



Excalibur Electronics

The New York Times Travel Master



Operating Manual

Congratulations on your purchase of The New York Times and Excalibur Electronics' Travel Master! This is the ultimate electronic guide to 101 destinations around the world, based on the popular travel columns in *The New York Times* and Fodor's famous traveling tips. Included are articles from *Century of Business*, a publication that chronicles the happenings of the business world, by decades, over the past 100 years. You can now have the best information in your pocket and at your fingertips.

The Travel Master computer is easy to use, but be sure to use it safely. Before starting, please read this manual thoroughly, especially noting safety, care and battery information. Keep this manual for reference.

The legendary King Arthur brandished a magic sword, Excalibur, from which we take our company name. With this unique weapon in his hands, he could not be vanquished.

Although Excalibur Electronics can't claim the magical secrets of Merlin, King Arthur's court wizard, sometimes our patented technology may make it seem as if we could. The New York Times Travel Master is another unmatched innovation of Excalibur Electronics.

We make you think.

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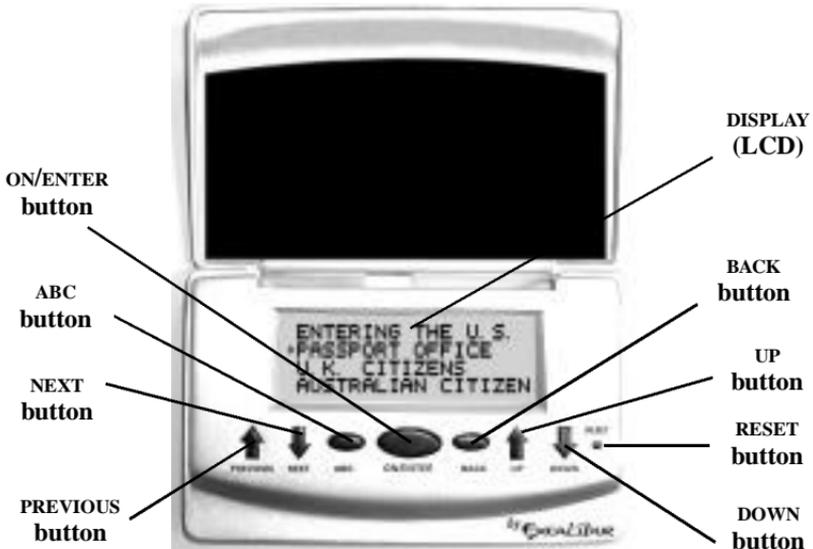
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Layout of Travel Master



Functions of Buttons

ON/ENTER: Press this key to turn on Travel Master or to confirm a selection after you have scrolled to it.

PREVIOUS: Press this key to display the previous listing.

NEXT: Press this key to display the next listing.

ABC: Press this key to scroll through a list quickly using the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons, jumping from one alphabetical first letter

to the next. ("ABC MODE ON" will display on the screen for one second.) Press **ABC** a second time to turn this feature off. ("ABC MODE OFF" will display on the screen for one second.)

BACK: Press this key to return to the previous screen.

UP: Press this key to scroll up.

DOWN: Press this key to scroll down.

RESET: If Travel Master locks up

or malfunctions, use a ballpoint pen to press **RESET**. Also press

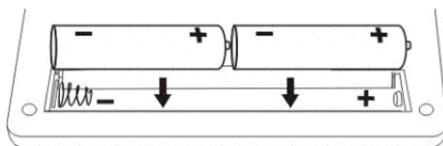
RESET after inserting new batteries.

Installing Batteries

Your Travel Master requires two AAA batteries, not included. To install the batteries, carefully turn Travel Master over so that the unit is face-down on a soft surface. Find the battery compartment on the back of the unit.

Use a small Phillips screwdriver to remove the screw. Lift off the

battery compartment lid. Install the batteries, making sure to match polarity (+ and -) with the diagram inside the battery compartment (see diagram below.) Place the tab of the battery compartment lid in its slot and close the compartment door. Replace the screw and tighten it carefully.



