

Spb Traveler 2.0 User Manual



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Overview

Spb Traveler provides you with the most important tools for each Traveler. If you want to become a better traveler, you can skip some of those how-to books penned by armchair road warriors. Instead, fire up your Pocket PC and open Spb Traveler. Spb Traveler is a travel assistant application to keep you on track during your trips, plan your overseas meetings, global weather forecasts, phrase book, and other useful information.

Software Features

Favorite Cities

All set favorite cities are presented on the main screen. In one glance, the user can see the time and weather information, and with one finger tap - move the preferred city to the top of the list. By tapping on a selected city's time – the user will see detailed information about the city's time zone and location.

Weather Forecasts

The Weather Forecast is a global weather forecast service which allows you to constantly have access to weather forecasts for the next five days and the ability to refresh this information daily. Use Spb Traveler weather and keep yourself informed.

Trip Assistant

The Trip Assistant keeps you on track, especially when you have many flights during a short period of time in different time zones. Avoid any confusion by using trip assistant and keep your trip information organized and clear.

Flights Search

Flights search offers quick, convenient travel solutions for your complex travel plans right on your device. No matter where you are, you can look up flight schedules from across the globe.

3D Globe

3D Globe is not only there to impress you, but it also gives quick access to time and weather information for your favorite cities. Use Spb's 3D Globe as a fun educational tool, when playing the Geo Game.

Currency Converter

The Currency Converter allows you to perform foreign exchange rate calculations. The currency converter uses up-to-the-date currency rates retrieved from trusted web sources and can be updated either automatically or manually.

Unit Converter

The Unit Converter easily converts between different units of measurement. Simply select the appropriate unit converter from the following type of units: areas, distances, length, pressures, speeds, volumes, weights and temperatures.

Time Converter

Time Converter tells you the time zone anywhere in the world using our time zone database. Select all the cities you are interested in and this handy utility will calculate local time for each specified city. If you are going to make an international appointment, then use Time Converter to find when the best to have your meeting is.

Clothing Sizes

Buying clothing when on a trip can sometimes be confusing as sizes seem to vary so much from place to place. Enter your family and friends sizes by name and when needed open it by one tap using a person's name. Clothing Sizes helps you to convert sizes between many different countries. It includes standard information about labeling clothing sizes that you can use as a quick reference guide.

Tips Calculator

Tips Calculator is the ultimate tipping tool with a built-in international tipping guide. Tips Calculator is simply the fastest and easiest way to calculate the tip on your next meal abroad. Spb Traveler functions make tip calculation easy and convenient for anyone.

Geo Game

Do you know what Tuvalu is? Well, it is a country, and Spb Traveler can show you where it is located. What about the Christmas Island flag, can you recall the way it looks? Educate yourself and widen your horizons by playing the Geo Game. This one minute game will help to improve your geographical competence and entertain you on the go.

Phrase Book

The Phrase Book is a collection of ready-made phrases in a foreign language along with a translation that travelers might need. Many languages are included such as Czech, English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Finnish, Polish, and More.

Integration with Spb Products

Spb Traveler can be integrated into [Spb Mobile Shell](#), [Spb Diary](#), and [Spb Pocket Plus](#) version 2.5 and higher. Spb Pocket Plus is one of the most powerful and popular Smartphone applications. Among other useful features it offers a powerful Today plug-in with tabs. Such a tab guarantees best use of the device screen area.

Installation

Installation of Spb Traveler is a very simple process and takes less than five minutes to complete. The following installation guide will help you.

System Requirements

Make sure your system meets the following minimum requirements before installation.

- Windows Mobile 5.0, 6.0, and 6.1.



Installing

After you have downloaded the Spb Traveler distribution file you should install it to your device. For a successful installation you will need a Pocket PC device attached to your Windows desktop PC. You will also need Microsoft ActiveSync software in order to install Spb Traveler to your device.

When you run the software installer on your desktop PC it will ask you to accept the license agreement and will start the installation program. You will be prompted for the location where you want the software to be installed.

Note: Microsoft ActiveSync works only with Windows XP SP2 or earlier. If you have Windows Vista, your synchronization settings will be managed through the Windows Mobile Device Center. Windows Mobile Device Center is available through the [Windows Mobile Device Center page](#).

