

101 TRAVEL BUDGET HACKS

SIMPLE TIPS TO SEE
THE WORLD FOR LESS



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Introduction

Thank you so much for downloading this eBook. I truly appreciate your support. Most people dream only about traveling but unable to do so. One of the reasons is because the price of travel is only going up and up every year. It doesn't have to be that way. I call this eBook an effective way to travel especially if you are on a budget. Most people are always looking to find an affordable way to travel.

Traveling is not only peaceful and full of bliss, for most people it is their lifestyle. I am not surprised; traveling can add benefits and balance to your life. Getting away and exploring, not only help your health but also add enjoyment and adventures into your life.

I am very confident that you will love this eBook and even if you are traveling internationally, you can apply all the strategies in this eBook to make your travel budgeting easy. These methods I have done and continually use it every time I travel. I hope this eBook will help you tremendously and travel more as often as you like.

Sincerely, Marie A. (Author)

Happy Traveling!

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Chapter One

Airport & Airlines



Travel Hack #1. Plan your trip.

Always find cheaper places to travel. Do your research on prices of countries, states and cities you want to visit. Your money and vacation may go farther other places. Try exploring lesser known cities or towns for cheap places to stay in.

Examples of Places Cheaper to Visit COUNTRIES Cambodia. Southeast Asia is a notoriously cheap area to visit. Laos is another affordable country in Southeast Asia. Vietnam. Indonesia, Nepal, Morocco, Nicaragua, El Salvador.

UNITED STATES

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
San Antonio, Texas
Kansas City, Missouri
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Charleston, South Carolina
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Salt Lake City, Utah

Travel Hack #2. Arrive on time.

Arrive at the airport at least 2 hours early. Manage your time wisely, you don't want the plane to leave you behind. The airport can be full of people and more lines in the security area. Arriving early helps you get through security faster, check in and check your bag if necessary. Unless you have a priority pass it can be more helpful. But always arrive on time.

You don't want to go through trouble, hassle and dealing with customer service, especially if your ticket is non-refundable. The faster you get your boarding pass (use mobile boarding pass with the QR Code) for faster retrieval. Check in online, in the airline's website using your phone and at least 24 hours in advance rather than waiting in line or going to a kiosk to do all that, and if there's a lot of people, it would be more time you're wasting. Manage your time wisely.



Travel Hack #3. Free Carry On and Backpack Only.

Put more stuff in your personal belongings to other things. Some airlines do not charge for carry on bags, you can even carry two carry on bags. Always check your airlines for fees. You don't want to have checked bags if you don't need it.

Especially if you are only doing a short trips lasting 3 days to 5 days. One example is: Europe can be expensive with checked bags, if you are traveling internationally. If you're not going to be there for long it's worth to travel light. Avoid baggage fees.



Travel Hack #4. Airport Lounges.

Use airport lounges for free with the use of credit cards or Priority pass, third party airport lounges. Buy a day pass rather than paying expensive foods and drinks in the stores in the airport, especially if you have long layovers. Review what other benefits and amenities of the lounge and decide if you really need it.

Travel Hack #5. Airlines travel club discounts.

Example: Frontier dens. Spirit Saver\$ Club. Check your airlines for their discount travel programs, you might have to pay a monthly fee and annual fee.

If you travel a lot, it's worth to pay for this fee rather than buying normal tickets, it will cost you hundreds, if not thousands of dollars just for a ticket alone.

Travel Hack#6. Website deals for promotions, airlines last minute deals.

Website deals for promotions, airlines last minute deals. Check your email or text message for deals if you sign up to their deals and newsletter. Make sure to use incognito private searching mode, website tracks when you search the flights before and bump up the pricing.



Travel Hack#7. Credit cards rewards and cash back credit cards.

Make use of points, miles and cash back. There's a bunch of banks credit cards and airlines credit cards that offer travel rewards that can earn you points, miles and cash back. Research all cards and compare for benefits and fees. It is worth signing up for these cards especially if you're going to use it all the time. You can even sign up multiple cards, just make sure, you use it wisely and control spending. You don't want to be paying all kinds of interest and fees. I suggest using it and paying it all back, this will help you build your credit as well.

Travel Hack#8. Avoid seat selection fees.

Some airlines are free and other airlines wants you to pay for better seating or front seating for faster departure. I never paid for selection seats and that helps me travel cheaper. Especially if you have a checked bag, you will still have to go the baggage claim area and wait for your bags to get dropped to the carousel. By the time you arrived there, most likely your bag is still not there, so that extra wait time in the plane while you get out is ok. This trick will save you at up to \$75 depending on which airlines you use.

Travel Hack#9. Hidden city flights. Cheap hidden city flights the airlines don't want you to know for more money saving. Example: <https://skiplagged.com/>



Travel Hack#10. Use VPN.

While searching, you should use Virtual private network and make use of different IP addresses to find better booking options. Cheap tickets, prices difference can be hundred dollars difference.

google.com/travel/flights/

Round trip

Tue, Jan 3 Sat, Jan 7

January 2023

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 \$516	2 \$454	3 \$377	4 \$357	5 \$159	6 \$357	7 \$357
8 \$258	9 \$258	10 \$346	11 \$344	12 \$159	13 \$346	14 \$346
15 \$252	16 \$258	17 \$346	18 \$344	19 \$159	20 \$344	21 \$346
22 \$278	23 \$272	24 \$340	25 \$344	26 \$159	27 \$344	28 \$346
29 \$252	30 \$302	31 \$340				

February 2023

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5 \$369	6 \$322	7 \$349	8 \$344	9 \$159	10 \$340	11 \$346
12 \$388	13 \$528	14 \$396	15 \$159	16 \$357	17 \$267	18 \$258
19 \$350	20 \$278	21 \$349	22 \$159	23 \$344	24 \$258	25 \$258
26 \$395	27 \$347	28 \$340				

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Travel Hack#11. Take advantage of Google flights calendar.

