

Traveling on a Shoestring Budget

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Consider all forms of transportation



- **Air**

- ✈ Book as far in **advance** as possible
- ✈ Choose **Low Cost Carriers** when possible especially on international routes e.g. EasyJet, German Wings, Blue1, VirginBlue, Air Asia etc.
- ✈ Be as flexible as possible, consider dates, times, alternate airports. Usually the lowest fares are available for travel on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays
- ✈ Travel light, most airlines charge for baggage
- ✈ Avoid changing as the cheapest airfares are restrictive and have costly change fees
- ✈ Check social media sites as airlines have begun blasting discounted fares

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- **Rail**

- Book journey in sections rather than the entire itinerary which attracts additional international tariffs
- Utilize sleeper cars when traveling from country-to-country to avoid overnight accommodation costs
- Purchase a rail pass when possible, which could save up to a third of the fare

- **Bus**

- Generally traveling by bus is far cheaper than air or rail

By Car

Spend less on Gas

- **Don't be a hot-rodder**
 - Going from 0 to 60 mph and stopping abruptly make your car work harder wasting gas
- **Use cruise control**
 - Traveling at a steady pace you will get much better gas mileage
- **Pack less**
 - Extra weight in your car means extra gas
- **Follow you car's maintenance schedule**
 - Taking care of your car with frequent oil changes, correct motor oil and properly inflated tires will reward you with better gas mileage



There's an App for that!

- greenMeter – Calculates your fuel costs and evaluates your driving for fuel efficiency
- GasBuddy
- YP
- AAA Mobile

All help to find the cheapest gas at a location close to you

By Car

Spend less on Parking



- Research the least expensive parking facilities
- Avoid parking tickets
- Don't get towed or let the meter expire!
- Use public transportation where available

There's an App for that!

- ParkerMobile
- VoicePark
- PrimoSpot

You can find the cheapest parking in select cities

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Domestic Travel

Plane & Rail



- **Plane**

- Look for those low cost carriers, like AirTran, JetBlue and Southwest
- Book in advance, don't wait for the last minute

- **Rail**

- Rather than taking the Acela try one of the metro liners
- Trains tend to sell out during holidays and peak travel times
- Book in advance and be sure to ask about available discounts e.g. AAA, Student Advantage etc

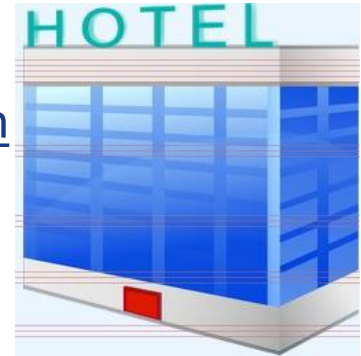


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Hostels VS Hotels

- **Hostels**

- Resembles basic hotels without the marketing budget
- Controls cost with dorm-style accommodations
- Hostels can now be booked online at www.hostelbookers.com or www.hostelworld.com



- **Hotels**

- Look for Mid-level and limited service hotels such as Courtyard and Holiday Inns, Fairfield Inn and Holiday Inn Express
- Look outside the downtown area, this can help reduce your nightly rate

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Purchasing Food

- **Food**

- Does your rate at hotel include free breakfast
- Check out apps for local food deals e.g. Blackboard Eats, Scoutmob, Around Campus and Deal News
- Ask about discounts e.g. Student discounts, AAA