Registration

You will be able to use Spb Traveler until the end of the trial version period of 15 days from the first installation. If you have not registered Spb Traveler within this timeframe, you will need to do so to continue using it.

To obtain the serial number you need to purchase an Spb Traveler software license. You will receive your serial number by e-mail.

Uninstalling

To remove the product from your Pocket PC:

1. Go to **Start menu > Settings**
2. Open **System** and tap on **Remove Programs**
3. Select **Spb Traveler** from the list and tap on the **Remove** button
4. Choose **Yes** to confirm removing

Configure & Use Spb Traveler

The main screens in Spb Traveler are city (all city information in one place), trip assistant (monitor your trip), tools (such as currency converter and flights search), and 3D globe. All of these screens are designed for one-hand stylus-free navigation and are animated transitions supported.

You can use a left or right gesture, or tap the appropriate icons, to switch between Spb Traveler main screens. Tap the **X** button, or press the **ok** key to return to the Today screen (or the last active application). Each component of Spb Traveler has its own features and options which can be used to customize the program.

City Screen

The City screen provides you with time, date, city photos (if available), currency, weather, and useful city guide links for all of your favorite's cities. It has been designed for one-handed navigation and stylus-free use.



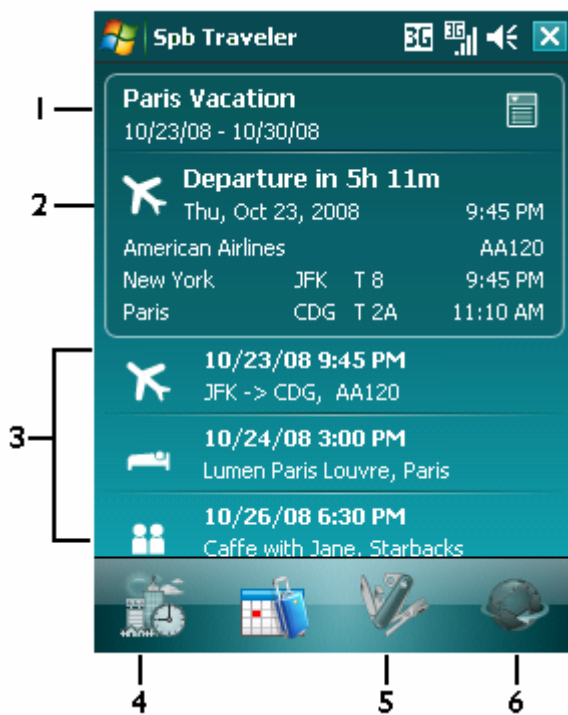
1. The selected city name, tap to open the city screen main menu.
2. The country flag. Tap the flag if you wish to download the pictures of the most famous places in the city. After downloading those pictures, tap again to start a full screen slideshow. All used images are copyright of Wikipedia.
3. City weather forecast. Tap to open the detailed weather dialog where you can change the weather forecast source for more accurate forecast.
4. City local time and date. Tap to view the local time, UTC/GMT offset, and a map of the world with the selected city marked by a red dot. The current state of day/night zones is also shown on the map. You can also view the exact city coordinates and the sunrise and sunset times for this city for today under the map.

5. City guide internet links.
6. Favorite cities list.
7. To access the Trip assistant.
8. To access the Tools screen.
9. To access the Globe screen.

- Start by selecting your favorite cities. You can add up to 10 cities in total. Tap the main city name to view the available options.
- When adding a city, the weather forecast and the currency rates will be updated if an Internet connection is available.
- The city guide item provides you with city information links to the CIA Factbook, Wikipedia, and Wikitravel which makes for good reading when you are on a trip. This option requires an internet connection for first time downloading.

Trip Assistant Screen

You can create and manage multi-leg complex trips that include flights, hotels, car rentals, appointments, and destination information. Every added trip becomes an appointment in your calendar. It will assist you with time zone changes by providing you with the proper local time and time left to the next important traveling event.



1. The current trip title, tap to view the available options of the main menu.
2. The upcoming trip event. Tap to view the trip item details dialog.
3. The added trip items list. Tap-and-hold on an item to view the available options.
4. To access the City screen.
5. To access the Tools screen.
6. To access the Globe screen.