Use your airlines calendar, or your preferred website like Priceline and view calendar, for better flight pricing and alternative dates. It tells you the amount you will be paying if you choose those dates. Try to choose and be flexible with the dates of your booking and choose the cheapest. I have always applied this method to see what days are cheaper to fly thus saving you money.

Travel Hack#12. Take advantage of layovers.

Taking advantage of airlines layovers, that's like flying to or traveling to another city for free, while you're waiting for your plane to fly, makes sure to travel around and see the city depending on how many hours is your lay over 8 hours, 12 hours, that's enough time to explore few spots to, and most of the time the ticket is cheaper rather than a nonstop ticket.

Travel Hack#13. Travel size items only.

All airlines have their guidelines of what size and how many ounces are you able to bring from and to your destination. Make sure to research your airlines and airports. They are very strict with weights and travel sizes products. If you don't follow the rules, you're going to end up throwing away your stuff, what waste of money.

These are some of the things you can't bring to airplanes.

There are some instances where the lotion I had was allowed to fly from Arizona but coming back from Idaho, the airport did not allow me to take the lotion as per their guidelines, it's not travel size.

Restricted Items NOT Allowed on a Plane in Your Carry-On

- Sharp objects.
- Sporting goods and athletic equipment.
- Self-defense items.
- Gel-type candles.
- Large quantities of alcohol (more than 3.4 ounces)
 - Guns and ammunition.
- Explosive and incendiary materials.
- Flammable items.
- Gases and pressure containers.
- Matches.
- Oxidizers and organic peroxides.
- Poisons.
- Infectious materials.
- Corrosives.

Travel Hack#14. Know what to expect on your return. Souvenirs.

Visit the website of U.S. Customs and Border Control or your home country to see what you can (or can't) bring home, the duty-free exemption, and what to expect upon re-entering. If you're traveling, returning to, or transiting through the U.S., you're required to go through immigration and customs in the first city you disembark in. If not a U.S. resident or resident of a visa waiver country, you'll also need a transit visa – get more info here. Don't buy all unnecessary items and other product knowing you will not be able to take it with you when you return, it's just a waste of your money.



Travel Hack#15. Organize your documents.

Organize your documents such as passports, IDs, Driver License, etc. Take photos of your documents in 3 different places so you have access to them, send it via email, your phone, or even make copies printed. Buy a lock if needed. It's very important to keep them safe. Going through hassle and replacing those documents are costly and time consuming. If the hotels have a safe, use it. It's always better to be safe than sorry, if anything happens.

Travel Hack#16. Double check baggage requirements.

Check the carry-on and checked bags size and weight requirements for the airline(s) you'll be flying with my Carry On Size Limits post, and use its links to verify with the airline's page as well. If you'll be flying on any codeshares (multiple airlines that share a combined flight on a route), check those airlines too just in case. Generally, the airline you check in with will be the one to check your bags for compliance with their policies. Overweight baggage can add up to more fees in the airlines.



Travel Hack#17. Learn about your destination.

From the itinerary to tours, restaurants, excursions, parking tickets, entrance fees, learn all the cheapest places to go to save more money and avoid all expensive sights.

Travel Hack#18. Set flight price alerts & watch fares.

Wonder how some of your Instagram or Facebook friends seem to be able to travel so much? They've probably got an eye on flight prices for their preferred destinations.

You can set flight alerts on Kayak, TripAdvisor and Google Flights to notify you when prices drop for your preferred route. Google and Kayak both have a "predictor" function that gives you their best guess on how prices are trending, and if you should book now or wait.

Chapter Two Accommodation

Travel Hack#19. Airbnb.

Look for Airbnb weekly or monthly deals for lodging. Rent an apartment for a month if you can if you're planning to stay longer than a week. Better benefits and access for fridge, stoves for your cooking needs.



Travel Hack#20. Timeshares. You don't have to own a timeshare to use it.

It can be expensive and all the other cost of owning it. Use these websites instead to find good bookings and special discounts for your next vacation can save you a lot of money.

RedWeek.com

When you think of RedWeek.com, think timeshare central. You can rent, buy, sell, and exchange timeshares all in one place. They have hundreds of timeshare properties available for families to rent across the world.

Vacationrentals.com, a subsidiary of HomeAway, specializes in vacation rentals and timeshare rentals too.

Instead of scrolling with a chronological list of weeks that are available, you punch in your travel dates, and they'll pull the properties which have availability.

A different user experience, but also effective. They do not have an escrow service, but they do have a carefree rental guarantee to protect you from fraud.

No membership required here either.

Koala, a newer player in timeshare rentals, vets and verifies all their timeshare rentals before posting, so you can feel comfortable booking with an individual owner.

Additionally, they hold the payment until 24 hours after you check in as another built-in protection for renter.

Timeshares only

<https://tug2.net/>

TravelHack#21. Couchsurfing.

Please research and also check into reviews or rating of the host before you acknowledge to stay in one of these places. Safety is always a priority. Be careful and always do your due diligence.

Couchsurfing

Servas

BeWelcome

Warmshowers

Travel Hack# 22. Stay with Friends or Relatives.

This method is very helpful especially if you're traveling internationally. Accommodations can be very expensive abroad, always try your relatives or friends first. If they are located where you're traveling, ask them if they can let you stay for free or offer a low fee to rent their spare room. Return the favor if they also visit your state or country.



Travel Hack# 23. Book hostels or apartments.

If it's cheaper to book hostels or dorms rather than expensive hotels, always compare the prices before booking.