Travel Master may lock up due to static discharge or other electrical disturbances.

If this should happen, use a slim, pointed object to press the button marked “RESET” on the front of the unit.

Getting Started with Travel Master

After inserting new batteries, press the **RESET** button to turn the unit on. Your LCD will display the icon “THE NEW YORK TIMES TRAVEL MASTER.” Press any key to proceed to the home screen.

The home screen gives you three choices, as shown below:

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TRAVEL DESTINATIONS
CENTURY OF BUSINESS NEWS
SET UP
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Note: Only 18 characters per line can appear on the LCD at one time. Therefore, “TRAVEL DESTINATIONS” and “CENTURY OF BUSINESS NEWS” will not all appear on the LCD at once. Instead the line of text will automatically scroll right to left when you place the marking arrow next to that line. To control the speed with which the line scrolls, see Set Up on Page 10.

Press the **UP** or **DOWN** key to scroll through all of the choices. (You can scroll in either direction. For example, scrolling up from “Acapulco” will take you to “Zurich.”) As you scroll, an arrow on the left marks your position in the list. After scrolling to the

desired item, simply press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your choice.

Travel Destinations

After you’ve selected Travel Destinations, the LCD displays 101 destinations in alphabetical order (a list of all the destinations is given on page 12). Please note that Travel Master can show only four lines of text at a time on the LCD. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** key repeatedly to scroll through the destinations one at a time, or hold either of these keys down to scroll more quickly.

If you’d like to scroll alphabetically by first letter through the destinations, first press the **ABC** button. “ABC MODE ON” will display on the screen for one second. (See Using the ABC Button, Page 11.) Then press **UP** or **DOWN** to move alphabetically by first letter through the index. When you reach the initial letter you want, press **ABC** again to exit that mode. “ABC MODE OFF” will display on the screen for one second. Then resume using the **UP** or **DOWN** keys to scroll through the destinations one at a time.

As you scroll, an arrow on the left marks your position in the list. After scrolling to the desired item, simply press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your choice.

After selecting your desired destination, the LCD then displays the following (remember that only the first four lines of text will show on the screen, and that listings with no data will not display):

OVERVIEW
HOTELS
RESTAURANTS
SHOPPING
ATTRACTIONS
NIGHTLIFE
TIPS
ARTICLES

Press **UP** or **DOWN** to scroll through this screen, and press **ON/ENTER** to make a selection.

Overview

If you select the Overview, four lines of information will be displayed. Press the **DOWN** button to display the next four lines of text, and **UP** to display the previous four lines of text. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Hotels

If you select **Hotels**, the LCD will flash “FODOR’S” for one second, indicating that the following information was provided by Fodor’s. The LCD then displays the following (NOTE: \$ = INEXPENSIVE, \$\$ = MODERATE, \$\$\$ = EXPENSIVE, \$\$\$\$ = VERY EXPENSIVE, \$\$\$\$\$ = LUXURY):

OVERVIEW
\$
\$\$
\$\$\$
\$\$\$\$
\$\$\$\$\$

Not all the price ranges (the \$ signs) may show for a particular destination. Selecting Overview will display four lines of text on the LCD, and you can navigate through the text by the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Selecting one of the \$ categories will display the first four lines of text of the first hotel. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will display either the next or previous four lines of text about that hotel. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next hotel’s information, if available.

Pressing the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last hotel's information. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Restaurants

If you select Restaurants, the LCD will flash "FODOR'S" for one second. The LCD then displays the following (NOTE: \$ = INEXPENSIVE, \$\$ = MODERATE, \$\$\$ = EXPENSIVE, \$\$\$\$ = VERY EXPENSIVE, \$\$\$\$\$ = LUXURY):

OVERVIEW

\$

\$\$

\$\$\$

\$\$\$\$

\$\$\$\$\$

Not all the price ranges (the \$ signs) may show for a particular destination. Selecting Overview will display four lines of text on the LCD, and you can navigate through the text by the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Selecting one of the \$ categories will display the first four lines of text of the first restaurant. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will dis-

play either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next restaurant's information, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last restaurant's information. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Shopping