You need to add your trip information from the beginning to the end. With the provided information the trip assistant will monitor your trip. Save your trip information in a separate file that can be shared with your colleagues and family.

Tools Screen

Spb Traveler provides you with some important tools for each Traveler such as Currency Converter, Unit Converter, Time Converter, Tips Calculator, Clothing Sizes, Flights Search, and Phrase Book.



1. Tap the required tool item you would like to use.
2. To access Spb Traveler options.
3. To access City screen.
4. To access Trip assistant.
5. To access Globe screen.

Tips Calculator

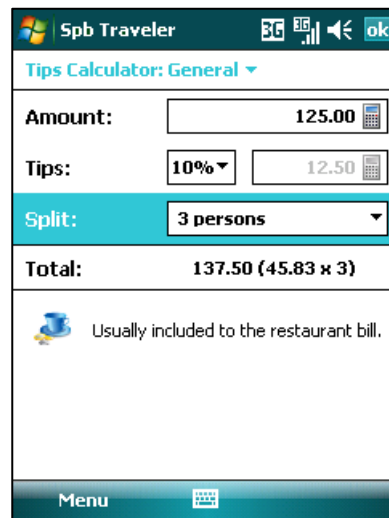
The Tips Calculator allows you to calculate the recommended tip amounts in many countries worldwide. In general you can calculate the total bill tip and split it between a group of up to ten people. Tap **Menu** to select the type of service available.

Important

The tipping percentage of the selected city will be automatically set if the Tips Calculator tool is launched from the city menu in the City screen.

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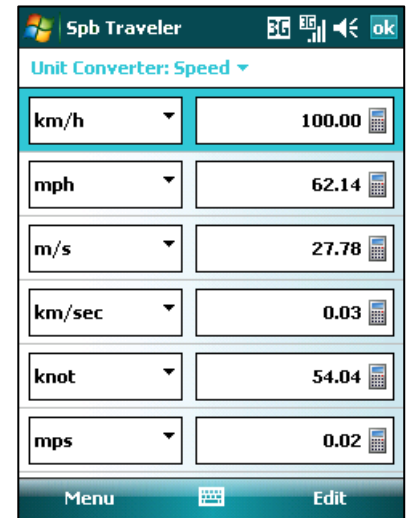
Use this information as a guideline only. Some cities do not have any tip record in the database.



Unit Converter

Unit Converter is a simple and intuitive tool to use. For conversion of the most frequently used units of Length, Weight, Volume, Area, Speed and Temperature in either the U.S. or metric types. Enter a number, select a unit and see the results expressed in the alternate types of measurements.

- Choose the units of measurement from which you would like to convert from the drop-down list.
- Click over the text box next to the "calculator icon" and the standard calculator will appear, and then type the number into one of the input boxes.
- Specify the amount in any of the four input boxes and you will see the result in the four selected units.



Note

Unit converter supports one-hand navigation. Use your left D-pad button to open the units list and your right D-pad button to open the calculator.

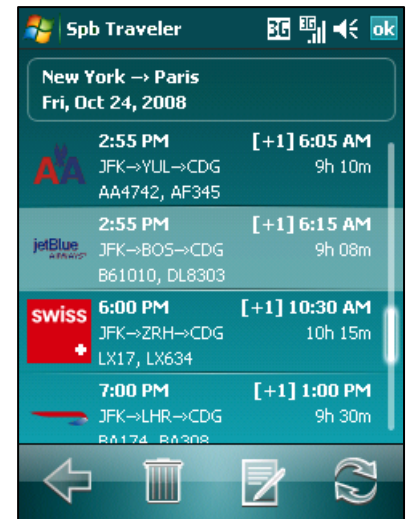
Flights Search

Flights search offers quick, convenient travel solutions for your complex travel plans right on your device. No matter where you are, you can look up flight schedules from across the globe. Review flight schedules between two or more airports and select a specific airline on your chosen route to be added to your trip assistant.

Fill in the requested fields and tap **Search** soft key to start your flights search. Flights search does not book tickets. You will have to buy tickets directly from an airline or an agency sites.

