

## CHEAP TRICKS FOR CHEAP TRAVEL

If lack of funds is keeping your dream of seeing the world grounded then it's time to re-route your search for travel with more affordable options. These days, it's easier than ever to find savings on airfare, hotel, transportation, museums, tours and more. For years, backpackers have been traversing the globe on a budget and you can too.

### *Getting there*

Great fares and deals are out there, you just have to know where to look.

- Discount travel sites like Priceline, Cheaptickets, Expedia and Travelocity offer many discount travel options. Kayak.com is another exciting resource for vacation planners. On Kayak you can quickly compare rates from multiple travel sites, including those listed above. To cut costs even more, visit sites like PromotionalCodes.com and CouponWinner.com, which offer a number useful travel coupons and promotional codes to save even more on these sites.
- Subscribe to an airfare newsletter and request to receive special low-rate alerts from travel sites like LowestFare.com and AirFareWatchDog.com. Travelzoo.com's "Top 20 Weekly Travel Deals on the Internet" is a great resource too. These e-mail notifications and low airfare lists will keep you updated on the best rates.
- Be flexible about trip dates and travel during off-peak seasons to curb costs when visiting popular destinations. Taking a trip during the offseason will curb costs on most travel-related expenses. Another great tip – travel during the week (particularly, Tuesday through Thursday) to save big on airfare and accommodations.

### *Staying there*

High hotel fees are one of the main reasons many 'would-be' travelers choose to stay home. However, there are cheaper, and sometimes *free*, options for those willing to go a less conventional route.

- Hostels have long been a go-to resource for backpackers looking to avoid pricey hotel fees and are a great alternative for busy tourists who don't plan to spend much time in the room. Use the extra cash saved to splurge on a souvenir instead.

[www.HostelWorld.com](http://www.HostelWorld.com) is a great source for choosing a hostel or budget-friendly hotel that fits your comfort level and price stipulations.

- Home exchange is another option for the budget conscious. In the popular movie, "The Holiday," two travelers from opposites sides of the world (Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet) decide to swap houses for the most affordable accommodation yet – a *free* place to stay!

<http://houseswap.com/> currently has a pool of over 25,000 exchange listings located all over the world. Their site recommends house exchange as an excellent way to save money while enjoying comfortable accommodations. Some sites (including HouseSwap.com) charge for membership, but others are free.

- Couch Surfing is another budget travel trend emerging among young adults. It is exactly what it sounds like; locals invite travelers to stay in their homes for a prearranged period of time, at no cost. In some cases, the accommodation offered is indeed a couch. However, many hosts go the extra step to offer a more private and comfortable place to sleep, whether it is a spare bedroom or air mattress. As an added bonus, many hosts are happy to act as a tour guide and friend throughout the visitors stay.

<http://www.couchsurfing.com/> has over 3 million group members, with members from every continent. Each member has a user profile so that tourists can get to know their host before the visit. CouchSurfing.com estimates that over 1 million friendships have been created thanks to the site. You could be next.

Crafting a low-budget vacation may take a little more time and research, but most travelers will tell you that the extra work pays off in the end. With all the less expensive traveling alternatives available, there's no reason not to see the world!

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