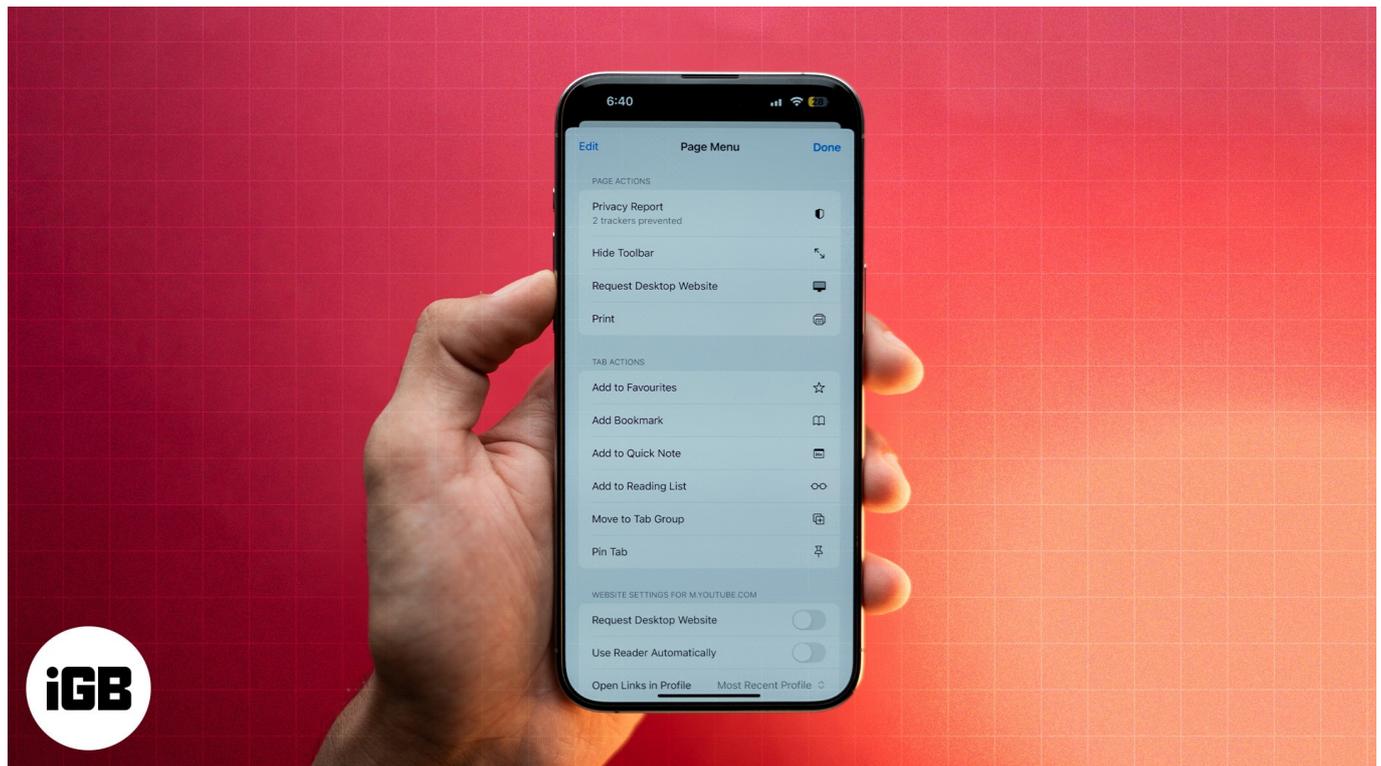Even the most popular websites often offer more features and options on their desktop versions than their mobile counterparts. Thus, knowing how to switch to the desktop version of a website on your iPhone becomes necessary.
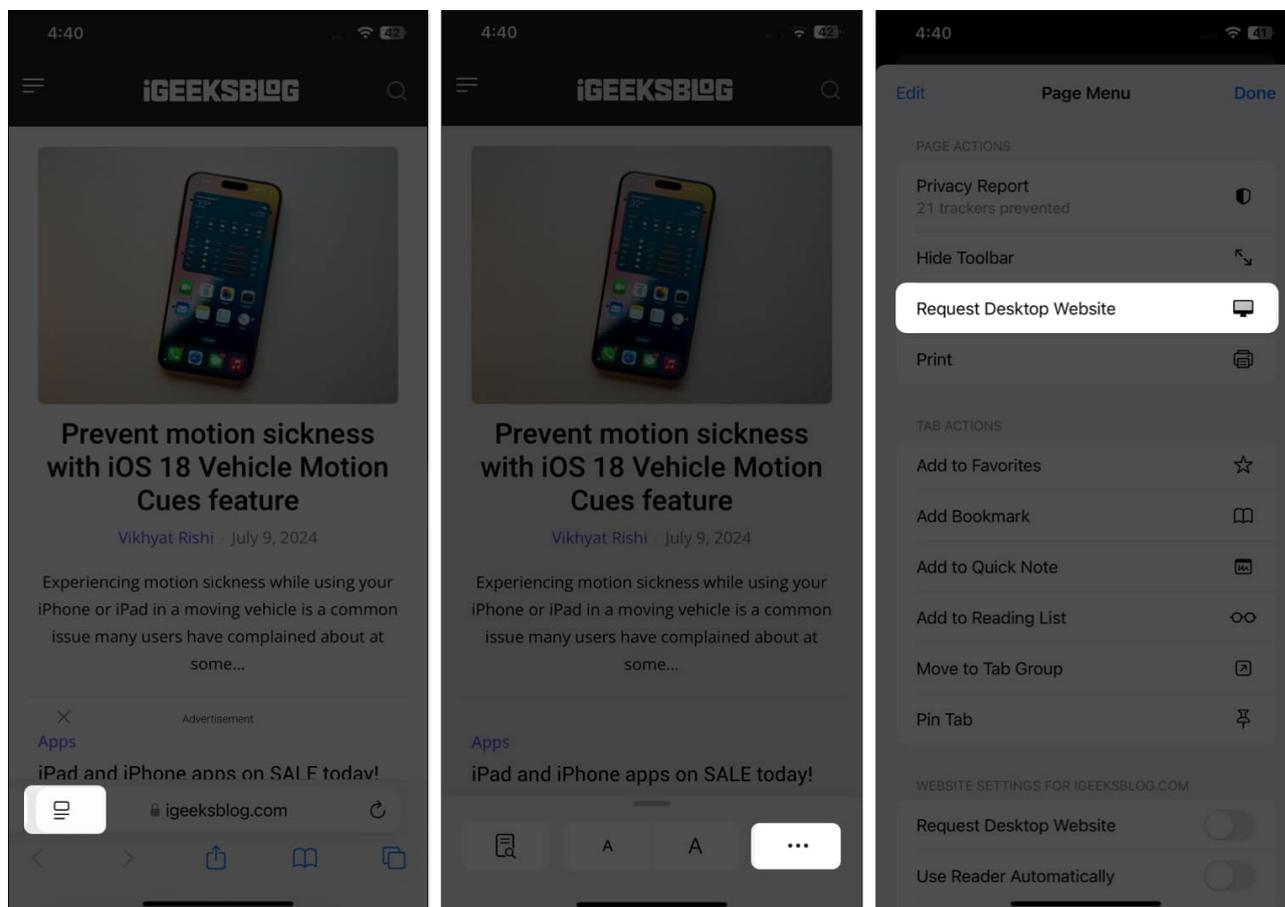