Check out HostelWorld that allows you to search for hostels and dorms around the world. They allow you to search by dorm size, amenities, and even hostel 'character' (eco-friendly, party hostel, and many other options).

Chapter Three – Communication

In this chapter I will share all the necessary communication that will provide more value to your traveling. Take these advise for better planning for your trips.



Travel Hack# 24. Travel gadgets.

Buy travel necessities including outlet adapters, emergency kit, usb chargers, neck pillows, universal adapter. Purchase outlet adapters, a power bank for charging, a crossbody bag with security features like a no-cut strap, and other items to keep you organized and secure. It's not necessary to buy an entire wardrobe or all new gear but focus on a few items that will t your needs, destination, and budget. Save more money than buying all these at your destination.

Travel Hack# 25. Travel Advisor.

Take advantage of their tips and promotions and deals for special prices. Check their website as often as you like. US Based.

Tripadvisor.

Foursquare

Airbnb

lib.reviews

Yelp

Wikivoyage

Roadtrippers

Travel Hack#26 Search for budget travel destinations.

Beautiful countries like Colombia, Bosnia, Portugal, Sri Lanka, and many others are safe, unique, and affordable places to travel, even if you're going solo. Food, transportation, and accommodation are cheap, so you can save your money traveling here and spend it on pricier destinations later.

Travel Hack#27 Travel During Off-Peak Times.

Do your research; finding the less popular times to visit your budget travel destination is one of the easiest ways to travel cheap.

Travel Hack#28 Work perks and discounts (employee discounts).

If your employer offers these benefits, take advantage of them. Ask your HR for info. You might even spot free deals.

Travel Hack#29 Travel light (Avoid more baggage more fees).

Limit boxes to bring abroad. Use comfortable clothing, if necessary, not only you will go through the security line faster without belts, hats, accessories, etc.

If you can limit extra boxes or packages if you're traveling overseas, if all the products in your country are not that expensive to buy in your homeland, don't buy it.

Countries like Asia, for example, most families want American brands, they want their American friends or families to prepare a big box full of goods, but sometimes all these products are either the same or it's just a little difference in pricing in their country, depending on the products of course. Paying a minimum of \$75 per box is very costly to bring these boxes abroad.

Sometimes it's better to just bring more cash and buy it there.

Travel Hack#30. Book in advance.

Booking in advance especially if you are going internationally and going to expensive and popular destinations, booking 6 months up to 1 year, if you are able to will help you find cheaper tickets. Choose cheaper dates on flights and use calendars in your airlines or google flights calendar to see what's the cheapest dates. I have always used this strategy and it works for me.



Travel Hack#31. Get a local SIM Card.

Getting a local SIM card to enable you to purchase locally priced data and voice packages and stay connected while travelling abroad. Using a local SIM is much cheaper than data roaming, buying Wi-Fi abroad or using an international SIM card. All you need is a phone ready for international travel. Do not use roaming services in your phone, it is much more expensive and just use free Wi-Fi from cafes and other stores that is available. Unless you have international plans that covers everything within the countries, you're visiting then you will be fine. Esims like Airlo will also save you money while abroad.

Travel Hack#32. Travel packages.

Check flights websites and apps and you might find different deals. Hopper, Priceline, booking.com, etc. CHEAPOAIR, look for travel packages and promotions.

Always compare all of them. It's always worth booking flights, hotels, and car rentals all together. I know Priceline has all 3 of these. Always compare first, to make sure it's cheaper than other websites. I have been using this strategy and has been saving me money. Look for promo codes to use as well.

Travel Hack#33. Utilize business cards.

Some of these business credit cards doesn't have a lot of requirements to qualify. Use these cash back programs and points to redeem for your travel and other needs like gift cards that is useful for your travel.

Travel Hack#34. Vacation loan or personal loan or friends credit (beware of fees). Be careful utilizing this strategy, look for the interest if its affordable. If you have a good credit, it might be helpful and pay it off faster and ask if you there is a penalty for paying off early.

I know Af rm does sponsor a lot of these buy now pay later travel sites. Maybe it's cheaper as well if your friends are willing to lend some money for you travel adventures and see if if you can make a deal without paying high interest like the rest.

You'd be surprised what bene ts your friend have as well if she/he utilize their credit cards or other means for your travel. I ask my friend to use her credit card for our travel and it's a success.

I make sure I pay her as soon as possible, don't ruin your relationship with your friend if you're not able to repay them. They are doing you a favor, remember.



Travel Hack#35. Save over time for vacation. Alwaysgetinthe habit of saving money towards your vacation even \$10 or more adds up every day or every week.

Travel Hack#36. Use skycanner to scan all cheap ights.

Comparison websites like kayak. Use Skyscanner to nd the cheapest ight deals.

Skyscanner.net is the easiest way to nd cheap ights between countries! Simply put in your home airport/country and your destination, and you can see what is available on speci c dates, or across a whole month if you're able to be exible. Cheap ights comparison. Kiwi.com travel ights comparison.

Travel Hack#37. Use Scotts cheap flights or alternative.

Travel thrifty. TheFlightDeal.com and SecretFlying.com are two more sites that may be able to help you find cheap flights.

Travel Hack#38. Look outside the 'big apps' when booking.

You can use flight deal websites or e-mail subscriptions such as Scott's Cheap Flights, Jack's Flight Club, Hopper, Secret Flying, and others. If you have a lot of flexibility in your itinerary, you can get low fares (up to 90% off regular prices).

- Momondo – In this day and age, it's hard to tell if you're really getting the most for your money. Momondo does not use cookies to increase or alter fares based on your previous searches, which happens more than any of us like to admit.

