

Is cheapflights.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

cheapflights.co.za

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

cheapflights.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-11 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Travel metasearch page for finding and comparing flights, hotels and cars. Provides price alerts and informational content; monetizes via provider fees and advertising.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	26 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2000 1624 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2000.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website is a travel metasearch service that allows visitors to compare flights, hotels, and car-hire options, receive price alerts, explore destination deals, and proceed to third-party travel providers; its apparent business model is free search supported by provider commissions and advertising.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The available evidence shows no phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or confirmed blacklist indicators, while the site's travel-search presentation is coherent with a conventional marketplace model. Historical continuity is strong, with no indication of suspicious repurposing or material semantic drift, supporting the conclusion that the site is apparently legitimate even though its real-world operator identity is not independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents flight, accommodation, car-hire, destination, price-alert, and flight-tracking functions consistent with a travel metasearch service.
- Domain registration: 2000-05-06, approximately 26.28 years old; registrar: MarkMonitor.
- Web archives contain 1,624 snapshots spanning 2000–2026, with 27 years tracked and a maximum recorded gap of 1 year.
- External reputation checks recorded no malicious or suspicious detections, and no brand-impersonation pattern was identified.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The business model appears to be an intermediary search and referral service rather than a financial or otherwise inherently regulated offering. The available content references About, FAQ, Privacy, and related informational material, but the supplied evidence does not establish a legal-entity identity, licensing claim, or registration number for the operator. This is a transparency item for ordinary merchant verification, not evidence of deceptive conduct. The long operating history, reputable registrar, clean reputation, and technically stable presentation are consistent with an established site, while they do not independently prove the operator's legal identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage describes a free search service monetized through commissions and advertising from third-party providers and partners.
- The available page content identifies informational and privacy-related sections but does not provide a verified license authority or license number.
- Registration is recorded through MarkMonitor, with an expiry date of 2027-05-06.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an independent check should confirm which legal entity is responsible for the relevant booking or referral, whether the selected provider's cancellation and refund terms apply, and which party will process any payment. Applicable consumer-protection or travel-sector registration requirements should be checked with the relevant jurisdictional registry where the transaction involves a regulated provider. Official support and contact channels should also be confirmed through an independent route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage directs users toward third-party airlines, travel agents, accommodation providers, and other partners rather than presenting all services as directly supplied by the site.
- The available page structure includes About, FAQ, and Privacy content that can be used to reconcile operator, complaint, and data-handling details before a transaction.
- The captured homepage contained no sensitive payment or password form.

Summary Verdict

Available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website and supports a high-trust, low-risk posture with no observed scam or impersonation contradictions. The remaining uncertainty concerns independent attribution of the real-world operator, not evidence of malicious activity.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by Akamai CDN/WAF infrastructure, while the observed hosting is provided through Fastly. All observed addresses were CDN edge servers, and no origin-server candidate was identified in this analysis; this reduces direct exposure of the origin but is only a mitigating infrastructure signal, not proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Hosting: AS54113, FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US; observed server IP: 151.101.1.29.
- The infrastructure record identifies Akamai and Fastly edge services, with 14 observed edge IPs and 0 likely origin IPs.
- TLS certificate: issuer YR1, validation level DV, valid to 2026-09-28T02:28:02+00:00.

Closing Assessment

Ordinary use is proportionate to the assessed posture, provided that merchant identity, applicable booking terms, and payment protections are independently confirmed before credentials or payment details are supplied.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-11 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of cheapflights.co.za.

- The request stayed on cheapflights.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under MarkMonitor. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by foundationdns.org, across 3 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-05-06. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2000-10-18. CLEAR
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	MarkMonitor
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	151.101.193.29
Name servers	blue.foundationdns.org, blue.foundationdns.com, blue.foundationdns.net
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-09-28
Domain age	26.28 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-05-06
Archive first seen	2000-10-18
Archive snapshots	1624
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about cheapflights.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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