Whether you're looking for more functionality, a better layout, or dealing with compatibility issues in certain web applications, here's how to request a desktop site on an iPhone or iPad.

How to request a desktop site in Safari on an iPhone

Requesting a desktop site in Safari on an iPhone used to be a two-step affair. However, with the arrival of [iOS 18](#), iPhone users now need to go the extra mile. Here's what the process looks like now:

1. Open Safari and go to the website whose desktop version you want to access.
2. Tap the **Reader Mode** button in the address bar.
3. Here, tap the three-dot button in the bottom-right corner.
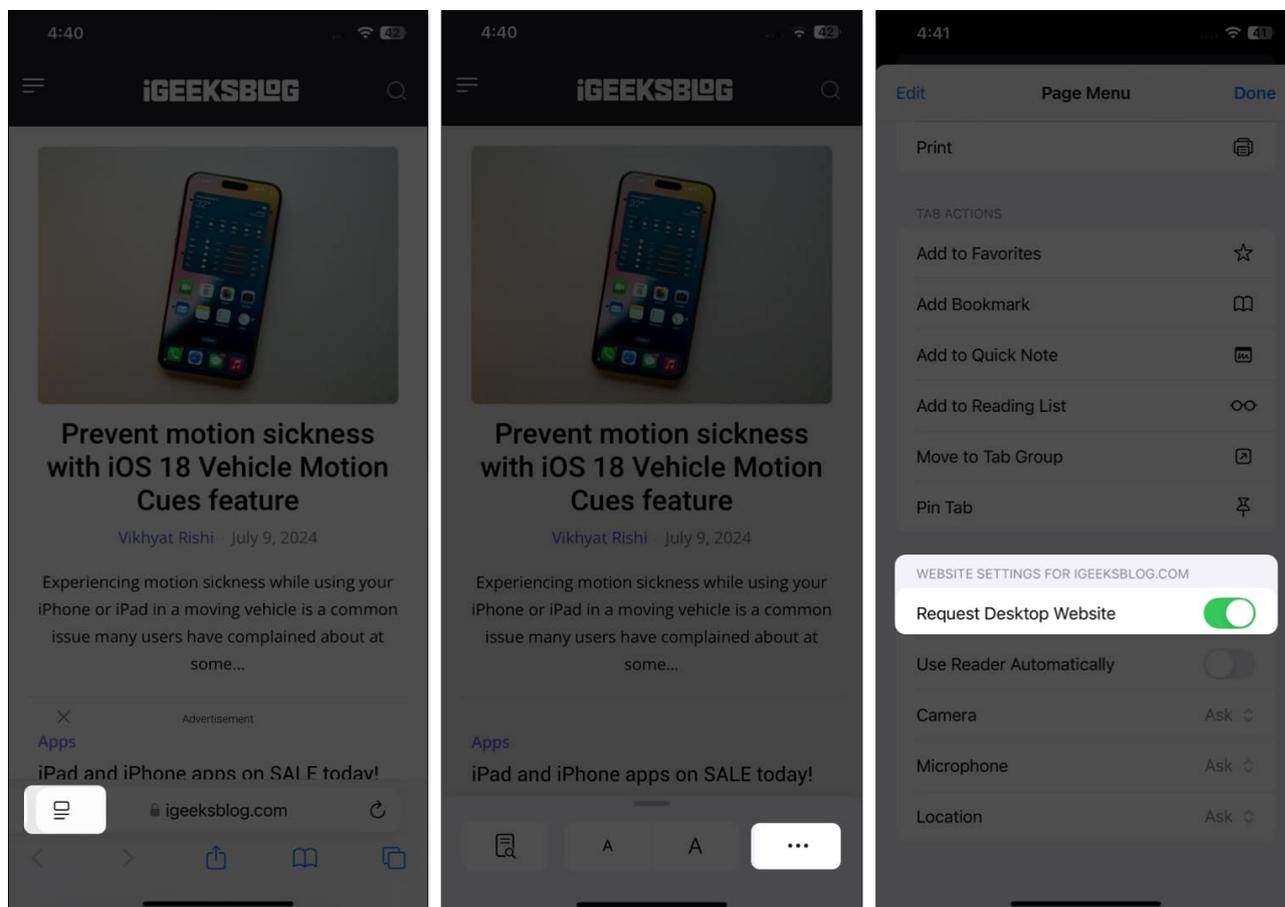4. Finally, tap **Request Desktop Website** under the **Page Actions** section.

