel services, especially for complex itineraries, luxury travel, and business trips.

Average annual Salary - £18,000 - £34,000

Typical weekly hours – 37 to 40

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

This job may be suited to individuals who are passionate about travel and enjoy helping others plan their trips. Travel agents need to be organised, detail-oriented, and have excellent customer service skills.

Money/Wage Guide:

Entry-level travel agents can expect to earn between £16,000 and £20,000 per year. With experience, salaries typically rise to £22,000 to £30,000. Senior travel agents or those working in specialised areas, such as luxury or corporate travel, may earn £35,000 or more annually.

Related Opportunities:

- Tour Operator
- Travel Consultant
- Event Coordinator
- Hospitality Manager

Further Information:

Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA):

<https://www.abta.com/>

Travel Trust Association (TTA):

<https://www.traveltrust.co.uk/>