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<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/>

PLAN A TRIP / SHARE YOUR TRAVELS / WRITE A REVIEW

- The reviews were posted by real travelers
- You'll get some handy tips and advice.
- The site will also help you book flights, hotels and cars.
- You can price vacations on more than a dozen sites. Just Travelocity owns IgoUgo.
- After you've made all your travel arrangements, be sure to come back to IgoUgo. You can post a travel journal to share with friends and family. And you can review your travel experience!

www.igougo.com

FIVE OF THE BEST FREEBIES OF 2009

[AVG antivirus](#) –A quality antivirus program.

<http://free.avg.com/us-en/homepage>

[Secunia Personal Software Inspector](#) – You dutifully update Windows. But flaws are found in other programs as well. How can you keep them up to date? Put the Inspector on the job.

<http://secunia.com>

[Avira antivirus](#) – This is another antivirus program. Avira promises to protect you from viruses, rootkits and more.

<http://www.free-av.com/>

Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor – Can your computer handle Windows 7? What about your software?

This Microsoft program will tell you

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads>

averts! antivirus – Yes. It's another antivirus program. You only need one but having options is good. INTERESTING SITE

<http://www.softpedia.com/get/Antivirus/McAfee-AVERT-Stinger.shtml>

Go there

Ad-Aware Free Anti-Malware – You should have a handful of anti-spyware programs on your computer. They catch different things.

<http://download.cnet.com/Ad-Aware-Free-Anti-Malware/>

ZONEALARM – free firewall (not the antivirus)
<http://www.zonealarm.com/firewall>

WOT – (WEB OF TRUST)

This Firefox add-on will protect you while surfing. When you use popular search sites, it puts ratings beside results. You'll immediately know which sites are safe. This helps you avoid malware.

Cost: Free

Link: www.mywot.com

System: Windows XP and Vista, Mac OS X

Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer –

This program analyzes Windows for smaller security threats.

It checks passwords and user accounts.

It makes sure Microsoft programs are up to date.

If your password is weak, others might be able to access your account. The Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer will alert you if account passwords aren't strong enough.

Microsoft Baseline Security Analyzer gives you a detailed assessment that will be quite lengthy. Take the time to read it thoroughly and fix any problems listed. It is another tool in your arsenal to protect your machine.

Cost: Free

Link: www.microsoft.com

CCleaner – Removing unwanted files keeps the hard drive running smoothly. But that isn't always easy. This program makes it simple. Remove Web tracks, temporary files and unessential programs.

When you use your PC, there are a lot of traces left all over. There's your Web history, Windows' temporary files and cookies. Fortunately, this free program makes easy work to get rid of those traces.

It can also clean out file fragments and uninstall old programs for you. That could all save you a lot of disk space.

CCleaner lets you specify exactly what types of items it can delete. You can also choose to analyze your disk first. Then you can preview everything that CCleaner plans to delete. And it automatically makes backups if it cleans your Registry

www.ccleaner.com **free**