On iOS 17, open the website, tap the **Aa** icon in the address bar, and select **Request Desktop Website**.

How to always open a desktop version of a website in Safari on an iPhone

While you can easily switch to the desktop version of a website in Safari, you can also set the particular website to always open in the desktop version on your iPhone by default. Here's how:

1. With the website open, tap the **Reader Mode** button to the left of the address bar.
2. Here, tap the three-dot button in the bottom-right corner.
3. Scroll down on the subsequent menu and toggle on **Request Desktop Website** under the **Website Settings** section.
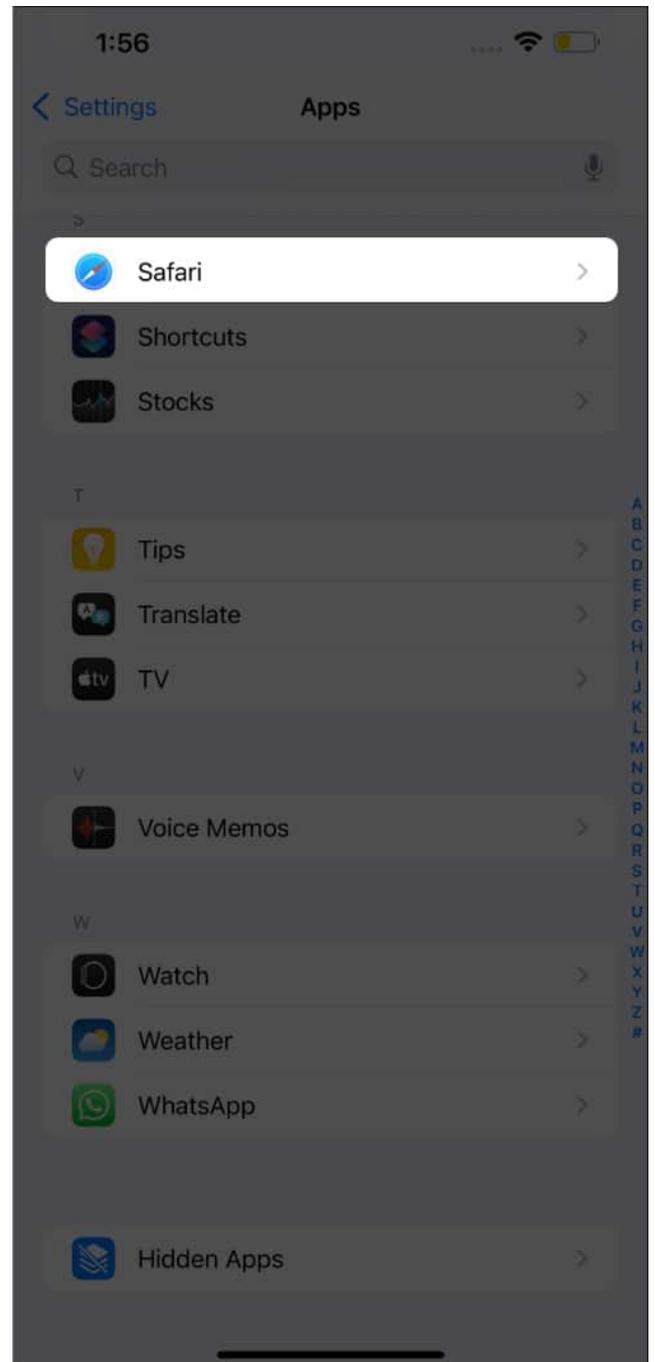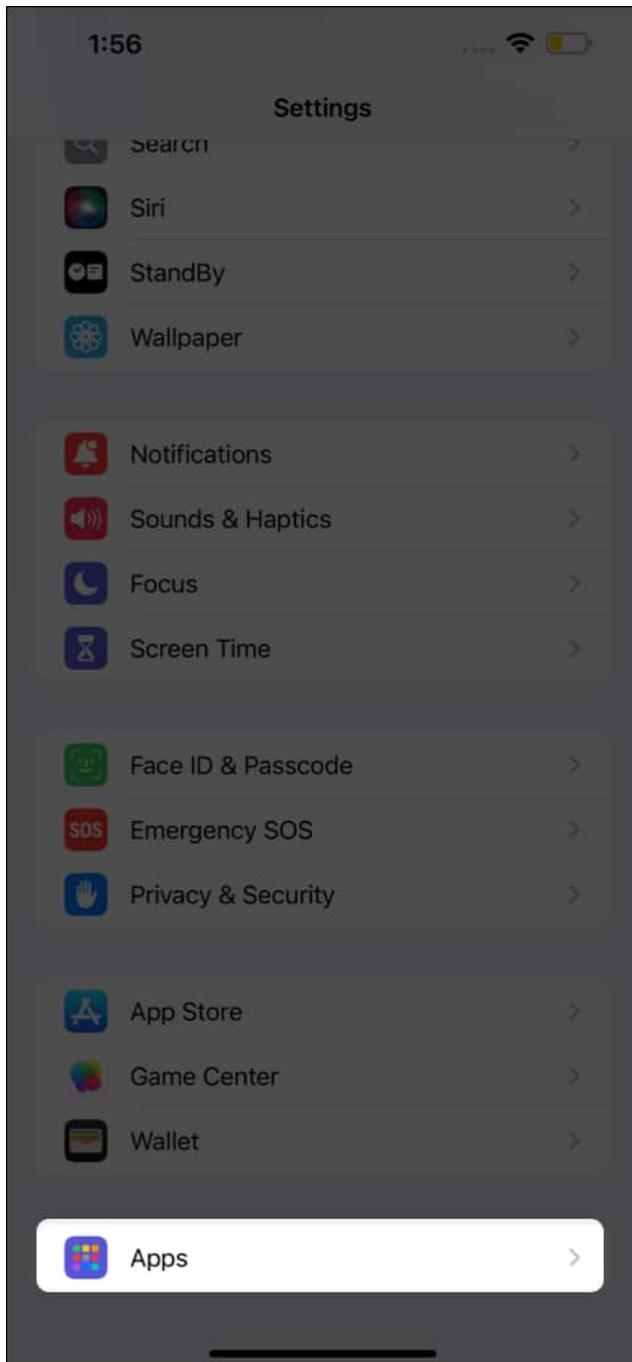
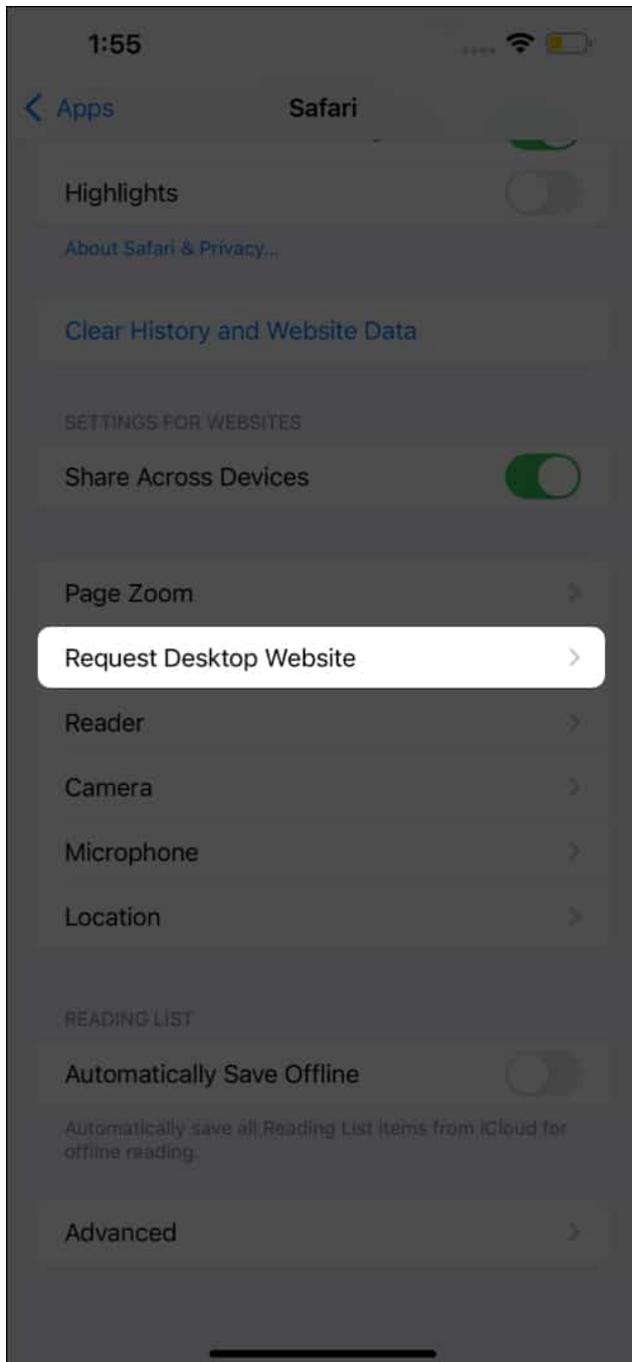In iOS 17, tap on the **Aa icon** and select **Website Settings**. Then, turn on **Request Desktop Website**.