- Adioso – Incredibly easy to use, this is the site for those with a flexible itinerary. You can be as broad as you want with your search (i.e. Los Angeles to Anywhere sometime in July for two weeks). Then sit back and relax as Adioso finds the best deals for you!

- Kayak – You've probably heard of this one, but did you know you can add "anywhere" as a destination filter? Even if you already know where you want to go, it's fun to play around with!

- SkyScanner – Check out this site for great deals, as they work directly with the airlines and third parties to find exclusive deals.

They also have a cool map feature in case you want to do some further exploring.

Apps like Hopper and Fareness are also great resources you can take advantage of to find the best value flights. Keep in mind that cutting cost in some cases means longer layovers, additional connections, and increased travel time.

Travel Hack#39. Fly mid-week.

Flights are more expensive at weekends, because more people are free to travel. Try and fly between Tuesday-Thursday, if you can.

Travel Hack#40. Travel overnight.

If you have a long journey to complete as part of your trip, one way to save money is to travel overnight. You have to pay to get from A to B no matter what time of day you travel but travelling overnight saves you the cost of accommodation for that night. Bonus: you don't 'waste time' travelling during the day, so you have more time to explore! Or early birds' flights.

Travel Hacks#41. Be flexible with your plans.

When you are traveling on a budget, it is possible that everything may not work out the way you planned. Bad things can happen to you from time to time, and you should be ready for it. You might get stuck in a bad situation and lose some money; you might not get a refund on something you were assured you will. When such situations of misfortune arise, you must embrace changes and adjust your plans accordingly.

Travel Hack#42. Travel Hack and Get Free Flights!

Travel Hacking is the most efficient strategy you can apply to your travel journey. Simply by using a travel credit card or business cards for regular spending on groceries, restaurants, and shopping, I've been able to earn free flights and hotel stays — all by spending money I was going to spend anyway! These days, there are tons of ways to earn free flights. Simply sign up for a few travel credit cards, collect miles, and then fly for free. Take advantage of sign-up bonus points or miles.



Travel Hack#43. Companion Pass.

Enjoy two vacations for the price of one. Couples who travel together may save even more by traveling with a companion ticket. I earned the Southwest Companion Pass, after earning 110,000 qualifying points in a calendar year, and I used it to take my girlfriend along everywhere I flew for nearly two years. We paid around \$5.60 in taxes and fees for each one-way flight for her.

Keep in mind, you may have to pay more in taxes and fees depending on your flight.

1. Southwest Companion Pass 2. Alaska's Famous Companion Fare™ 3. Delta Air Lines companion certificate 4. Hawaiian Airlines® MasterCard® discount 5. Lufthansa economy class companion ticket 6. British Airways Travel Together Ticket 7. American Airlines companion certificate

Travel Hack# 44. Check domestic, international laws, and Immigration.

Always check as well if you are traveling for a long time, make sure to check immigration or international airports for fees that might occur if you stayed longer in that country.

It's no fun to pay more fees just because you stayed longer than you're supposed to.

Check for visa if needed as well. Over extended stay and the problems you might encounter is not worth it. Research the destination you are going to.

Travel Hack#46. Luggage facilities.

Use Luggage Facilities such as hotels, bus and railways for free storage. If you don't need to carry your luggage everywhere you go, just simply ask the receptionist at the hotel if you can come back for luggage.

Chapter Four Transportation



Travel Hack#45. Hitchhike.

Hitchhiking is a free way to get around that is relatively safe and quite common in many parts of the world, including Central America, Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

Here are a few basic tips to help you get started: Use a sign– Make a clear sign that lets people know where you're heading. That will help drivers decide if they can help. Look presentable– Wear clean clothing, smile, and show your face.

Check the laws– Hitch hiking is illegal in some places. Always check the laws to make sure it's ok to do where you are.

Take precautions– Note the license plate of anyone who picks you up and text it to a friend.

Keep your valuables on you Consult Hitchwiki– Hitchwiki is the #1 hitchhiking resource there is. Always consult it before you hitchhike to pick up tips and ensure you're hitchhiking in a safe place.

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Travel Hack#47. Subway Traveling. If you don't mind riding within the subways for cheaper fares, you can check out these destinations that has the best subways in the US.

New York, New York San Francisco, CA Boston, MA Washington, D.C Philadelphia, PA Travel Hack#48. Public Transportation Public Transportation. Driving yourself is not always cheaper with the gasoline going higher and higher. Always look for cheaper way to travel such as bus, railways, light rail, etc. Get a 2 day, 7 days, 15days or even 30 days pass if you need it for a long stay. Look for regional tickets like Germany Ask for group discount tickets.

Make sure you mention to get discounted tickets for students or senior adults. Europe it's better to buy multi city tickets to y into one city and y home from another city rather than buying multiple tickets for plane. Besides train there's a lot of budget airlines when they work best for your time and wallet.

Don't arrive late at night after public transportation has stopped. Great Britain RailCard pass, Look into those. In southeast asia countries, you will nd cheap taxis, bicycle, tricycle, and many others.

Travel Hack#49. Uber and Lyft with friends and split cost.

Schedule Uber or Lyft and see if it's cheaper ahead of time.



Travel Hack#50. RV for traveling. If you have an RV, Make use of it.

Find free or low-cost fee to park your RV.

Always search your own state or region of all the cost before booking. Purchasing campgrounds memberships is an excellent way to get discounted nightly and weekly rates at campgrounds and RV resorts.

For example, Thousand Trails memberships offer cheaper ways to stay for the long run. Harvest Host is another membership in which you can stay at unique businesses for a night at a time.