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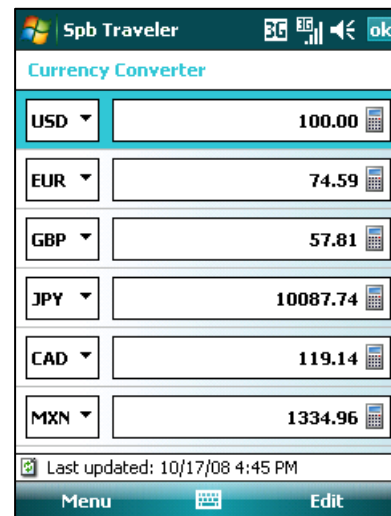
An Internet connection is required in order to use Flights search tool.



Currency Converter

Currency Converter is a tool that calculates and Converts the exchange rate between the currencies of your choosing. When it comes to money issues, everybody wants to know how much money you can get in exchange for \$100 without being taken advantage of. Today with Spb Traveler that is possible.

- Choose your currency from the list in the upper left corner. (The selected city currency is the default.)
- In the screen, choose the exchange units you want to convert to. Drag the scrolling arrows to scroll through all selections. (All exchange units are listed with the name of their country. For example, the "RUB" for Russian is listed as "Russian Rubles.")
- To convert a specific amount, click on the text box next to the "calculator icon" and the standard calculator will appear in which you can now type in the amount to be converted.
- Specify the amount in the calculator and you will see the result in the four currencies. Update your currency rates when it's possible for better accuracy. The rates are approximate due to the differences between countries currency rates.



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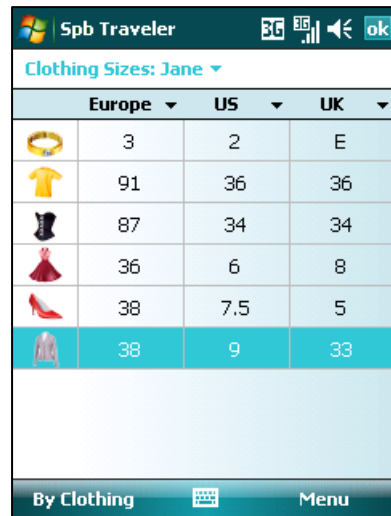
Currency converter supports one-hand navigation. Use your left D-pad button to open the exchange units list and your right D-pad button to open the calculator.

Clothing Sizes

This displays clothing size conversion tables across many regions and clothing categories. Highly usable, this will facilitate effective shopping overseas. Use the different clothing categories to quickly find the size you need. You can also search for a particular person's size, to use this option you need to add the person's size details by tapping on **By People** soft-key. Tap on **Add Person...** menu item and fill in person name and assign size values

Note

Use these tables as guidelines only. Different manufacturers have slightly different size tables.

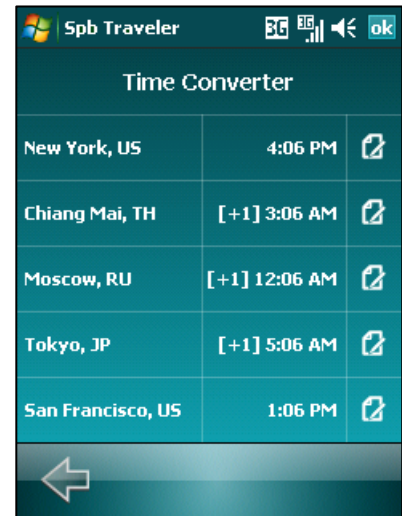


Time Converter

The Time Converter allows you to track the current time in several cities at the same time.

Every row in this table corresponds to one city. The first column indicates the city and the second column indicates the local city time. The create appointment button in the third column, automatically recalculates your appointment time in any city to the local time of your city so you don't have to worry about time zone differences. When you change the time in any row, it will automatically be changed in all the other rows.

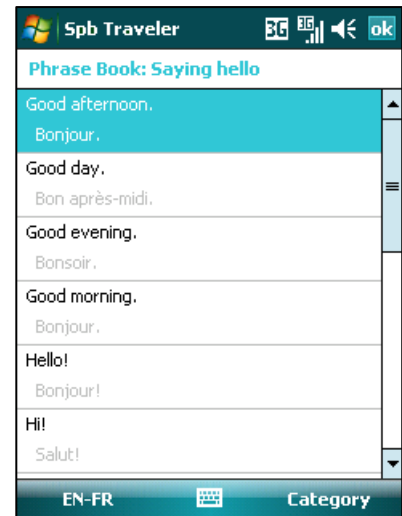
To change the city in the first column, just tap the cell. You will be shown your favorite cities list. If you select **More** menu item, you will be asked to specify a desired city from the city database.



