



Google's AI Can Now Locate Nearby Products in Stock

Description

Google has introduced new features to enhance summer travel planning, leveraging its advanced artificial intelligence (AI). The tech company announced on Friday that its AI Mode can now assist users in determining the availability of specific items at local stores and allow tracking of individual hotel prices directly via Google Search.

With the latest AI Mode update, Google can contact nearby stores on behalf of users to find particular items. This feature initially launched in Google Search last November and is now expanding to AI Mode across the United States in the upcoming weeks.

Users can specify their needs, such as asking where to find clip-on polarized sunglasses if they forgot their prescription pair. Google will then gather the relevant information and send the results to the user.

While hotel price tracking was already available at a city level, the new update allows users to monitor prices for specific hotels of interest. On desktop, users can search for a hotel by name and activate a new price-tracking feature. On mobile, the option appears under the "Prices" tab after entering a search. Once activated, users will receive email alerts regarding any price changes for their selected dates.

Google's announcement revealed that popular travel destinations for summer 2026 include St. Maarten, Stockholm, Kansas City, Missouri, and Sarasota, Florida. Additionally, it noted a significant rise in searches for terms like "AI travel assistant" and "AI concierge," which have increased by 350% within the past year. Interest in queries about using AI to discover flight deals has also surged, with "AI flight booking" witnessing a growth of 315%.

As the features roll out, Google aims to streamline the travel planning process, meeting rising demand for AI-assisted services in the travel industry.

Vocabulary List:

1. **leveraging** //ˈlɛvərɪdʒɪŋ// (verb): using something to get an advantage
2. **availability** //əˌveɪləbɪˈlɪti// (noun): whether something can be bought or used
3. **tracking** //ˈtrækɪŋ// (noun): watching changes in something over a period
4. **surged** //sɜːdʒd// (verb): increased quickly and by a large amount
5. **activate** //ˈæktəˌveɪt// (verb): turn on a function or make it start
6. **streamline** //ˈstriːmˌlaɪn// (verb): make something work more simply and quickly



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What new feature did Google introduce for summer travel planning?

- Option: AI travel booking
- Option: AI Mode
- Option: AI concierge
- Option: AI price comparison

2. When did the AI Mode update initially launch in Google Search?

- Option: November 2020
- Option: November 2021
- Option: November 2022
- Option: November 2023

3. Which of the following locations is a popular travel destination for summer 2026 according to Google's announcement?

- Option: Miami
- Option: Cairo
- Option: Sarasota, Florida
- Option: Tokyo

4. What percentage increase was noted in searches for the term 'AI travel assistant'?

- Option: 250%
- Option: 300%
- Option: 350%
- Option: 400%

5. Where can users activate the price-tracking feature for hotels on mobile?

- Option: Under the 'Track Prices' tab
- Option: Under the 'Prices' tab
- Option: Under the 'Hotels' tab
- Option: Under the 'Search' tab

6. How can users find specific items in local stores using the new Google feature?



- Option: By calling the store
- Option: By visiting the store
- Option: By using AI Mode
- Option: By sending an email

True-False

7. Google's AI Mode allows users to track individual hotel prices.
8. The new AI Mode update is only available in the United States.
9. Users cannot specify their needs when looking for items in local stores.
10. The feature to track hotel prices has been available at the individual hotel level since the previous update.
11. Google's announcement states that interest in AI travel-related queries surged by over 300%.
12. Users can only receive alerts for price changes via SMS.

Gap-Fill

13. Google's AI can assist users in determining the availability of specific items at local stores and tracking hotel prices directly via Google _____ .
14. The popular travel destination for summer 2026 include St. Maarten, Stockholm, Kansas City, Missouri, and _____ .
15. Users can activate the price-tracking feature on desktop by searching for a hotel by _____ .
16. Interest in queries about using AI to discover flight deals has surged, with 'AI flight booking' witnessing a growth of _____ .



17. Google will gather relevant information and send the results to the user after they specify their _____ .

18. The AI Mode feature initially launched in Google Search last _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. AI Mode 2. November 2022 3. Sarasota, Florida 4. 350% 5. Under the 'Prices' tab 6. By using AI Mode

True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Search 14. Sarasota, Florida 15. name 16. 315% 17. needs 18. November

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