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University of Idaho

BEAMS | Better Education About Money for Students

Save Money On Vacations

Time Your Trip So You Can Buy Cheaper Tickets

Fly midweek, late at, night, or early in the morning. If you are visiting a popular destination, try visiting during the off-season. These times are usually the cheapest when it comes to tickets and air fares.

Use Online Coupons

You can find massive discounts by shopping around sites like Groupon and Living Social. Look under Groupon's Things to Do section and Living Social's Events and Activities

> Look for Free or Cheap Entertainment

Do some research on your destination and

see if they offer free entertainment. Check the Chamber of Commerce and the local papers. Many popular destinations have things going on that don't cost a penny.

Choose Low/No Cost Activities

You don't have to spend money to have fun.

Some low/no cost activities include, hiking, biking, and camping.

Save Money by Renting a House

If you have a large family, check out airbnb.com, VRBO.com, or homeaway.com. This option often gets you far more space for your dollar (on average, 1850 sq ft. versus 325 for a hotel room).

Buy Food From the Grocery Store

Eating out may be part of the experience, but consider eating in a few times as well. Shop at a grocery store and cook your own food. You can use the money you saved to go on more adventures.

Save Money on Gas and Rentals

Watch out for high airport rates on vehicles.

Airports typically hike up rental prices. It may be better to take a taxi/uber to a local rental firm and pay the lower rate. When driving, use apps like GasBuddy, to find the cheapest gas stations.

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Plan on Taking a Staycation

Take your vacation budget and explore shows and attractions around your town or in the nearby area. Do the things that you wouldn't normally experience. The best part...no hotel fees!