Phrase Book

The Phrase Book is a collection of ready-made phrases for a foreign language along with a translation that travelers might need. The phrase book includes the following languages: Czech, English, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Finnish, Polish, and Spanish.

The main screen shows a list of the foreign language phrases along with a translation. The left soft key show you the first two letters of the selected languages. This menu allows you to select the main language (native), the foreign language, and to get more phrase books. Tap on phrase to open it for clear view and use your left/right D-pad buttons to jump to the next phrase. From the **Category** menu you can select the topic areas which cover Everyday Conversation topics.



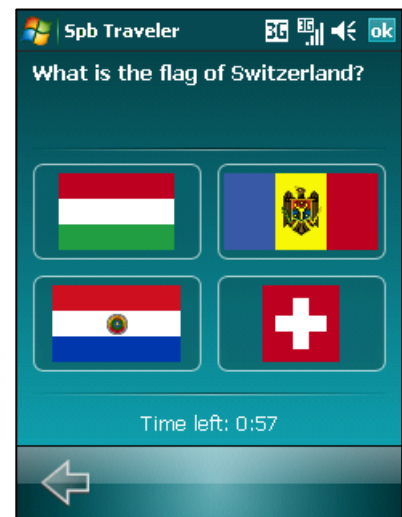
Note

An Internet connection is required in order to download more phrase books from the Spb Traveler phrase book website.

Geo Game

Spb Traveler includes a small game to entertain you during the trip. It also helps you to improve your geography knowledge. The database includes general information about capitals and flags of all countries.

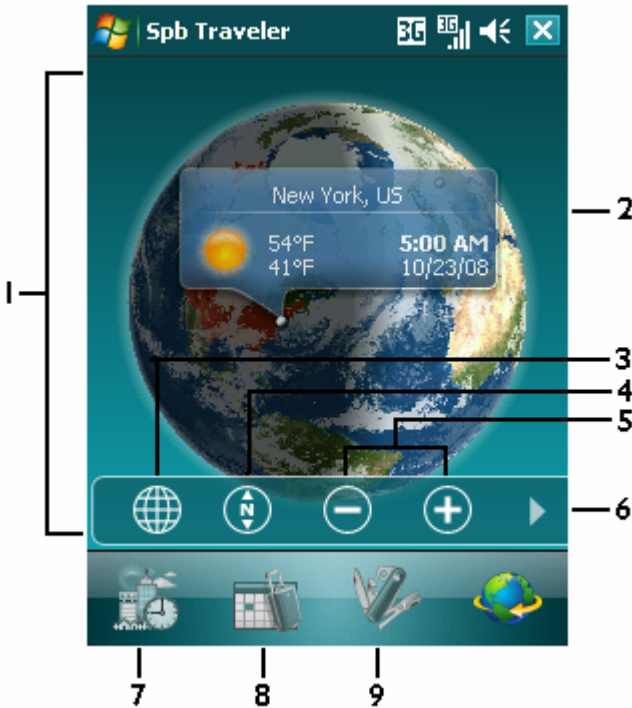
Select the game type (All, Capitals, or Flags). The **Animation** option will show you the location of the corresponding country after each question. Tap the Next button to start new game. Good luck!



Globe Screen

The globe screen displays your favorite cities location, weather condition, real-time day and night regions, and sky in the world.

It will show you the location of your favorite cities around the globe along with the time, date, and temperature, or you can set it to show the trip routes instead of cities locations.



1. The animated globe area. You can use gestures to move the globe.
2. City location along with the time, date, and weather information. Tap to open the detailed weather screen.
3. To access the globe screen main menu. Tap to view the available options.
4. To set to north.
5. To zoom in or out.
6. The globe screen tools bar, tap the arrow to show/hide the tools bar.
7. To access City screen.
8. To access Trip assistant.
9. To access Tools screen.

