

10 Simple Ways You Can Save on Your Next Vacation

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You've got passions, dreams and a sense of adventure that only travel can satisfy. From planning to going, make your next trip a reality with these savings tips.

1. **Time It Right.** You've got the time to be flexible. When planning your trip, try to avoid peak travel season in your destination's area and investigate traveling at different times of the week when prices may be more in your favor.
2. **Know Before You Go.** As an AARP member, you have exclusive discounts on hotels, airfare, car rental and dining. Together, these can help you save hundreds of dollars.

3. **Get Rewarded.** Take a few extra steps to sign-up for loyalty programs, especially for those services you know you'll use again and again, like your hotel. AARP members can now access new member benefits for Radisson Rewards. Rewards can add up to discounts on food, early check-in/late checkout, complimentary upgrades, free nights and more – it's a big savings opportunity for your current and future trips.
4. **Book the Right Room.** You may want to get a room with a microwave and refrigerator or even a kitchenette area. This gives you the flexibility to prepare and eat meals in your room, or store and warm up leftovers from that amazing restaurant.
5. **Consider Driving.** It can be cheaper to take to the open road than it is to fly to your destination, especially with multiple people. Plus you get to take in all that scenery along the way — you can't put a price tag on that!
6. **Stay Organized.** Use a mobile app to keep all your travel information in one place. When you're organized, you're less likely to make last-minute spending decisions without the benefit of doing your research.
7. **Pack Light.** Many airlines charge for luggage, so check your options before leaving the house. Pack light to avoid extra weight charges or additional luggage fees.
8. **Dine With the Intention to Save.** Consider eating a late lunch or during happy hour to save money. Stop at the local farmer's market or grocery for fresh produce and healthy snacks, which can keep you going and round out your dining out expenses.
9. **Get Off the Beaten Path.** Talk to the locals and avoid the often-over-priced tourist spots. Discover the city's unique charm. Get some exercise by walking to explore parks, libraries and museums, which are often free.
10. **Look Into Travel Insurance.** Planning for the unexpected is wise. Travel insurance can ultimately protect you from losing money if your vacation plans change suddenly.

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