How to request a desktop site in Safari for all websites by default

If you're tired of requesting the desktop site for each website, here's a trick for you: You can enable the desktop site for all websites at once. Here's what you need to do:
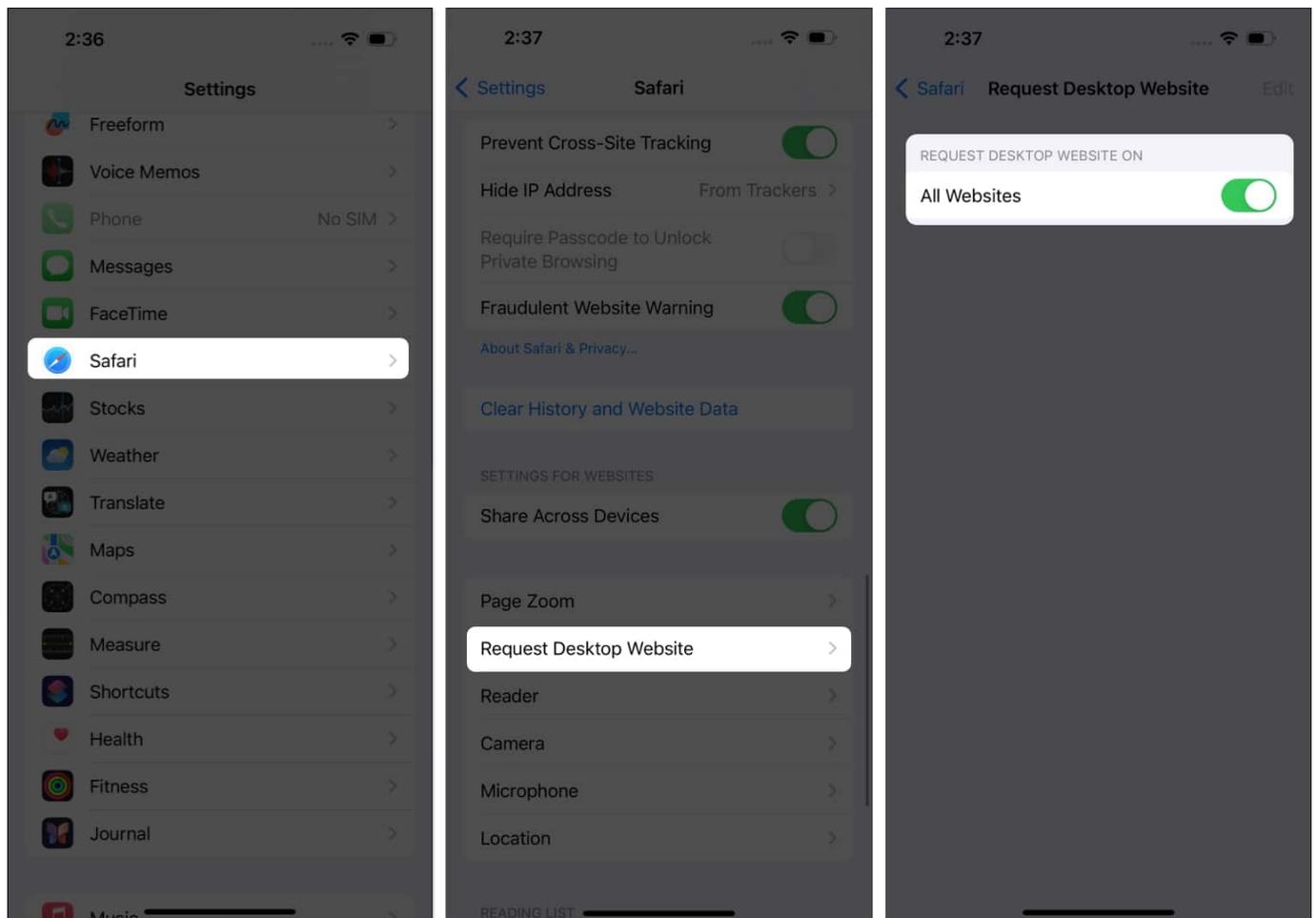
1. Open **Settings**.
2. Go to **Apps** and select **Safari**.