Some of the cheapest places in the US for RV Traveling

Acadia National Park in Maine

St. Augustine, Florida

Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado

Wisconsin Dells in Wisconsin

Plymouth, Massachusetts

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Black Hills, South Dakota

Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri



Travel Hack#51. Hiking, Biking, Running or Trekking.

Traveling on foot is not only beneficial to your health but also a wonderful journey and sometimes free sightseeing adventures you'll appreciate.

Take advantage of different websites or apps that will give you guides, routes, trail tips and other valuable information to prepare for your journey.

These are the apps or websites worth checking out.

AllTrails (Available on iOS & Android)

Gaia GPS (Available on iOS & Android)

Hiking Project (Available on iOS & Android)

National Park Service App (Available on iOS & Android)

Seek by iNaturalist (Available on iOS & Android)

• AllTrails. • Gaia GPS. • PeakVisor. • Google Maps. • Guthook Guides. • Hiking Project. • Recreation.Gov. • National Park Service App • SkyView Lite • Cairn



Travel Hack#52. Bus Travel.

If you have more time to travel for more than a week to even months in your schedule. Bus Traveling can cut down your cost Check out these sites for low fare deals.

BusBud– US nationwide search engine for buses.

Search Greyhound, Flixbus, Megabus, and regional companies

Flixbus– Large luxury buses serving certain major routes in the USA

Megabus– Another option for buses covering popular routes on the East Coast

USA Greyhound Website– main USA webpage.

Trailways - Best Prices on Bus Tickets and Charter Buses Trailways.com offers bus tickets on the best city to city routes all over North America. Whether you're traveling to New York's state capital.



Travel Hack#53. Car Traveling.

Make sure to purchase extra insurance just in case something happens. I would research places where car traveling is more affordable.

Book your car rentals with your credit cards for added benefits. Visa and MasterCard have rental benefits included. Make use of gas saving apps such as USA (gas buddy, upside, gas guru etc).

I would also research parking fees where you're heading, such places are not always free. You might want to check out these apps for parking tips and prices.

USA

1. SpotHero. Once known as Parking Panda, Spot Hero is a parking reservation service that works with different facilities around the country to provide customers with parking in 28 major cities.
2. Best Parking
3. ParkWhiz
4. Parkopedia
5. Way
6. SpotAngels
7. ParkMobile
8. The Parking Spot
9. Neighbor.com



Travel Hack#54. Train Traveling.

If you have more time and ok to travel long distance, it doesn't hurt to check the pricing and deals with your train company. US train company such as Amtrak trains stop in almost all U.S. states. The exception is South Dakota, Wyoming, Hawaii and Alaska. Research your state or countries for discounted rates for train if its available for use.



Travel Hack# 55. Aerial trams.

If you love heights, tramways are a good way to take your travel. You will see beautiful places and scenic views for under \$30. Go to TripAdvisor for which trams have the best prices and visit this website for the rest of the US tramways. <https://www.townandtourist.com/aerial-tramways/>

Travel Hack# 56. Purchase travel and car insurance.

Make sure to select refundable tickets, especially if you are planning on buying expensive international tickets which would really suck losing all that money. Anything can happen, flight delays, weather, flight changes, or any other problem that might occur. Car insurance is also beneficial if you are traveling abroad and will stay longer.

You want to have peace of mind knowing you're protected if anything happens. It is more costly to be responsible for damages and liabilities if an accident happens.



Travel Hack#57. Cruises.

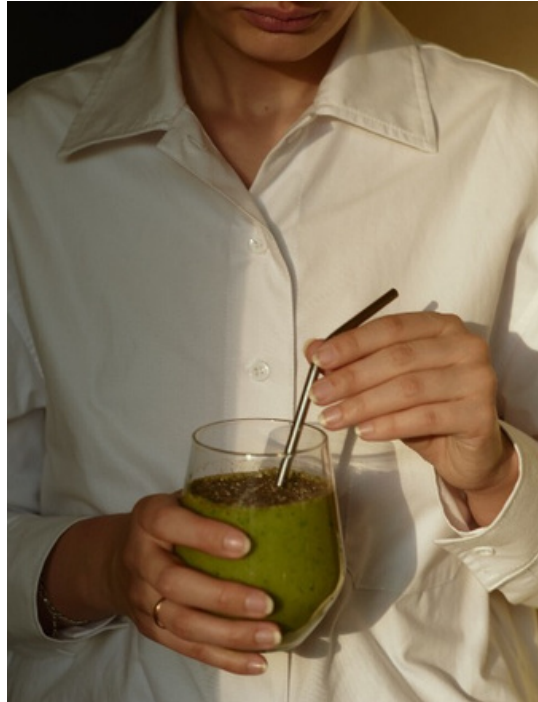
Cruises are a Great way to travel on a budget to see different Destinations. There's a lot more deals and affordable deals you can find online or your travel agency, search around. It's very beneficial if you are close to the ports. Look for discounted rates, special offer or promotion. Plan accordingly and flexibility of your schedule. Check Cruises.com and filter search according to your needs. Carnival cruise. Budget friendly cruises.

Travel Hack#58. BlaBlaCar, Rideshare.

If you're going international, use BlaBlaCar. BlaBlaCar is available in 22 countries, such as Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Poland, the United Kingdom, Russia, Ukraine, Germany, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovakia, India, Turkey, Mexico, and Brazil.

BlaBlacar website and mobile apps connect drivers and passengers willing to travel together between cities and share the cost of the journey. For cheap transportation.

Chapter Five Health



Travel Hack#59. Take care of your health.

Medical prescription. It's cheaper to bring your own rather than going to another state or country for medical visits and prescription especially if you don't have an insurance there. COVID vaccinations, travel vaccinations.

Travel Hack#60. Purchase A medical insurance.