Spb Traveler Options

You may customize Spb Traveler to fit your needs. To begin go to the main menu and select the **Options...** menu item. The Options screen includes the following tabs which you can use to adjust your settings:

Units

Here you can customize the default measurement for weather parameters such as temperature, speed, and atmospheric pressure.

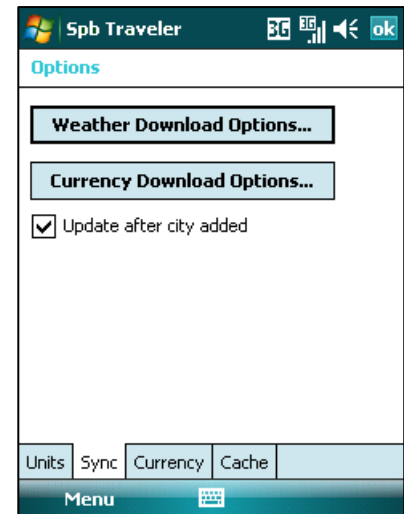
Sync

Customize the data synchronization options for the weather forecast and currency rates. Tap the appropriate button to open the corresponding options screen.

Enable **Update after city added** to download the weather and currency data right after adding a city to your city list.

In the **Weather Download Options...** you can customize the weather data update and synchronization.

- **Sync:** In this tab you can configure the update method of the weather forecast.
 - **Update when docked:** Select to update your weather forecasts automatically each time you cradle your device.
 - **Use free connections only:** Enable this option to prevent Spb Traveler from using paid Internet connections to update your weather forecasts. The updating will start only when a free Internet connection is available either via your Desktop or Wi-Fi.
 - **Manual update:** Select to start updating only upon your command.
 - **Auto update:** Select to start the updating process automatically according to the time you specify below.
- **Sources:** The Spb Traveler forecasts are downloaded from assigned Internet sources. You can also provide a template file of your preferred weather forecasts source. Please refer to [Custom weather sources in Spb Traveler](#) topic for more information.
 - Tap the **Add...** button and supply the template file and city code to add your source template.
 - Each city has its own city code that you need to provide in order to download the weather forecast using the provided template file. The



city code can be found in the URL address of your city forecast page. For example: Saint-Petersburg, Russia
http://www.weather.com/outlook/travel/businesstraveler/hourbyhour/RSXX0091?from=36hr_topnav_business

The code here is RSXX0091

- o Tap on the **Remove...** button to delete an added source. The default source cannot be removed.

Note

You can find user-created custom templates at:
<http://www.pdagold.com/themes/list.asp?tp=11>

In the **Currency Download Options...** you can customize the currency data update and synchronization.

- **Update when docked:** Select to update your currency rates automatically each time you cradle your device.
- **Use free connections only:** Enable this option to prevent Spb Traveler from using paid Internet connections to update your currency rates. The updating will start only when a free Internet connection is available either via your Desktop or Wi-Fi.
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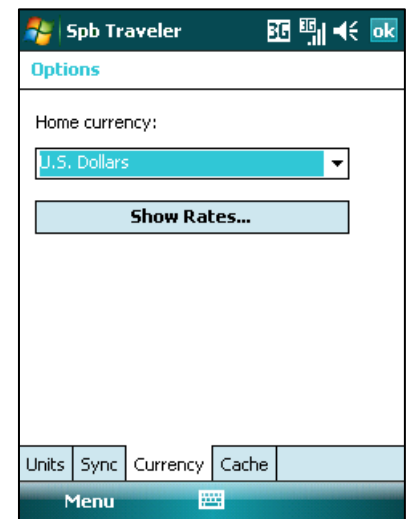
Currency

Set the currency, which will be used as your home currency. Select one from the list. Tap on **Show Rates...** button to open the currencies rates list. In the currencies rates list you can see the most recent currency rates for more than 170 national currencies. All rates in this list are given in relation to your current Home currency, which is marked with a Home icon. To instantly update this list, tap on the **Update** softkey. The context menu of each list item includes:

- **Edit:** Select to edit the currency symbol and enter the rates manually.
- **Make Home Currency:** Select to make this currency the default Home currency. All other currency rates will then be recalculated automatically.

Note

If the rates were all set to undefined then you will need to update the currencies rates list when your device is connected to the internet.



