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FREE GUIDE

25 Ways to Travel *for Less*

Simple tricks to travel more... and spend less.

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MONEY-SAVING TIPS

Flights, stays, food, activities: save at every step.

SECTION 01

Flights

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1

Be flexible with your dates.

Google Flights' calendar view shows prices day by day. Shifting your departure by a day or two can drop the price a lot.

PRO TIP

Midweek flights are often cheaper than Friday or Sunday flights.

2

Compare nearby airports.

A city one or two hours away sometimes has much cheaper flights to the same destination.

PRO TIP

Add the cost of getting to that airport to make sure it's worth it.

3

Check budget airlines, but do the real math.

The base fare is low, but bags, seat selection and check-in fees add up fast.

PRO TIP

Travel with just an under-seat bag to get the real low price.

4

Earn points with a travel credit card.

The welcome bonus on some cards can cover a big part of a plane ticket.

PRO TIP

Pay your balance in full every month, or the interest wipes out the gain.

5

Compare a round trip with two one-ways.

Combining two one-way tickets on different airlines is sometimes cheaper than a round trip.

PRO TIP

Check each airline's baggage rules before booking.

Where to stay

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Pick a place with a kitchen.

Cooking a few meals yourself cuts your food budget a lot.

PRO TIP

Stock up at a local supermarket as soon as you arrive.

7

Stay a little outside the center.

Neighborhoods a few metro stops from downtown are often much cheaper, and more authentic.

PRO TIP

Stay near a station so you don’t spend your savings on transport.

8

Use weekly or monthly discounts.

Many rentals give an automatic discount when you stay 7 nights or more.

PRO TIP

Try different lengths: sometimes 7 nights cost less than 6.

9

Compare with the hotel’s direct price.

Booking direct, some hotels offer a better rate or extras like breakfast.

PRO TIP

Email the hotel and ask if they can beat the price you found online.

10

Always compare the total price.

Cleaning fees, city taxes, service fees: the price shown is often not the final price.

PRO TIP

Turn on the “total price” option on booking sites when it exists.

Food

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11 Eat your big meal at lunch.

In many countries, the lunch menu costs much less than dinner for similar dishes.

PRO TIP

Look for the “menú del día” in Spain or the “plat du jour” in France.

12 Walk two or three streets away from attractions.

Restaurants right next to tourist sites often cost more for lower quality.

PRO TIP

Go where locals line up: it’s usually good and affordable.

13 Eat at markets and street food stalls.

It’s often the most authentic and cheapest food in a city.

PRO TIP

Pick the busiest stalls: the food is fresher there.

14 Watch the drinks.

Drinks inflate the bill fast, especially bottled water and alcohol.

PRO TIP

In France, a carafe of tap water is free at restaurants: just ask.

15 Have a picnic.

A sandwich, some fruit and a pastry, eaten in a beautiful park: a memorable meal for almost nothing.

PRO TIP

Local grocery stores and bakeries are perfect for this.

SECTION 04

Getting around & activities

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Take public transport from the airport.

The train or shuttle often costs a fraction of a taxi.

PRO TIP

Check the route on the airport's website before you leave.

17

Do the math on city passes.

City passes bundle transport and attractions, but they only pay off if you visit enough places.

PRO TIP

List what you want to see and compare with individual ticket prices.

18

Use free museum days.

Many museums are free on certain days, like Italy's state museums on the first Sunday of the month.

PRO TIP

Get there early: those days are very popular.

19

Join a free walking tour.

Free walking tours run in most big cities. You only pay the tip you want.

PRO TIP

It's also the best way to get local tips on your very first day.

20

Walk or rent a bike.

It's free or nearly free, and often the best way to discover real neighborhoods.

PRO TIP

Many cities have cheap bike-share systems.

SECTION 05

Money & small extras

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Travel outside peak season.

Flight and hotel prices drop a lot in shoulder season, and there are fewer crowds.

PRO TIP

Spring and fall often offer the best balance of price and weather.

22

Withdraw more cash at once.

Many banks charge a fixed fee for each withdrawal abroad. Fewer withdrawals, fewer fees.

PRO TIP

Split your cash between two places so you never lose it all at once.

23

Check your credit card's insurance.

Many cards already include travel insurance. No need to pay for it twice.

PRO TIP

Read the terms: trip length, medical coverage, cancellation.

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Get an eSIM instead of roaming.

A local or regional eSIM often costs much less than your provider's roaming plan.

PRO TIP

Make sure your phone is compatible and install it before you leave.

25

Set a daily budget.

Knowing how much you can spend each day avoids bad surprises at the end of your trip.

PRO TIP

Note your spending every evening in an app or your notes.

THE SPOTWYZ RULE

Travel more, *spend less*.

Every dollar you save is one more experience. Keep this guide on your phone and share it with your next travel buddy.

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YOUR NEXT TRIP STARTS HERE

Travel like *a local*.

Spotwyz is a platform that gives travelers the best tips to save time and money. We help you discover the least crowded places in each country, so you can live a unique experience, as if you were a local.

- Hidden places tourists never see
- Real, tested tips from locals
- More time living your trip, less time searching

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