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We hope you have a great cheap holiday and wish you the best of luck - happy travels!

An introduction for the man who needs no introduction ...

Hotels that are Cheap and Easy - Just Like Me

I'm Warwick Capper and I'm famous, famous for being an AFL legend - and other things. I've made my own reality TV show that was shown on ABC's *The Fat*, starred in over 200 commercials, wrote *I Only Take What's Mine* which went Platinum in 1986, got kicked off *Celebrity Big Brother*, appeared on the front cover of *Penthouse* three times, made my own adult video (XXX Capper), worked as a male escort and have appeared on practically every Australian TV show including The *AFL Footy Show*, *Rove* and *Sunrise*.

I'm also known for being cheap and easy - which is why I'm here to tell you about how you can save money on your hotels and travel accommodation with Quickbeds.com.

With thousands of rooms at great rates all across Australia, it's easy to find a cheap hotel for your holiday - and save money. We've put together this guide on some of the best cheap accommodation in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and more. Plus, we've also got loads of travel tips for cheap and free attractions - so you can really stretch your travel dollar. And with Quickbeds.com, there's no booking fee for your room - so you can save even more money.

And if you want to learn how to become **famous** - like me - I've got some real great tips for you. From how to choose your look to how to get your name in the papers, that's right - now you can be cheap and easy just like Capper!



For the Cheapskate in All of Us! 25 Cheap and Easy Travel Tips

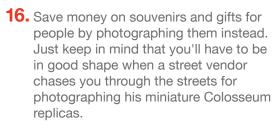
Many may associate 'cheap travel' with backpacking, dodgy hostels, questionable personal hygiene and carrying around dozens of stolen rolls of toilet paper. Well, those cheap travellers are absolutely right! Get ready to have some fun with these great super-tight travel tips.

- 1. If you're going to pay for a hotel or hostel, get your money's worth. Make the most of your complimentary items including mini soaps and shampoos.
- 2. Ditch the expensive deodorant and your shaving razor too. You'll cut down on your costs, and your musk and scruffy appearance will give you the authentic aura of a 'wild spirited traveller'.
- **3.** Book some of the Lesser Known Airlines. They're often cheaper, and are apparently more trustworthy anyway, according to the most recent hype on the news channels.
- **4.** Get creative with the wearing of your underwear. Do you really need to wash every pair after you've worn them once? Backwards, inside out, and inside out backwards are all acceptable options. Once it's time to give them a wash, take them into the shower/bath/ocean (depending on the bathing option you've selected for yourself) with you and give them a quick rinse. Bonus points if you hang them on your backpack or out the car window to dry.

- 5. Opt for recyclable and reusable EVERYTHING. Water bottles, food containers, travel companions...
- 6. While it's all good and well to want to save money, be EXTREMELY cautious if you hitch-hike with strangers, even if they seem friendly. Nobody wants to end up like the kids on Wolf Creek.
- 7. Try and get accommodation with breakfast included- eat heaps for breakfast and stock up on as many muffins, bagels, slices of toast and hard boiled eggs you can have in one sitting.
- 8. Deciding on who picks up the bill at a restaurant should be done with an arm wrestle. However, only introduce this rule if you've been drinking your protein shakes religiously lately.
- **9.** Live like a rock star and save money too! Staple diets are the newest celebrity craze to hit Hollywood. You can give your cheap feeds a fancy name like "the baked beans diet" and convince everyone that it's really helping you lose weiaht.

- **10.** Tinned food should quickly become your best friend. It's cheap, convenient and generally safe, provided you're in a country where you can read the language, and don't accidentally end up with cat food instead of baked beans.
- 11. Keep an eye on the news, and visit countries immediately after a crisis has occurred to take advantage of a weak currency and fewer tourists. Waiting until the riots and looting have finished is entirely optional, but probably desirable.
- **12.** Ask for student discounts everywhere. Some people may not even ask for an ID. If you look older than 35, and somebody questions you, launch into a loud rant about how society these days is horribly discriminatory against mature-age students.
- 13. In some situations, birthdays are a valid form of currency. If you're travelling with a group of friends, take turns to pretend you're the birthday boy or girl in restaurants and hostel bars. Your acting skills may be rewarded with free desserts, drinks or shots from your fellow travellers or operators.

