Data Leak on Travel Sites Exposes Information on More than Ten Million People

November 12, 2020 - If you have booked a trip from any of a number of online travel sites anytime since 2013, there is a decent chance that your personally identifiable information has been leaked to the world at large. That, according to researchers at Website Planet.

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The websites that are known to have been affected are some of the largest travel sites on the internet. They include Sabre.com, Hotels.com, Expedia.com, Booking.com, Amadeus.com, Agoda.com, Hotelbeds.com and Omnibees.com. A number of smaller sites were also included.

All of these sites use software from a company named Cloud Hospitality. The researchers found that the company had stored travelers' data on an unencrypted server without any password protection at all. And the data which was exposed includes names, addresses and payment information. That's more than enough to commit fraud.

It is not known how long the data was exposed and there is no way of knowing if criminals managed to get their hands on it. Furthermore, it isn't known how many people included in the database were Americans. Until more information becomes available, you should probably assume that if you booked a trip online anytime in the past 7 or 8 years, that you could be a victim of this breach. That means that you need to monitor the credit card bills for any cards you may have used in your bookings very closely.
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