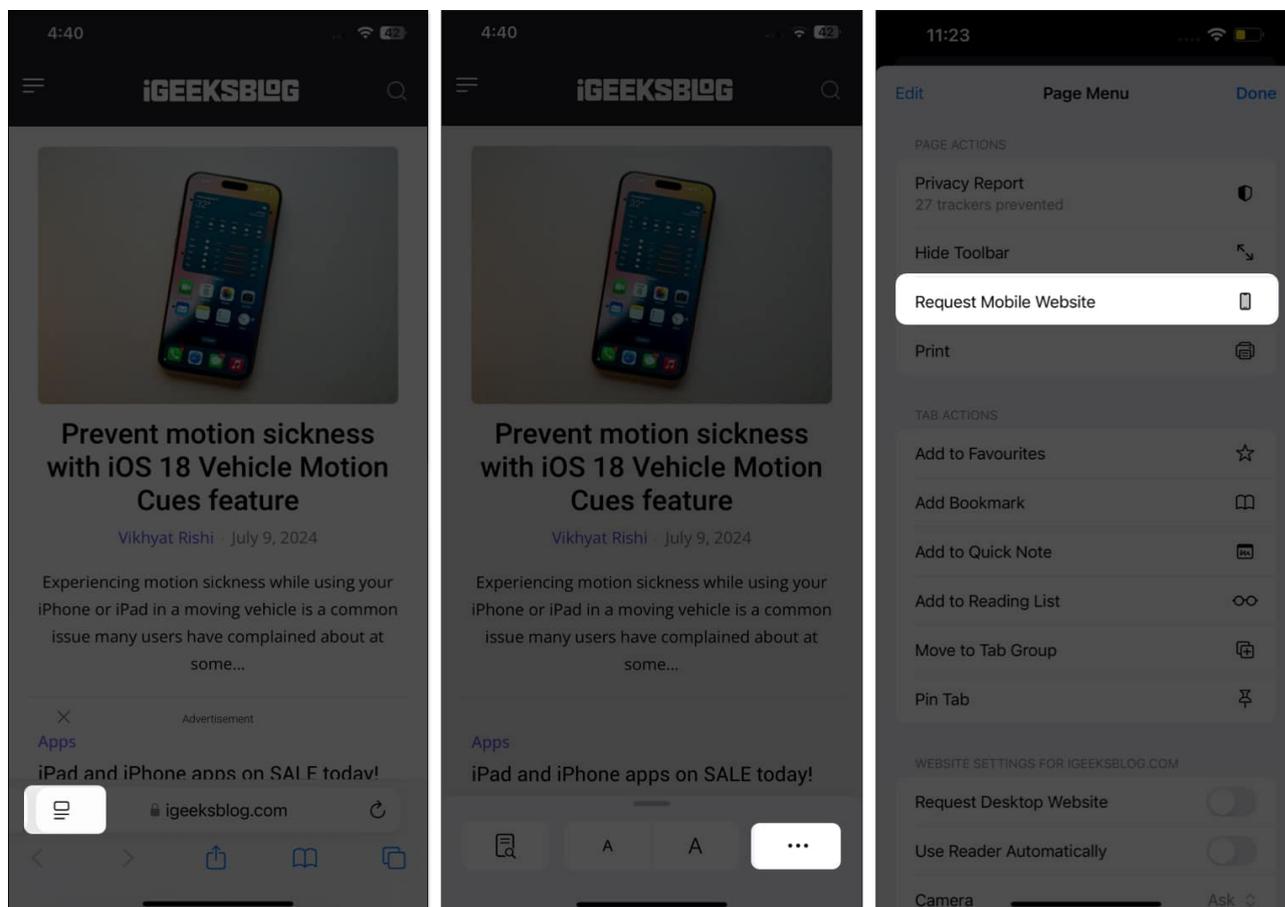3. Choose **Request Desktop Website** and then toggle on **All Websites**.

If you're on iOS 17, do this instead. Go to **Settings → Safari → Request Desktop Website**, and toggle on **All Websites**.

How to switch back to the mobile version of a website in Safari on iPhone

Reverting to the mobile version of a website in Safari on an iPhone is as simple as switching to the desktop site in the first place.