- **14.** Avoid tourist destinations, they can be a rip off instead ask for the help of locals to find out the regulars prices for purchases.
- **15.** Haggle. If you consider yourself to be a rather skilled negotiator, try it everywhere you think you can get away with it. Remember that the worst thing the lady at the Hilton reception desk can say is "get out or I'm calling the police".



17. If you must buy a Lonely Planet or other travel guide, at least put it to good use. Use it to prop up a wobbly bed leg, as a steady surface for your laptop, or as a weapon if you get mugged in an alleyway.

18. Take some time to research local laws. You don't want to throw away money on fines (or worse get arrested) for chewing gum in Singapore, taking Panadeine to Greece or spitting on a New York Subway (throwing up is apparently fine).

19. Book airlines in advance, but hotels last-minute. If you don't mind where you stay, many hotels are actually cheaper if you book at short-notice - but for popular events, like sporting matches or music festivals, you might have to book early to get a good rate.

- **20.** International calling cards. You can use them with your mobile or in your hotel room. You'll also feel less bad about using your friend's phone to call home.
- **21.** Research how much a taxi should cost between certain destinations WELL in advance, to avoid being ripped off by dodgy taxi drivers.
- **22.** Walk like an Egyptian ok, well maybe just eat like one. Try to eat where the locals eat and avoid overpriced tourist restaurants.
- **23.** ASK for things hotel upgrades, free breakfasts, the tour guide operator's phone number. You haven't got anything to lose except your dignity and that's only until you leave the room.
- 24. Be flexible. You'll need to be able to squish into those tiny hostel beds and crowded public buses and trains. Oh, also be flexible with your dates. Prices for airfares and accommodation vary greatly from one day to the next, especially during weekends.
- **25.** When travelling long distances, double up on accommodation with your travel schedule. Opt overnight buses/ trains you pay more for the travel but save on a bed for the night.





Cheap Accommodation & Sydney Budget Travel Ideas

Sydney is notorious for being Australia's most expensive city to live in and is currently the 24th most expensive city in the world¹. In fact, Sydney takes home the crown for the highest prices for car parking in the Asia Pacific² and was the 2nd most expensive city in the world for public transport³ according to a UBS study in 2009.

With all of these costly titles, is it really *possible* to see Sydney on the cheap?

Absolutely - if you know where to look. Sydney's metropolitan flavour caters to international travellers and tourists from around the world, so it's easy to find cheap accommodation deals and to grab bargain basement prices on some of the most popular sites and iconic destinations Sydney has to offer. Dine at some of the finest restaurants in Australia and enjoy world class entertainment - without blowing your budget.

¹Cost of Living Survey 2010, Mercer; ²Colliers Global CBD Car Parking Survey, 2010; ³Prices & Earnings, UBS, 2009

Best cheap accommodation in Sydney

- Great Southern Hotel ****
 717 George Street, Sydney 2000
 In the heart of Sydney's Chinatown,
 there's no shortage of cheap eats and
 attractions nearby
- Metro Hotel Sydney Central ***
 Cnr Pitt & Campbell Streets,
 Sydney 2000
 Cheap hotel with all the amenities
 including high speed internet access in
 your room. Comfortable, affordable
 and centrally located.
- Capitol Square Hotel ★★★
 Cnr George & Campbell Streets,
 Sydney 2000

Managed by Rydges, this convenient hotel is situated in one of Sydney's historic landmark buildings.

Find more cheap accommodation in Sydney.

Sydney is a city steeped in rich culture, heritage and history - but that doesn't mean that your Sydney holiday has to cost a fortune. This vibrant metropolis offers some of the best value attractions that the whole family can enjoy. Million dollar views of the Sydney Harbour including the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House are free from Circular Quay, while a trip to Bondi Beach is just a \$4 bus fare away. A walk around the Sydney headlands offers some of the most breathtaking scenery - try the walk from Bondi to Coogee or go from Manly to the Spit Bridge. Head an hour or so out of town and soak in a bit of nature at the World Heritage Listed Blue Mountains, where a beautiful bushwalk is free!

