



8 TIPS FOR SAVING ON INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE



Most of us love to travel. Unfortunately, airfare is usually a major expense. You can probably think of a few ways you'd rather spend some of the money that you're spending on airline tickets.

Try these tips for reducing your international airfare costs:

SEARCH

Begin your search as early as possible. There are many websites that allow you to search all the airlines with a single search. Try different dates and compare fares.



TRY AN AUCTION SITE

Auction sites like **Priceline.com** can save you as much as 30%. Just be sure you're aware of all the rules and restrictions before making a bid.



LOOK AT ALTERNATE AIRPORTS AND CITIES

The cost savings can be considerable just by flying into a nearby city or even a different airport in the same city.



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CHECK BOTH ONE-WAY AND ROUND-TRIP TICKETS

Occasionally, two one-way tickets are cheaper than a round-trip ticket. Sometimes a round-trip ticket is cheaper than a single one-way ticket. So check both alternatives.



AVOID TRAVELING DURING THE PEAK SEASON FOR YOUR DESTINATION

For example, tickets to Europe are much cheaper during the winter.



STICK TO A SINGLE AIRLINE FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP

Using different airlines for different legs of your journey can add to the cost.





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ASK FOR DISCOUNTS

For example, students and seniors can qualify for reduced rates.



SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS FROM YOUR FAVORITE AIRLINE OR DEAL SITE

Take advantage of limited or exclusive subscriber sales. Some websites, like airfarewatchdog.com, have a staff dedicated to tracking airfare prices and you can sign up for low fare alerts specifically from your city to your desired destination.

Saving on international airfare can require some work, but it's time well spent. The money you save could be better spent on more enjoyable activities.