1. With the website open in a Safari tab, tap the **Reader mode** button in the address bar.
2. Tap the three-dot button that appears in the bottom-right corner.
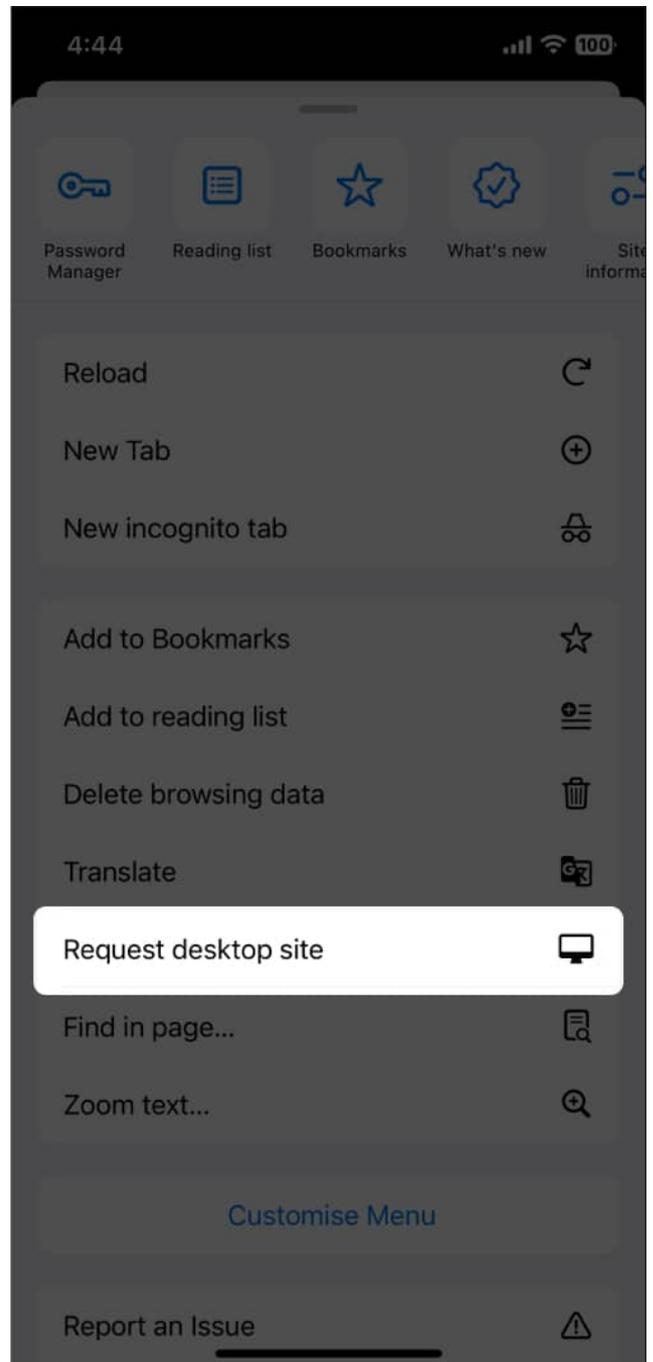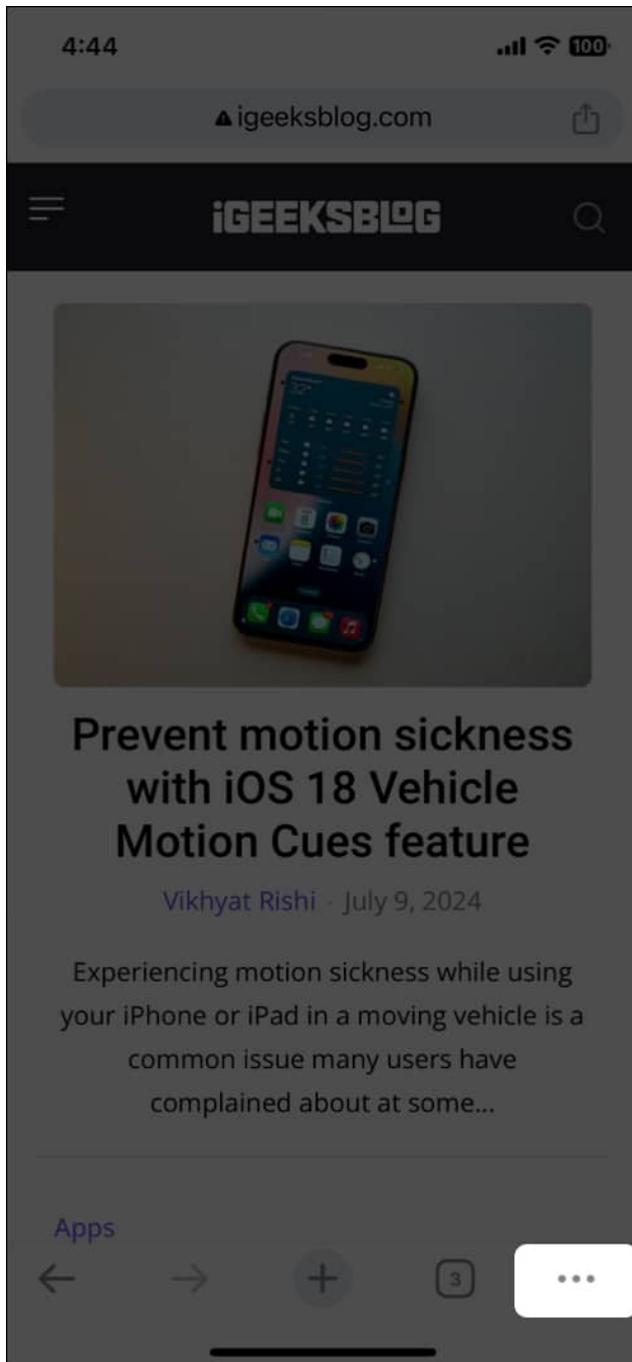3. Locate and tap on **Request Mobile Website**.