For cheap accommodation, Sydney has a number of hotels that are centrally located right in the Sydney CBD. The area of Haymarket is situated right beside Sydney's iconic Darling Harbour and has plenty of cheap hotels on offer. Or you can venture out to the city fringe, such as inner suburbs of Surry Hills or the Western suburbs of St Peters and Parramatta.

When it comes to cheap eats, you can't go wrong with a stroll through the many eateries in Chinatown; Sussex St in the CBD is littered with tasty cultural delights from all around the world - drop into Mamak in Haymarket where you can enjoy a classic Malaysian *roti canai* with curry sauce for just \$5. Or join the locals at the Flying Fajita Sisters in the inner west suburb of Glebe where \$3 Tacos are on the menu for Tuesday nights. Meanwhile, the locals love their neighbourhood pub and many are bound to offer some great meal deals - the \$5 steaks everyday at the Forresters hotel in Surry Hills are a definite winner.

Meanwhile, if you're looking to enjoy a night on the town, many establishments offer cheap Happy Hours on the weekdays. You'll find that plenty of local pubs feature live entertainment and music acts with no cover charge.



5 star luxury that's cheap and easy!

Four Seasons Sydney ****

199 George Street, Sydney 2000

Divine luxury that won't blow your budget, this 5 star accommodation is situated in The Rocks, the historic epicentre of Sydney. With dramatic harbour front views and a luxurious day spa, this is your chance to enjoy a bit of the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

Cheap Sydney Travel Tips

- Public transport can be costly, but for visitors, Sydney Rail
 offers a great Daytripper Rail Pass to help you get around.
 For just \$17, you get unlimited travel on the train, bus and
 ferry for the entire day and that includes the usual \$12
 return ferry trip to Manly, which offers breathtaking views of
 iconic Sydney Harbour.
- For those travelling in and around the Sydney CBD, a free shuttle bus service operates from Central Station to Circular Quay so you can get to many of Sydney's visitor highlights for free.
- The City of Sydney hosts a number of free events all year round for locals and visitors alike, including music and jazz festivals, food and wine events, street fairs and family-friendly markets - so they're a fun and cheap way to enjoy your holiday. Ask your hotel concierge or pick up the weekend edition of the Sydney Morning Herald for the latest events.
- Many of Sydney's most splendid attractions really are cheap and easy. Enjoy a walk from iconic Bondi Beach to Coogee or spend the day at the Australian National Maritime Museum, named one of the 12 Coolest Museums in the World⁴ - admission is free!
- Want a cheap guided tour of the city? Download a walking tour for just \$9.95 and have your iPod or mp3 player give you the true locals' experience. www.walkingtours.com.au

Nearby Destinations

- 1. The Rocks
- 2. Darling Harbour
- 3. Bondi
- 4. Manly
- 5. Surry Hills

- 6. Blue Mountains
- 7. Hunter Valley
- 8. Wollongong
- 9. Jervis Bay
- 10.Canberra, ACT

4http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/travel/holiday_type/history_and_travel/article6877285.ece





Cheap Accommodation & Melbourne Budget Travel Ideas

Grab your tennis racket and

pack your book of poems - you're heading to the "Sporting and Cultural Capital of Australia". Melbourne is a world class destination for food, wine, music and culture - and none of it has to cost a fortune. There are plenty of cheap eats and many of Melbourne's best known cultural attractions are free including admissions to the permanent collections at the National Galleries Victoria or a stroll through the Queen Victoria Markets.

So whether you're looking for a cosy cafe to spend the afternoon or hoping to catch all the action with your mates at the Footy finals, Melbourne is the perfect destination for a fun and cheap holiday all year round.

Best Cheap Accommodation in Melbourne

- Causeway Inn on the Mall ***
 327 Bourke Street Mall,
 Melbourne 3000
 Situated in the heart of the city and the
 only accommodation on Bourke St
 Mall, this is a shopper's dream
 location.
- Hotel Enterprize ****
 44 Spencer Street, Melbourne 3000
 Conveniently located opposite
 Southern Cross Station, Hotel
 Enterprize is all about providing
 amazing value for very little money.
- Little Collins Hotel ****
 27 Little Collins Street,
 Melbourne 3000

Tucked away on Little Collins Street is this little gem with great rates on beautiful suites.

