

# BUDGET STRETCHING TRAVEL IDEAS

## More Bang for Your Buck: Vacation Travel Money

(NAPSA)—More and more Americans are looking for ways to stretch their family budget and plan cost-effective vacations.

According to Coinstar, a worldwide leader in self-service coin-counting and other consumer services, the average U.S. household has \$99 in spare change—a tidy sum that can help finance a trip.



**Americans have \$10.5 billion in loose change hidden in coin jars, dresser drawers, and wedged between sofa cushions. (Source: Coinstar Inc.)**

With gasoline and other travel-related costs on the rise, spare change converted to useful cash could help put a dent in vacation costs. On average, people who accumulate change at home deposit about \$5.50 per week into their container—and that can quickly add up, especially with a multi-person household.

When looking for some extra cash for travel, a fast and easy way is to bring your coin jar to the grocery store. Coinstar operates a network of more than 10,000 coin-counting machines in supermarkets nationwide and accepts unsorted change, counting it at the rate of 600 coins per minute. At the end of the transaction, customers receive a printed voucher for the full amount of the transaction (less a service fee of 8.9 percent) that is redeemable for cash or store credit at the cash register or customer service desk.

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