If you are traveling outside of your country for at least longer than a month, it's better to have a coverage, just in case something might happen to you. Most insurance only covers you domestically and not internationally.

You don't want to be responsible for all the debts that you have to pay, if your health fail or any emergency that might occur.

<https://www.imglobal.com/international-health-insurance/global-medical-insurance>

Check out CIGNA global.

UnitedHealthcare Global <https://www.uhcglobal.com>

Travel Hack#61. Get travel insurance.

It may sound contradictory to spend more before the trip to keep costs low.

Many of us routinely question whether travel insurance is truly necessary, as ideally, you won't need to use it. However, the consequences of accidents and injuries abroad when uninsured are not worth entertaining, and not just financially.

Find a travel insurance that works for you, and just don't take the risk. Most travel insurance fees these days is not too expensive. Get covered and give yourself peace of mind.

Chapter Six Food

Travel Hack#62. Happy hour



Take advantage of happy hour eatery during lunch or late afternoons, look for deals and even free stuff that comes with your meals if you really must eat out and no access to kitchenette, or grocery stores are too far.

Make use of discount dining certificates or coupons from major retailers to save more money while you're eating out. These are the sites that offer certificates, discounts and more deals.

- Groupon
- Hooch.
- LivingSocial.
- OpenTable.
- Restaurant.com.
- Seated.
- Yelp.

Take advantage of free food when you sign up for their email marketing, check in on facebook for discount, installing their app. Take advantage of Cashback credit cards that will pay you to dine and earn points or miles.

Some examples

Southwest Rapid Rewards Dining

The Southwest Rapid Rewards Dining program earns you up to three points per dollar spent, with no VIP option that the aforementioned airline programs have to offer.

Thus, it's among the lesser airline dining programs.

But if your preferred airline is Southwest, then this program is still an easy way to earn Southwest Rapid Rewards points.

Neighborhood Nosh

Upromise

Rakuten Dining

Credit cards like chase ex, capital one cash back programs, utilize those cards to earn points and redeem them for gift cards for food in the future.

Travel Hack#63. Grocery stores.

Make use of grocery stores and buy simple to eat foods like sandwich and buy drinks, make sure to look for deals while shopping and buy more packs or bulk in foods and drink especially if you're traveling for more than a day.

It saves a lot more money than going to restaurants. If you feel like doing a picnic, go to parks and free attractions to sightsee while you eat, you'd be surprised the view you'll find while enjoying your meal.

Travel Hack#64. Eat local food.

Many people like travelling so that they can experience the new cuisines. However, it is not easy to eat on a budget while on a trip to a new place.

The cuisines can be enticing and captivating to the point you forget to keep track of your budget. The secret to saving money while still getting to have the gastronomical experience of different cuisines is eating local food.



Travel Hack#65. Street Food.

Try street food over eating in restaurants. Most of the time, street foods especially in southeast Asia countries, street foods are very affordable, you can buy breakfast, lunch and dinner for not even \$40. So, take advantage of the cheapest way to eat.

Travel Hack#66. Get access to a kitchenette.

During any trip, the cost of eating out at least 2-3 times a day can quickly add up. If you can, source self-catering accommodation or a place to stay with a kitchenette. Even if you only use the kitchenette to cover, say, breakfast every day, or store some food in the fridge, the money you can save will be noticeable. If you can cook some of your own meals, you'll no doubt save money in the long run.

Travel Hack#67. Local supermarkets or Farmer Markets.

If you have access to a kitchenette and want to cook (or even just prepare a basic picnic basket), be sure to go to a local supermarket or farmer markets. Avoid the convenience stores and 'specialty food marts' abundant in tourist hot spots. Instead, look for the regular big chain supermarket where the locals buy their food. How do you know if you are in the right place? Look for the moms. If there are ladies with small children, and there's milk or other staples in their carts, you've found the right place.



Travel Hack#68. Buy large and divide.

Eating out for lunch is usually cheaper than for dinner: it's less about entertaining, and often geared towards the local workers' needs. If you have the necessary self-control, you can halve your food bill by buying the large version of any lunch special that comes your way. Then, just eat half of it, and pack the rest for your dinner.

Chapter Seven

Activities



Travel Hack#69. Travel with friends (split cost).

It's always cheaperto splitcostamongyourfriendstraveling.It's even more fun and enjoying exploring places and exchangelaughs.

Travel Hack#70. Make friends.

They might just give you free tours and stay and return the favor when they visit your hometown.

Travel Hack#71. Look into programs to volunteer abroad.

Someofthisorganizationwilleitherpaysomeofyourticketplanessoyoudon't have to pay the whole price.



Travel Hack#72. Get a part time job while you're away.

Use your skills while traveling. Even a seasonal job or freelancers, photographer, etc. Depending on how long you can stay.

Look for websites work away.info

Travel Hacks#73. If You're in College (or High School!),

Study Abroad.

Look into these programs <https://www.studiesabroad.com/> <https://www.iesabroad.org/>

Travel Hacks#74. Intern Abroad and Gain Experience

So, interning abroad is a good alternative for a career-driven person looking for a different way to travel. Programs can set you up with the perfect site in whatever country you want for whatever duration works for you. You may use the same examples above if they have internship programs as well.

Travel Hack#75. Go for an All-Inclusive Package

All-inclusive getaways aren't just for grandparents going on cruises around the Florida Keys.

From bus tours around Asia to island-hopping adventures in the Mediterranean, these programs can be a good way to save money traveling, no matter your age.



Travel Hack#76. Apply for Teach Abroad Programs.

Whether you have teaching experience or not, teaching abroad is a cheap way to travel somewhere you've always wanted to go.

You can get paid a pretty generous salary, learn some new skills (that will make your resume shine!), and spend a long time overseas.