Find more cheap accommodation in Melbourne.



Melbourne is Australia's second largest city and when it comes to definitive Melbourne icons, Federation Square and the Fitzroy Gardens are some of the most notable attractions. Meanwhile, Melbourne prides itself in its unique vibe and experiences - where the locals themselves and the culture they keep are what set the city apart.

For cheap hotels and places to stay, you'll find the big hotel chains but also plenty of little independent operators with cheap hotel deals. When it comes to food, there's an abundance of delicious cheap feeds at the local restaurants and cafes; head to Bimbo Deluxe in Brunswick St, Fitzroy for \$4 pizzas on weekdays. Meanwhile, Victoria St in Richmond is known for its authentic and delightfully cheap Vietnamese cuisine.

The fourth largest network in the world and the largest outside of Europe, Melbourne's trams are the cheapest and easiest way to get around town - and the city circle tram is absolutely free. Meanwhile, a free Tourist Shuttle Bus also loops around the city and parts of the inner suburbs every day.

For cheap things to do in Melbourne, you can't go past window shopping. The city is full of unique craft and designer shops that are sure to be a temptation to blow your travel budget. (Good thing you've saved all that money on your cheap accommodation!) Scoop up a bargain on fresh foods and edible delights at the Queen Victoria Markets or head to Bourke St Mall to be inspired by the latest trends and fashion. Wind down your evening with a refreshing beverage - the suburbs of Fitzroy and St Kilda are where the locals head. You'll be sure to find some great Happy Hours and specials as well.

5 star luxury that's cheap and easy!

Art Series - The Blackman ****
452 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004
With luxury to inspire the imagination, this is one of the most unique accommodation options in Melbourne.
Boasting private terraces and spas - this is more than just a great hotel - it's a real work of art!



Cheap Melbourne Travel Tips

- Get around Melbourne with ease and on the cheap. The tram is a vital part of the Melbourne experience; hop on the free city circle trams run from the CBD through the Docklands every day from 10am - 6pm.
- Step aboard the free tour bus that loops through the best known destinations in the city and its immediate surrounds, including Queen Victoria Markets, the Shrine of Remembrance and Flinders Quarter.
- For a dose of high culture without the costs, head to the National Galleries Victoria and check out their fine collection of Australian artists, indigenous pieces and international works.
- There's always something going on and the weekend edition of *The Age* newspaper publishes a *What's On* section that highlights great events and attractions week to week. Check the latest listings for events that are fun, free and family friendly.

 Check out the Happiest Hour which is dedicated to getting you more beer for your buck. They have happy hour listings for all days of the week. www.thehappiesthour.com



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- 1. St Kilda
- 2. East Melbourne
- 3. South Yarra
- 4. Phillip Island
- 5. Murray River
- 6. Ballarat
- 7. Great Ocean Road
- 8. Geelong
- 9. Mornington Peninsula



People think that being this good looking is easy - but let me tell you, being famous is some serious hard work. Everyone always says "Warwick, you were born with so much talent," to which I reply, "Yeah. That's true."

A look back on the life and times of the Man, the Legend, the KING, Warwick Capper.



- 1971 Capper begins playing footie for the Oakleigh Dragons Youth Club alongside future star David Rhys Jones.
- 1974 Capper takes home the Under-11s Best and Fairest for this team, giving him his first taste of his true legendary potential.
- 1983 At the age of 20. Capper is recruited to the recently relocated South Melbourne Football Club - now known as the Sydney Swans. On the field. Warwick becomes renowned for his look and eccentric personality. always appearing in tight shorts, white boots and keeping a head of lustrous long blond hair - not to mention driving around in his pink Ferrari. He finishes runner up for the Coleman Medal 2 vears in a row.
- 1985 With his escalating popularity on the field. Capper, or Wazza as he became known, began building his profile off the field. He releases a single I Only Take What's Mine to launch his singing career. (Not a bad start with Platinum status and 300,000 copies sold, but sadly it was his only musical hit of his short lived career).

