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Traveling on a Shoestring Budget

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Significant travel costs are part of any student's budget. It is very important to take these expenses in consideration when budgeting. Each trip varies in destination and cost. The following presentation will cover:

- ✓ Tips for lower airfare costs
- ✓ Savings on Hotels
- ✓ Ground Transportation Savings
- ✓ Other Forms of Transportation



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Things to consider before booking your reservation:

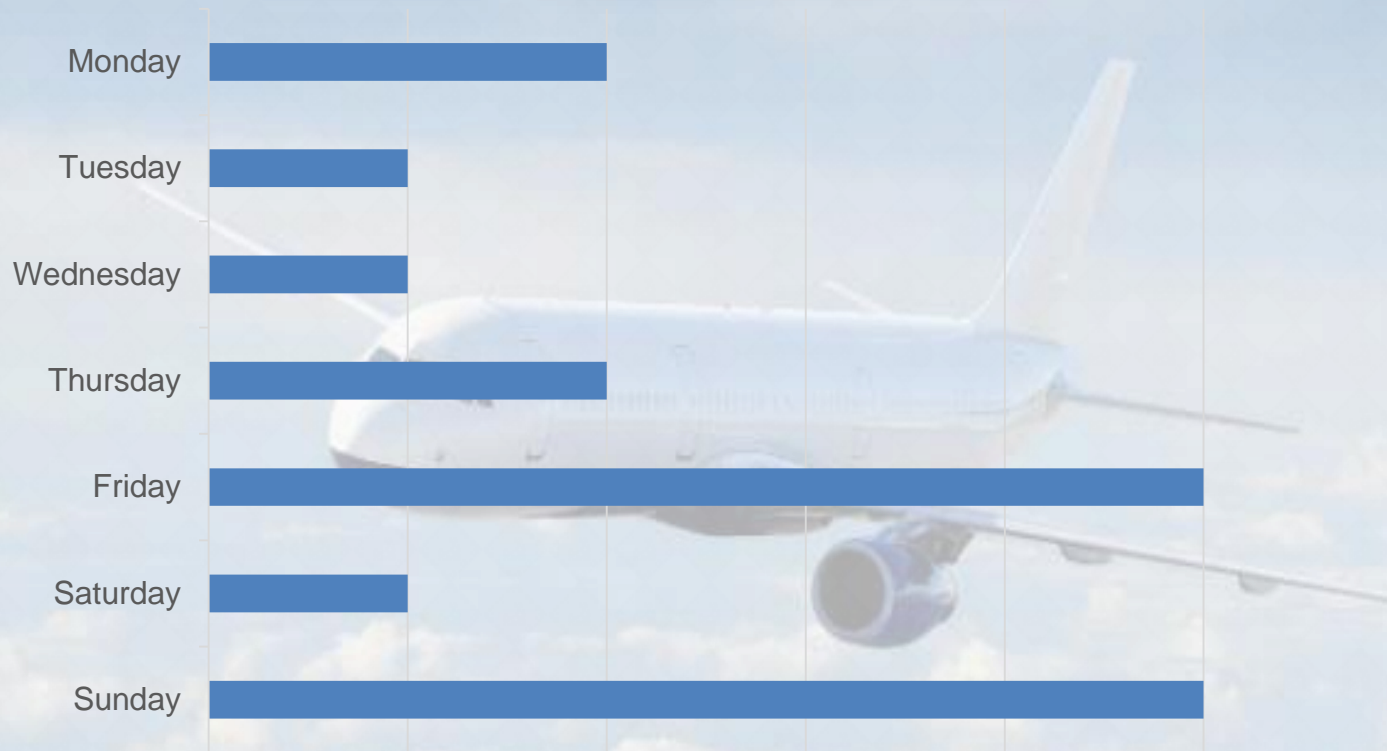
- ✓ Book your travel as far in advance of trip to take advantage of lower fares
- ✓ Utilize Boston University's preferred hotel listing
- ✓ Always ask for student rates when booking
- ✓ Are you flexible with your dates for travel?
- ✓ Look into other forms of transportation; air, rail, bus, and even car whenever possible



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Booking: Airfare

Best Days to Travel for Lowest Fares



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Booking: Airfare

- Fly at times others do not want to- red eye flights, lunch/dinner time
- Compare airlines/prices
- Book 14 days or more in advance of trip
- Airfare rules are important to review before booking
- Change fees can add to overall costs



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Booking: Airfare

- Utilize preferred vendors when booking
- Join Loyalty Programs with airlines
- Take a smaller bag to avoid baggage fees
- Check online sites: Kayak, Expedia and Groupon
- Consider using rail instead of airline



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Booking: Rental Vehicles

- Compare traveling by car vs. air
- Check hotel parking costs
- Shop several car companies to compare costs
- Walk around the car to look for any damages prior to leaving car rental location- take pictures with your phone
- Review apps that give you the least expensive parking options; parkermobile, primospot, voicepark



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Booking: Other Transportation Costs

- Rail Travel- When less expensive than, lowest available coach fare
- Discounts- Student Advantage
- Taxis, airport shuttles, tolls, parking and public transportation



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Booking: Hotel

- Book hotel 14+ days in advance
- Boston University Preferred Hotel Listing
- Cancellation- “No Show” charges
- Look for hotels that offer free shuttle service to/from airport
- Join Loyalty Programs with hotels
- Check websites: Hotels Tonight, Hotels.com, Hotwire, Priceline



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Booking: Risk Management

- Q & A





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