

Budget Travel Ideas

Six Travel Tips To Help You Save

(NAPSA)—Today's travelers are focused on planning getaways that won't break the bank. Making the most of your travel dollars is easier if you follow a few helpful tips:

1. Consider Driving.

Flying can be fast but don't forget about road trips. It may take a little longer to get there but your budget will thank you.

2. Be Flexible with Dates.

Consider looking at several different dates when booking your hotel and airfare. A change of just one day has the potential to lower costs significantly.

3. Pack Light.

Overly heavy luggage can result in large airport baggage fees. It also decreases fuel economy when driving.

4. Check Your Insurance.

Rather than paying the insurance that car rental companies offer for a supplemental fee, check the insurance policy you already have. Often, your plan will include a travel clause that you may not be aware of. This can save travelers over \$30 a day.

5. Look for Free Extras.

Choose hotels that include extras like free Wi-Fi, free local and long-distance phone calls and complimentary breakfast. Brands like Microtel Inns & Suites, which routinely ranks "Highest in Guest Satisfaction in the Economy/Budget Segment" by J.D. Power and Associates, offer these amenities at all locations, adding up to big savings and value.



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6. Join a Loyalty Program.

Free hotel and airline loyalty programs enable members to earn rewards prior to and during their travels. For example, the Wyndham Rewards program, which is one of the largest in the world with more than 6,500 participating hotels, allows travelers to earn points for both their hotel stays as well as purchases made at participating retailers. Points add up quickly and can be used for everything from gas and food gift cards to free hotel stays and more.

"Travelers today want quality and they want value," says Roy Flora, lifelong hotelier and group president of the Microtel hotel brand. "Sometimes all it takes is a willingness to try new hotel and airline options. Just be sure to check reviews and listen to what other consumers are saying."

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