Travel Hack#77. City Passes.

Use Go City or City Pass or other savings passes for your trip for more savings for your activities and attractions. CityPass. Buy online and ahead of time it's cheaper online rather than buying in the theme parks itself. Buying in the store is costly.



Travel Hack#78. Travel with groups.

You can always research travel groups online. For cheaper tickets and excursions. Go to meetup apps and other travel group apps.



Travel Hack#79. Coupons and Discount Site.

You can pretty much find deals for almost everything. Travel, hotels, rentals, activities, foods, merchandise, etc.

In the U.S. We Use Groupon, LivingSocial, and Local Flavor.

Travelzoo has been offering up travel deals for years, and it has successfully moved into the local deals market, too.

It's not the prettiest site, but its deals are solid. www.travelzoo.com/local-deals

Australia · Belgium · France · Germany · Ireland · Italy · Netherlands · Poland · Quebec · Spain · UAE · United Kingdom. US. Canada.

Tip: Search your country for a similar discount and deals websites.

Travel Hack#80. GoAbroad.com.

Utilize programs like goabroad for studying or volunteering. Sometimes even churches offer deposit for your trip and the organization for you to help and volunteer, mind as well make use of your time helping the world while you travel.

Other examples gooverseas.com, ciee.org, studyabroad.com, transitionsabroad.com



Travel Hack#81. Ask the locals for recommendation.

If you have the chance to befriend a local, you will be untapping a wealth of information that is not on any travel guide – mainly about food. However, you should make sure you ask any local friends the right questions.

Often (especially in less developed countries, or those with very different cuisines to Western food), locals will assume that tourists are not interested in eating where regular people do.

Therefore asking 'where should I go for lunch?' will yield a very different answer than 'where will you go for lunch?' The first question may not lead directly to a tourist trap – but at best, you will be pointed somewhere that caters more to tourists, and is pricier, than average.

Also ask them the best places to go for cheap or low cost or even free spots to visit.

Travel Hack#82. Tourist traps.

Big cities and tourist hotspots are often a lot more expensive than straying off the beaten track! Try and choose less well-known destinations, if you can. Do your research for tourist traps before you visit.



Travel Hack#83. Annual pass national parks.

Some of them even have free days you can go.

Instead of buying.

US Park Pass <https://shop.usparkpass.com>›national-parks › annual-pass National Park Annual Pass - America the Beautiful Pass One Year, One Pass,

Thousands of Opportunities National Park Service (.gov) <https://www.nps.gov>›planyourvisit Entrance Passes (U.S. National Park Service) Each pass covers entrance

Take advantage of your senior, student discounts when you buy the pass.

Recreation.gov <https://www.recreation.gov>

Research your country if they offer these passes too.

You can save tons of money if you are regularly visiting these parks, aside from entrance fees and parking fee, this annual pass will surely cut the cost in half. If you buy all these park entrance fees, it will cost you hundreds of dollars.

Travel Hack#84. Search for free things to do in your chosen destination.

Attractions for low cost or free. Parks, mountains, museum, etc.



Travel Hack#85. Do It Yourself excursions.

You can often save a lot of money by skipping out on a planned tour and working it out for yourself! Use public transport to get there, take a picnic, and buy your own entry ticket (if needed).

A great example is self-guided trip to mountains, trails, parks, lakes, river, etc.

Travel Hack#86. Try and ask for a discount.

Prices are often marked up for tourists, so put your negotiating skills to good use and see if you can get a discount! This is more likely if you are in a group, either traveling together or friends made along the way, and all of you book onto e.g. the same excursion.



Travel Hack#87. Bring your own water bottle, coffee cup and food.

I never travel without my reusables now! Taking your own water bottle means you can fill up for free from fountains, cafes or mountain springs. Having your own coffee cup often gets you a discount! Bring simple to eat foods to your destinations without spending a lot of money.



Travel Hack#88. Walk everywhere.

Walking is the cheapest form of transport and by far the best way to discover a new area. Renting a bike is often cheap if you need to go a little bit further. Both cycling and walking are great ways to keep fit when you're on your travels; see some more here. If you have to take public transport, buses are typically the cheapest.

Travel Hack#89. Travel Club Discounts.

There's a lot of them out there, please do your research before signing up. How long or if the membership is cost effective and has more benefits. If it renews annually, if you save money by doing that or a monthly membership?

Use discount cards: youth, senior, military etc.



Travel Hack#90. Work while you travel.

If you are a freelancer, you can do a lot of gigs and even make money on Fiverr, there's tons of gigs to choose from based on your skills.



Travel hack#91. House Sitting & Pet Sitting.

If you're on a tight budget and can't afford a vacation, consider watching someone's house while they go on theirs! You can sign up for one of the sites below and watch people's homes (and their pets) for free, allowing you to stay in one destination for a while without having to pay for accommodation. Everyone's account is verified and has reviews, so you know you won't get cheated.

This is a great platform for long-term travel with an important bonus: you get a kitchen to cook your food (which saves you even more money!).

You will also often get access to a vehicle and sometimes will be left a tip or free groceries. It's generally people who are well off that can afford multi-month vacations so you're usually in nice homes and apartments too!

Here are the best house-sitting websites to check out:

- Trusted Housesitters
- Home Exchange
- House Carers

Chapter Eight Money

For currency use, I hope these strategies will save you more money.



Travel Hack#92. Use bank debit cards.

Use to take out cash from banks ATMs abroad rather than using currency exchange for more fees. Always compare what's cheapest to do in the place you're traveling.



Travel Hack#93. Pay with cash and bring cash.

