

## **Booking.com will soon begin charging a commission on the resort fees that hotels charge guests**

Booking.com will soon begin to charge hotels a commission on the resort fees they collect from consumers in an effort to combat the practice. For tourists, it could provide hope that they will finally be rid of these pesky fees. The travel-booking site will start charging U.S. hotels an additional commission. The new policy will be rolled out gradually, starting this June. Booking.com reportedly began notifying hotels of the change last year. The policy will also apply to fees hotels charge for specific services such as a Wi-Fi, which often come as a surprise to weary travelers.

Booking.com's BKNG, -0.49% move is an industry first. Other online travel agencies such as Expedia EXPE, -0.45% and Trivago TRVG, +0.00% have not announced similar initiatives. None of the travel sites immediately returned requests for comment. The latest move is likely a response to consumer fatigue over these fees. Hotels could retaliate by adding the fees to the rates they advertise on Booking.com, while appearing to offer cheaper hotels on the travel-booking site's competitors like Expedia and Trivago.