- 1986 Wazza makes a quest appearance on the soap **Neighbours**, joining the many other Australian celebrities that had their successful career start on Ramsav St!
- 1987 Capper earns Mark of the Year for his stunning season performance, kicking 103 goals in 23 games. Capper recalls the year fondly - taking part in a charity auction, where his "dirty" footy shorts raised a whopping \$25,000 for cancer, he tells ABC news.
- 1988 Wazza weds Joanne Norris in what the tabloids call "the wedding of the year". Not one to disappoint. Capper decks himself out in skin and leather (an outfit that cost \$5000 to be made - which he still claims to have). His lavish spending and outrageous lifestyle becomes renowned.

Capper moves to the Brisbane Bears signing a three year contract for a whopping \$350,000, becoming the highest paid player in the league. However, his performance with the Bears was a bit lacklustre, kicking only 71 goals in 34 games. In an interview, Warwick remembers it as "probably the worst time of my life".

- 1991 Wazza returns to play for Sydney for one more season, kicking 38 goals in 13 games to wind up his professional footy career.
- 1992 Capper retires and returns to Queensland to play semi-professionally for the Southport Sharks while he continues to work on his celebrity profile. making numerous appearances. Wazza and Joanne have their only son, Indiana.
- 1993 Capper poses with his wife Joanne in an explicit photo shoot in Australia's **Penthouse** Magazine. Capper makes his (un-credited) big screen appearance as the "Braindead Prisoner" in the movie Fortress starring Christopher Lambert. He continues to make appearances regularly on TV shows such as the AFL Footy Show.
- 2002 Wazza is a housemate on Celebrity **Big Brother** where he is ejected by producers for exposing himself to fellow housemate. Kimberlev Cooper.
- 2005 Capper releases his autobiography, Fool Forward. He and his wife Joanne officially split up, making tabloid headlines. Wazza trades in his short shorts for a stint as a lollipop man for a reported \$16.50 an hour.
- 2007 Warwick joins the famous Surfers Paradise Meter Maids, feeding expired parking metres along the tourist strip.



- 2008 Wazza makes a home sex tape with 25 year old girlfriend that he sells to an adult-video distribution company for a reported six-figure sum. In an interview. Wazza likens himself to "Australia's Paris Hilton".
- 2009 Capper announces his candidacy for MP and his intention to stand against Pauline Hanson, Unfortunately, he fails to register in time. He begins a career as a \$1500 a night male escort.

Later in the year, Warwick "Hollywood" Capper competes in a celebrity boxing match against Wendell Sailor - rather than being knocked out, Capper calls it guits 53 seconds into the third round.



quickbeds.com You Tube



2010 Warwick Capper is Cheap and Easy (but we all knew that!), and becomes a viral YouTube sensation with almost 60,000 views (as of Nov 2010) of his TV commercials for Quickbeds.com. He also makes an appearance at Sydney's 2010 Sexpo.



Cheap Accommodation & Brisbane Budget Travel Ideas

Brisbane often cops a bit of flak from culture snobs who consider it creatively fruitless, unimaginative and rather dull - yet these criticisms couldn't be further from the truth. If you're travelling to Brisbane, you're going to have a hard time finding the time for all the fantastic gigs, festivals, markets, museums, galleries and restaurants on offer in this vibrant city. Brisbane offers a whole heap of cultural goodness, all of which can be done on a shoestring budget - so it's the perfect destination for your next cheap and easy holiday.

When it comes to cheap accommodation, visitors will find a deluge of options. Families can choose self-contained apartments and suites to make their stay affordable while there are plenty of hostel and backpacker options for the budget traveller. Wherever you choose to stay, you'll find yourself well immersed in a rich and vibrant metropolis that'll give you plenty of bang for your buck.