If you selected Shopping, the LCD will display the following (listings with no available data will not display):

OVERVIEW

SHOPPING CENTERS

DEPARTMENT STORES

LOCAL SPECIALTIES

AREAS

SOUVENIRS

Selecting the Overview will display four lines of text on the LCD, and you can navigate through the text with the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Selecting one of the other categories will display the first four lines of text of the selected category. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will display either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the

NEXT button will display the next listing's information, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last listing's information. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Attractions

If you selected Attractions, the LCD will display the following (listings with no data will not display):

OVERVIEW
INFO CENTERS
ATTRACTIONS

Selecting the Overview will display four lines of text on the LCD, and you can navigate through the text by the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Selecting one of the other categories will display the first four lines of text of the selected category. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will display either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next listing's information, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last listing's information. Press the **BACK** button to

return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Nightlife

If you selected Nightlife, the LCD will display the following (listings with no data will not display):

OVERVIEW
NIGHTLIFE

Selecting the Overview will display four lines of text on the LCD, and you can navigate through the text by the **UP** and **DOWN** buttons. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen.

Selecting Nightlife will display the first four lines of text. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will display either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next listing's information, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last listing's information. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Tips

If you selected Tips, the LCD will flash "FODOR'S" for one second. The LCD then displays the follow-

ing (listings with no data will not display):

ARRIVING & DEPARTING
GETTING AROUND
RESOURCES

Each of the listed categories features a number of submenus. Simply continue scrolling through the items in each category until you reach the information that you need. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Articles

If you selected Articles, the LCD will flash “THE NEW YORK TIMES” for one second. The LCD will display the first four lines of text. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will display either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next article, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last article. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Century of Business

After you’ve selected Century of Business News from the home screen, the LCD will flash “THE

NEW YORK TIMES” for one second. The LCD will then display a submenu of 10 decades. Press **UP** or **DOWN** to scroll through this screen, and press **ON/ENTER** to make a selection. Pressing **UP** and **DOWN** will then display either the next or previous four lines of text. Pressing the **NEXT** button will display the next article, if available, while the **PREVIOUS** button will display the last article. Press the **BACK** button to return to the previous screen. Press **BACK** for two seconds to return to the home screen.

Set Up

Select Set Up from the home screen to make choices about the scrolling speed and the interval of automatic paging (both in seconds). Press the **UP** or **DOWN** key to scroll to Scroll Speed or Auto Page Down and then press the **ON/ENTER** key to confirm. If you choose Scroll Speed, press the **UP** or **DOWN** key to place the cursor next to the speed (1-6) at which the text will scroll. Press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your selection and return to the home screen.

After selecting Auto Page Down, you may either turn the function

off or select the page scroll speed. If you choose to turn Auto Page Down off, select off and then press the **ON/ENTER** key to confirm your choice and return to the home screen.

If you choose to turn Auto Page Down on, press the **UP** or **DOWN** key to place the cursor next to the speed (1-8 sec) at which the text will scroll. Press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your selection and return to the home screen.

Note: Whenever you see four lines of information displayed about a selected item, you may press the **ON/ENTER** key for two seconds to set the Auto Page Down. Press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your setting.

Using the ABC Button

If you'd like to jump through an alphabetical list quickly by first letter, press the **ABC** button. "ABC MODE ON" will display on the screen for one second. Then use

the **UP** or **DOWN** buttons to proceed through the list by alphabetical first letter—A, B, C, etc. (Note that the list begins again with the letter "A" after you have scrolled through the "Z" listings. You can also use the **UP** key to scroll backwards through the alphabet, from "Z" to "A.")

When you reach the desired initial letter, press **ABC** again to turn this mode off. "ABC MODE OFF" will display on the screen for one second. Then press the **UP** or **DOWN** button to scroll one line at a time, or hold either of these keys down to scroll quickly. Press **ON/ENTER** to confirm your choice.

