



Last-Minute Tips to Save on Holiday Trips

Five ways to enjoy holiday travel without breaking the bank

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BOOK DURING PRIME TIMES



Sunday is the best day to purchase airfare, with tickets an average of \$65 cheaper than those purchased on Tuesdays. If your schedule can swing it, traveling on a red-eye or early morning flight on the holiday itself will typically save you some cash.

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TRAVEL LIGHT



Most airlines charge to check bags these days, so you'll save big by sticking to the overhead bins. If you need several outfit changes at your destination, you'll save by shipping your luggage (and doing the same with any gifts you might be tempted to tote along).

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SCOUR SOCIAL MEDIA



Discount sites, like Travelzoo and Airfarewatchdog, surf travel, airline and hotel sites for the best deals for your destination. Try tracking these money-savers on Twitter, Facebook, Foursquare and Pinterest. The more discount sites, airlines, hotels and travel companies you follow, the better your chances at snagging that celebration-dance-worthy deal.

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THINK OUTSIDE THE HOTEL



You can save big bucks by bunking in less orthodox accommodations. Use sites like Airbnb and HomeAway to find lodging offered by private property owners. Unlike traditional hotels, these digs usually have appliances like refrigerators and stoves, so you can save even more by dining in.

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GET HIGH-TECH



With so many smartphone apps at your fingertips, travel planning and saving is only a swipe away. Apps like GasBuddy, Smart Layover and Packing Pro can save you time, money and unnecessary stress so you can focus on enjoying the holidays.

How can we help you shine?