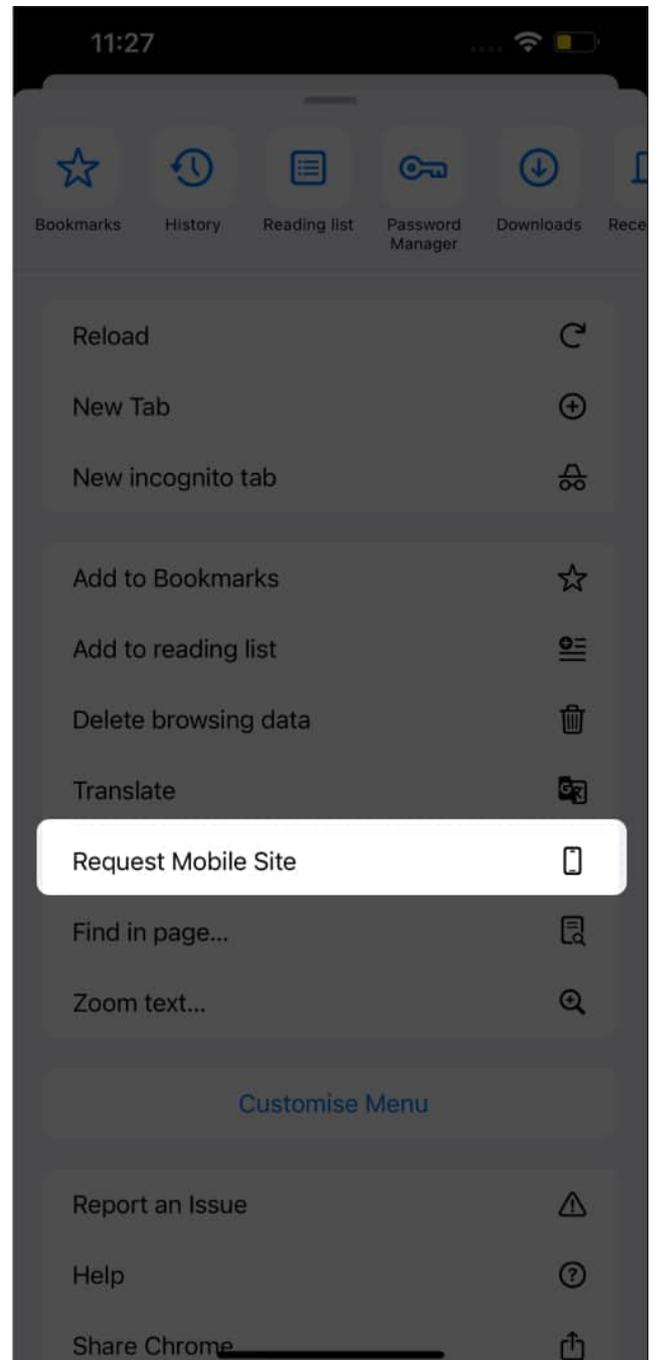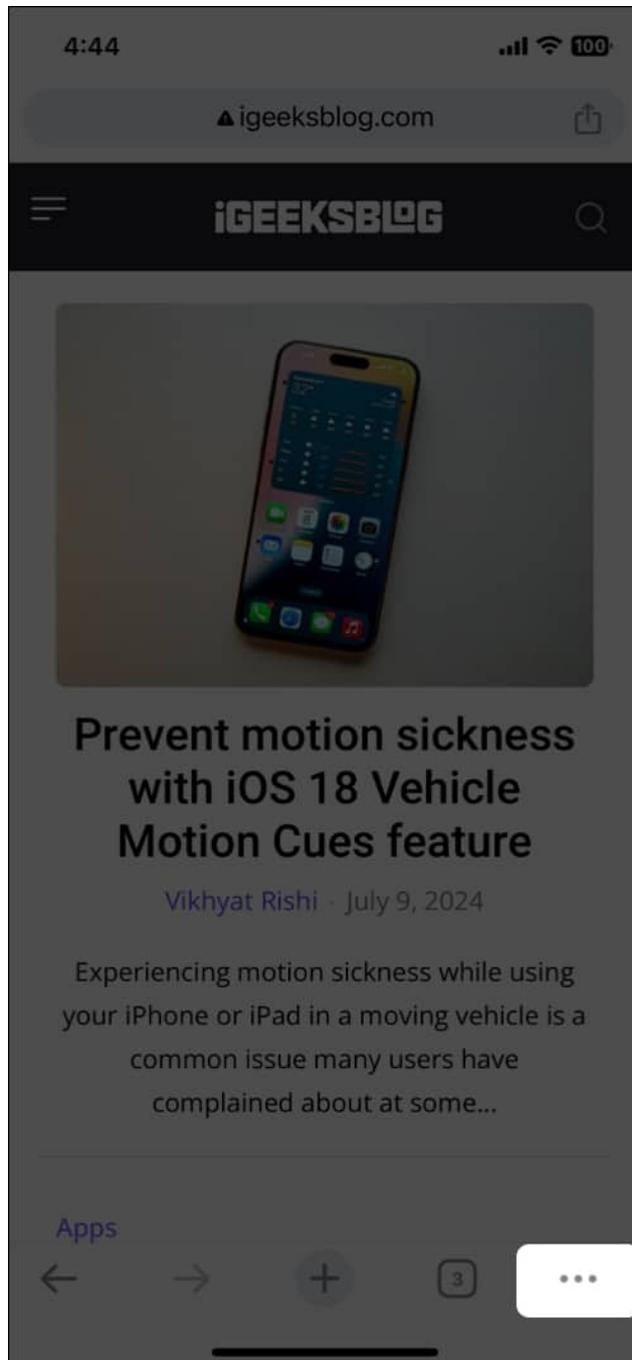On iOS 17, open the website, tap the **Aa** icon in the address bar, and select **Request Mobile Website**.

How to request a desktop site in Chrome on an iPhone

If, for some reason, you [disabled or removed Safari](#) on your iPhone, or simply prefer using Chrome over Safari, or you've [set Chrome as your default browser](#), here's how you can request a desktop site in Chrome browser on your iPhone.

1. Open the preferred website and tap the three-dot button in the bottom-right corner.
2. Here, scroll down and tap on **Request Desktop Site**, and it will reload the webpage and open the desktop version.

3. To switch back to the mobile site, simply tap the three-dot button again and select the **Request Mobile Site** option.

Signing off...

While working on a desktop site on an iPhone has its benefits, there are trade-offs, such as smaller text and button size, more mobile data consumption, slower loading time, and more associated with it. It's important to consider these trade-offs before switching to the desktop

site.

Do you prefer to use a mobile or desktop version of a website? Do share your thoughts in the comments.

Read more on Safari:

- [Best Safari tips and tricks for iPhone](#)
- [How to clear Safari cache, history and cookies on iPhone or iPad](#)
- [Best Safari extensions for iPhone and iPad](#)
- [How to open links in Chrome on iPhone and iPad](#)