Auto Power Off

If no key is pressed for five minutes, the unit will automatically turn off in order to spare your batteries. Simply press **ON/ENTER** and Travel Master will return to the point where it was before it was turned off.

**If no button is pushed for five minutes,
your Travel Master will switch
off to save your batteries.
Just push the ON/ENTER button
to continue where you left off.**

The 101 Travel Destinations

Acapulco	Florence	Philadelphia
Albuquerque	Fort Lauderdale	Phoenix
Amsterdam	Geneva	Portland
Anchorage	Guatemala City	Prague
Aspen	Helsinki	Puerto Rico
Athens	Hong Kong	Quebec City
Atlanta	Honolulu & O'ahu	Rio de Janeiro
Bahamas	Houston	Rome
Bali	Istanbul	San Diego
Baltimore	Jerusalem	San Francisco
Banff	Kansas City	Santa Fe
Bangkok	Kuala Lumpur	Savannah
Barcelona	Las Vegas	Seattle
Beijing	Lisbon	Seville
Berlin	London	Shanghai
Bermuda	Los Angeles	Singapore
Boston	Lyon & the Alps	St. Maarten
Brussels	Madrid	St. Petersburg
Budapest	Marrakesh	Stockholm
Buenos Aires	Melbourne	Sydney
Cairo	Memphis	Tokyo
Cape Cod	Mexico City	Toronto
Cape Town	Miami	Tucson
Caracas	Milan	Vail
Cayman Islands	Minneapolis	Vancouver
Charleston	Montreal	Venice
Chicago	Moscow	Victoria
Cleveland	Munich	Vienna
Dallas-Fort Worth	Nashville	Washington, D.C.
Delhi	New Jersey	Yellowstone NP
Denver	New Orleans	Yosemite NP
Detroit	New York City	Zion NP
Dublin	Orlando	Zurich
Edinburgh	Paris	

Special Care & Handling

- Avoid rough handling such as bumping or dropping.
- Avoid moisture and extreme temperatures. For best results, use between the temperatures of 39°F and 100°F (4° C and 38° C).
- Clean using only a slightly damp cloth. Do not use cleaners with chemical agents.

Battery Information

- Batteries should be installed and replaced only by an adult.
- Your New York Times Travel Master uses 2 AAA batteries, not included.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.
- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries.
- Remove exhausted batteries from the unit.
- Do not short circuit battery terminals.
- Remove batteries and store them in a cool, dry place when not in use.
- To avoid explosion or leakage, do not dispose of batteries in a fire or attempt to recharge alkaline or other non-rechargeable batteries.

Due to continuing improvements,
actual product may differ slightly
from the product described herein.

90-Day Limited Warranty

EXCALIBUR ELECTRONICS, INC., warrants to the original consumer that its products are free from any electrical or mechanical defects for a period of 90 DAYS from the date of purchase. If any such defect is discovered within the warranty period, EXCALIBUR ELECTRONICS, INC., will repair or replace the unit free of charge upon receipt of the unit, shipped postage prepaid and insured to the factory address shown at right.

The warranty covers normal consumer use and does not cover damage that occurs in shipment or failure that results from alterations, accident, misuse, abuse, neglect, wear and tear, inadequate maintenance, commercial use, or unreasonable use of the unit. Removal of the top panel voids all warranties. This warranty does not cover cost of repairs made or attempted outside of the factory.

Any applicable implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness, are hereby limited to 90 DAYS from the date of purchase. Consequential or incidental damages resulting from a breach of any applicable express or implied warranties are hereby excluded. Some states do not allow limitations on the duration of implied warranties and do not allow exclusion of incidental or con-

sequential damages, so the above limitations and exclusions in these instances may not apply.

The only authorized service center in the United States is:

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Ship the unit carefully packed, preferably in the original carton, and send it prepaid, and adequately insured. Include a letter, detailing the complaint and including your daytime telephone number, inside the shipping carton.

If your warranty has expired and you want an estimated fee for service, write to the above address, specifying the model and the problem.

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YOUR UNIT WITHOUT
RECEIVING AN ESTIMATE FOR
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