Best cheap accommodation in Brisbane

- Citigate King George Square ★★★
 Cnr Roma & Ann Streets,
 Brisbane 4000
 - Walking distance from Queen St Mall shopping precinct. Formerly known as the Carlton Crest, the newly refurbished Citigate offers fine dining, and affordable luxury rooms.
- Ridge on Leichhardt ★★★↑
 189 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hills, Brisbane 4000
 - A short five minute walk to the centre of Brisbane, and located close to the city's

- entertainment and shopping centres, Ridge on Leichhardt offers full-service apartments and great views of the city.
- 3. Hotel George Williams Brisbane **** 317-325 George Street, Brisbane 4000 Located in the heart of the city, and 200m away from the Queen Street Mall, Hotel George Williams has also received a Green Star rating from AAA tourism for supporting environmentally friendly practices.

Find more cheap accommodation in Brisbane.



While it's the third largest city in Australia, Brisbane tends to come up short compared to the cosmopolitan and showy city of Sydney or the culturally mature and sophisticated styling of Melbourne. However, holiday makers shouldn't overlook Brisbane as there are plenty of great attractions and activities to enjoy.

Start in the CBD where the City Centre Free Loop bus service will take you around to key destinations or see the sites from the convenient CityFerry service. Brisbane's Southbank is always buzzing on a Sunday. Locals will enjoy a drink and a meal at their favourite spot while the kids play and swim in the unique man-made Streets Beach. Grab a cheap 2 for 1 dinner on Tuesday nights at the highly-recommended Guppy's Seafood & Grill or try an authentic Indian meal for under \$10 at Indian Kitchen in West End.

Meanwhile, Brisbane has a thriving underground hip-hop and indie music scene, with plenty of free music festivals and gigs to enjoy. The annual Grass Roots Music Festival and Global Grooves Festival are both free live music festivals offering up a multicultural fusion of both traditional and contemporary world beats. For the history buffs, the Museum of Brisbane has free guided tours three days a week while the Queensland Museum, Art Gallery and the beautiful Brisbane City Botanical Gardens are also free.

If you're looking for a bargain, Brisbane has countless markets to browse. City Farmers Markets, Brisbane Market Place, Twilight Fresh Market and Eumundi Parkside are just some of the places to try. Be sure to sample some of the local produce and enjoy the bubbling atmosphere.

5 star luxury that's cheap and easy!

Treasury Casino & Hotel ★★★★
Top of the Queen Street Mall,
Brisbane 4000

Located right in the city's commercial and retail heart, the Treasury Casino & Hotel is a heritage listed building with beautiful luxury rooms.



- Use the free Brisbane City Loop bus service to get from one end of town to the other. It runs every 10 minutes between 7am and 6pm.
- The South Bank Beach is completely man-made and is as big as three Olympic swimming pools. Lifeguards are on duty every day, and there are free showers and changing rooms for swimmers to use.
- For drinks, you can't go past the unique Mana Bar, a video game bar with free entry, affordable cocktail list, events every night of the week and exclusive prizes and giveaways. And for the kid in every one of us you can play any video game, any day of the week for free.
- Brisbane is now home to a number of international film festivals, indicating a growing interest in the town as a

Nearby Destinations

- 1. Gold Coast
- 5. Toowoomba
- 2. Sunshine Coast
- 6. Gladstone 7. Hervey Bay
- 3. Fraser Island 4. Bundaberg
- 8. Byron Bay

thriving cultural hub. 2010 was the first year of The Brazil Film Festival to be hosted in Brisbane.

Cheap Accommodation & Gold Coast Budget Travel Ideas

Despite its popularity as a destination for thousands of travellers and holiday makers, the Gold Coast offers some of the most affordable luxury accommodation in the country. And while it's easy to get caught up in the hype of theme parks, trendy bars, and expensive restaurants, there are plenty of options for activities, events and dining for those travelling to the Gold Coast on the cheap.

Start with a visit to some of Australia's best known beaches, including Broadbeach and Surfers Paradise - where you can enjoy the best nature has to offer for free. Meanwhile, for the kids, Gold Coast's many theme parks can set you back a bit, but there are a number of great deal packages and discount tickets available to make the big name parks, including Movie World, Sea World and Dreamworld, quite affordable.



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