Cache

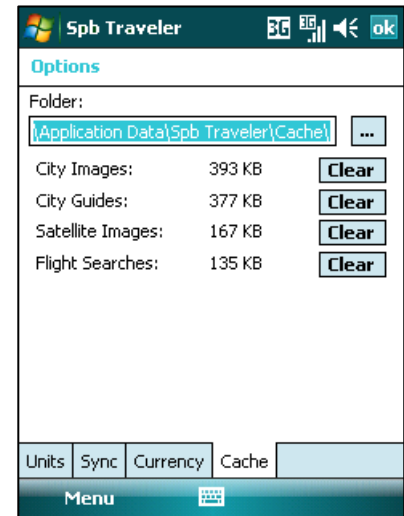
Here you can control the cache data used by Spb Traveler. You can view and change the currently used cache folder and clear the cache folder when it occupies your storage space.

This cache is used when you download city links such as Wikipedia articles and city pictures.

- Specify your cache folder by tapping **Browse...** or leave it as default.
- Tap **Clear Cache** button to empty Spb Traveler cache folder.

Note

We recommend you change the cache folder location to a storage card (if available) to save valuable main storage space on your device.



Spb Traveler Today Plug-In

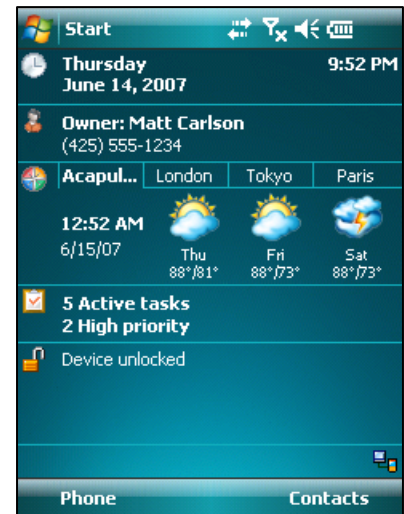
The Spb Traveler Today plug-in shows, on the Today screen, the local time, date, and weather forecasts for the added cities. The Today plug-in also can be inserted in the form of a tab into [Spb Pocket Plus](#) or [Spb Mobile Shell](#). Tap-and-hold anywhere on the Spb Traveler Today plug-in to view the available options.

Today Plug-In. Switching between Cities

When you are in multiline view mode, all the cities are displayed on the screen. Otherwise, each city takes one whole tab of the Spb Traveler Today plug-in. Tap on the city name to view its information. If you have the city names hidden (when the header is configured to contain only one city or no cities at all), then tap-and-hold somewhere on the Spb Traveler area and select a desired city from the **Cities** menu.

Integration with Spb Products

Spb Traveler integrates well with [Spb Dairy](#), [Spb Mobile Shell](#) and [Spb Pocket Plus](#) as a tab including a dynamic icon in the tab header that displays your current city weather status.



Technical Support

This chapter contains technical support information. It includes all the information you need to assist you.

About The Trial Version

The trial version of Spb Traveler includes all of the features available in the registered version. The trial version expires within 15 days after the first installation. You can use the trial version only to check how Spb Traveler works. In order to keep using the software you need to purchase the license. There is no need to re-install the Spb Traveler in order to use the full version.

To obtain the serial number you need to purchase Spb Traveler software license. You will receive your serial number by e-mail. For more information please visit our web site at: <http://www.spbsoftwarehouse.com/support/general.html>

Contacting Technical Support

Please take advantage of one of the Spb software free technical support options:

- Context-sensitive help may be accessed while using the application by tapping on the **Help** item in the **Start** menu.
- Refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the support section of the Spb Software web site. The FAQs may have information and helpful hints that are more current than the User Manual: <http://www.spbsoftwarehouse.com/products/traveler/faq.html>
- Ask your technical question or post your feature request in the forum to get a quicker reply directly from the developer team. Solutions to your problems are available 24 hours a day at no cost on the Spb Club web site. You must first register as a member before using Spb Club web support: <http://www.spbclub.com/forum/>

Please include the following information to help us isolate the problem:

1. The type of the device that you are using.
2. The software name and version number. Select **Menu** → **About...** to view the software name and version number (example: Spb Traveler, version 2.0, Build 1407).
3. Any error messages that accompany the problem.
4. A brief description of how we can recreate the issue.