While you travel domestically or internationally to save more money on foreign transaction fees, ATM withdrawals, currency exchange (and cheapest to currency exchange) if you need to use a large purchase in other country, it is helpful to just bring a lump sum cash. Keep in mind in United States.

The International cash limit of \$10,000 and the need to declare. US Customs and Border Protection is clear that you can transport “any amount of currency or other monetary instruments into or out of the United States.”



Travel Hack#94. Money-saving apps.

Fortunately, digital innovations in the travel industry have resulted in thousands of travel apps that relieve your stress while planning your trip and assist you in saving money.

Here are a few of the best travel apps to think about for your next trip:

1. TravelSpend is a travel expense tracking application.

It can work miracles for budget-conscious travelers.

The app will assist you in staying within your budget.

TravelSpend can also be used to split bills and convert currencies.

Available on: Both Apple App Store and Google Play Store

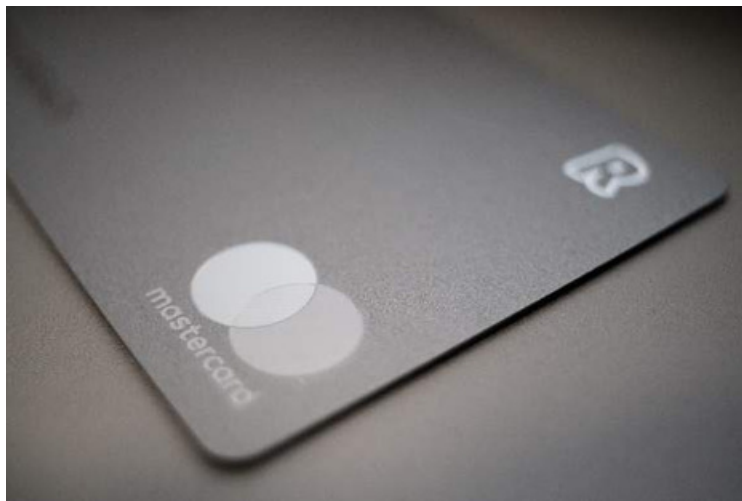
2. Triplt is a lifesaver for any traveler who is unable to plan on time. Don't worry if you're one of them! You only need to download Triplt.

As soon as you log in, the app will ask you about your trip (such as the duration, budget, and time of visit) and will plan and create an itinerary for you. It can also sync the details of your flight, hotel, car, and other reservations with your phone's calendar and add them to your master itinerary.

Travel Hack#95. Check your bank card's terms and conditions.

If you are planning an extended or multi-city trip, it may make sense to open a new bank account for the journey – or at least, to upgrade the existing one. Why? Some banks charge additional and rather hefty fees for international cash withdrawals or transactions. In addition, some banks routinely set higher commissions for currency conversion.

Again, not all banks do this – but it doesn't hurt to check and research the options. For a weekend getaway, fees and commissions may come to almost nothing. However, if you are gone for a month or more, even small commissions will add up. Check for foreign transaction fees.



Travel Hack#96. Currency Card for International Travel.

Currency conversion can add up cost. Finally, we can now use a currency card like Revolut or Wise to save us money for conversion fees. You can add money to your Revolut account with a card in AUD, BGN, CAD, CHF, CZK, DKK, EUR, GBP, HKD, HRK, HUF, JPY, NOK, PLN, RON, SEK, USD, ZAR. Revolut Business is currently available for companies and sole traders registered in and with a physical presence within the United States of America, European Economic Area (EEA) and Switzerland.

Wise Another alternative to Revolut which offers low cost, fast and easy international payments is the Wise. Wise payments can be up to 6x cheaper than your normal bank, and often arrive instantly.

In your Wise account, you can hold 50+ currencies, and get a linked card to spend around the world. You'll also be able to access local account details to get paid from 30 countries fee-free.

Research your cards and look for no foreign transaction fees and have lower ATM fees as well.

• Wise (International) • Chime (USA) • MoneyLion (USA) • Starling Bank (UK) • Monzo (UK) • N26 (Europe) • Monese (Europe) • ZA Bank (Hong Kong) • Nubank (Brazil) • Ualá (Argentina) • Up Banking (Australia).

Travel Hack #97. Make Copies of Your Important Documents.

You don't want to lose your documents and no copies or not even a photo saved on your phone. If you ever do lose your documents, contact the US embassy or your country's embassy.

Travel Hack #98. Remember the 24-Hour Rule.

Many airlines will let you amend or cancel your flight without penalty if you do so within a day of booking. If you forgot to check your calendar or booked without thinking it through, this rule can really come in handy.

Travel Hack# 99. Set Up Credit Card Travel Alerts

You don't want your credit cards to get automatically locked down while you're on a trip! Go online or call your issuer to let them know where you're going and when.

Travel Hack #100. Don't Bring Anything Too Valuable to You.

You will be devastated by losing that heirloom ring, chances are you shouldn't bring it on vacation.

Travel Hack # 101 Know the Passport Rules.

Research your destination country's rules related to passport expiration. Some countries require that you have six months remaining on your passport from the time you're scheduled to depart. Be sure to double check your passport before you book.

If you need to renew your passport before your vacation, do it as soon as possible so that you aren't cutting it close as your trip approaches.

Bonus Travel Hacks

Download Messaging Apps Even if you have an international phone plan, communicating over Wi-Fi can be more efficient.

Download an app like WhatsApp, Viber or WeChat and have your loved ones and travel companions download it as well so that you can communicate easily.

Use Translation Apps In my experience, most people appreciate the effort of learning a little of their language, and common phrases are a good place to start.

Try apps like Bravolol's Travel Phrasebook or Google Translate. For some languages, it can even translate images! If you're having trouble with a menu or a street sign, you can just snap a picture to figure it out.



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