

## The Top Travel Stocks to Consider When Travel Ban is Lifted

Travel stocks could see higher highs.

With millions of vaccines rolling out, and news Joe Biden is reportedly eyeing mid-May 2021 to ease travel restrictions, according to CNBC, related stocks could race higher.

In fact, “The Biden administration is looking toward the middle of May to relax restrictions on travel across the borders with Mexico and Canada, and on inbound international travel from the U.K., Europe and Brazil, according to two sources familiar with the matter,” they reported.

### Look at Hotel Stocks, for example.

“Net bookings have steadily increased since the start of 2021 and occupancy rates industry-wide are showing signs of rebounding. The industry occupancy rate in the last week of February was just below 50%, up from a trough of 22% in April of last year,” notes CNBC.

In addition, according to The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) survey: “Leisure travel is expected to return first, with consumers optimistic about national distribution of a vaccine and with that an ability to travel again in 2021. The report found that heading into 2021, consumers are optimistic about travel, with 56% of Americans saying they are likely to travel for leisure or vacation in 2021.”

Some of the top hotel stocks to consider include Hyatt (H), Wyndham (WH), and Hilton (HLT).



### Or, look at airlines.

Airline stocks are taking off again.

All after the Transportation Security Administration said that air travel just hit its highest level in about a year. “Demand will increase sharply at the point where vaccines have been widely distributed and border restrictions are eased, and not prior. Expect that in the second half of 2021, possibly sooner if vaccine distribution improves,” Andrew Nocella, chief commercial officer of United Airlines, said, as quoted by Business Insider.

While you can always buy airline stocks, like American Airlines (AAL), JetBlue (JBLU), and Southwest Airlines (LUV), the U.S. Global Jets ETF (JETS) is a better opportunity. At \$27.25 a share, it offers exposure to many of the top airline stocks and airline manufacturers.



In short, you're being offering considerable diversification at less cost.

**Cruise stocks will eventually recover, too.**

Cruise stocks, like Royal Caribbean (RCL) and Carnival (CCL) have been pushing higher on hopes they can leave port again soon.

Helping, cruise lines like Norwegian (NCLH) said it was seeing "strong demand" for future cruises with 2022 booking trends positive, as noted by MarketWatch.



"While still early in the booking cycle, 2022 booking trends are very positive driven by strong pent up demand," Norwegian said. "The company is experiencing robust future demand across all brands with the overall cumulative booked position for the first half of 2022 significantly ahead of 2019's record levels."

**Or, you can invest in travel site ETFs.**

Look at the ETFMG Travel Tech ETF (AWAY) for example.



Companies in this ETF are engaged in the “Travel Technology Business” by providing technology via the internet and internet-connected devices to facilitate travel bookings and reservations, ride sharing and hailing, travel price comparison, and travel advice, as noted by the Fund. At \$32.60, investors can gain exposure to TripAdvisor, Expedia Group, and Booking Holdings.