

Travel Deeply, Do It Cheaply

by

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Welcome

I just wanted to thank you very sincerely for downloading this book. As a traveler myself, I sometimes have difficulties in figuring out how I can plan my travels for the best value money can get. With so many sites out there, it can get confusing.

So the team got together and spent quite some time researching and testing. We wanted to build the quintessential guide to travelling cheaply, and the result is this eBook. It's absolutely free for everybody, and I hope you'll share it with your friends.

If you've got a minute, it would mean the world to me if you could check out our site at Penroads. It's a platform for you to find travel partners. Travelling with friends you meet on the road helps you see the world in a different way, or at least, that's how it was for me. I hope that you will share the same experiences that were so profound, it led me to start this company.

HARRY DANIEL FU
CEO / FOUNDER OF PENROADS

**“TRAVEL IS FATAL TO PREJUDICE, BIGOTRY
AND NARROW-MINDEDNESS.”**



MARK TWAIN



A person wearing a white long-sleeved shirt is holding a vintage, hand-colored globe. The globe shows continents in green and brown, with some text and decorative elements. The background is dark with out-of-focus, warm-toned bokeh lights. The overall mood is contemplative and travel-oriented.

Where In The World Should I Go?

There are 196 countries in the world. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a newly bitten by the travel bug, it can be difficult to decide where to go. Where you want to go first is widely dependent on your personal preferences.

TIMING

If it's in the dead of winter, it might be best to hold off on Europe and similarly arctic climates like China or South Korea. This might be the time to consider a jaunt in Southeast Asia where it's warm all year round. Conversely, summer or spring might be a better time to head off to Europe (albeit a bit crowded) or stave off a trip to Southeast Asia or South America where temperatures reach unholy heights.

HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO SPEND? HOW LONG WILL YOUR TRIP BE?

Those with a bit more cash at the beginning might have a more comfortable time in Europe. Although it's not impossible to backpack across Europe cheaply (You can - that's why you're reading this!), the dollar stretches much less there than in Southeast Asia. For those with less money and time, going somewhere a bit cheaper pays.

PREFERENCES

Ultimately, where do you want to go? If your dream has always been to see the Eiffel Tower or Angkor Wat, then go. You can make everything else fit.



Top 10 Cheapest Places To Travel



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| 1 \$16.23 | Pokhara, Nepal | 6 \$18.41 | Chiang Mai, Thailand |
| 2 \$16.85 | Hanoi, Vietnam | 7 \$18.42 | Kathmandu, Nepal |
| 3 \$17.16 | Saigon, Vietnam | 8 \$20.10 | Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic |
| 4 \$17.26 | Goa, India | 9 \$21.98 | Delhi, India |
| 5 \$17.95 | Kiev, Ukraine | 10 \$22.97 | La Paz, Bolivia |

**"ONCE A YEAR, GO
SOME PLACE YOU'VE
NEVER BEEN BEFORE."**

—
DALAI LAMA





Budgeting - Before Your Trip -

Although the cost of travel can certainly be decreased, traveling will never be 100%, completely free. In addition to the monetary costs, it will cost you your time. With smart planning, you can ensure that your dollar will return you the maximum amount of happiness that it can.

START SAVING

Take a percentage of your net paycheck and deposit it into a savings account with a decent interest rate. While in the short-term, your efforts may not result in a lot of interest. If you have more time (think years), you might look into investing a portion of your income and dedicate that money to your trip.

SIGN UP FOR TRAVEL CREDIT CARDS AND FREQUENT FLIER REWARDS PROGRAM

It might be worth it to sign up for a travel credit card with a large sign up bonus if you're going to be purchasing a lot of flights or traveling to many different places. You can then redeem these points on frequent flier rewards programs to get upgrades or cheaper (and sometimes free!) flights.



Budgeting - During Your Trip -

YOU NEED A BUDGET

It doesn't matter what method you use to track your expenses, but if you don't keep track of them, you might overspend and all of a sudden, you can't afford to eat anything but instant ramen.

FREELANCE

If you find yourself with less than enough cash and a laptop to last you the rest of the trip, consider freelancing on websites such as Fiverr or elance. You can also complete some surveys on Amazon Mechanical Turk for a very small payout. However, watch out for scams on Amazon. If it sounds too good to be true,



What To Pack?



SMART PHONE

Smart phones are no longer prohibitively expensive and you probably already own one. Your phone is your landline. In many countries, pre-paid SIM cards are fairly cheap and will give you access to data. Boom. Your phone is now simultaneous, a phone, camera, flashlight, map, and guidebook the size of your palm. Remember to pack your charger!



CAMERA

You're going traveling and it's understandable that you might want to take photos of the sights, foods, people to show your friends and family back home. If your smartphone doesn't cut it, feel free to pack your camera. Probably best to leave the DSLR at home though - it's expensive and bulky. Bring a simple digital camera.



BACKPACK

You need somewhere to store your stuff and when you're going to be carrying your stuff all around with you, you will want to make sure that it's comfortable. Remember that with new airline rules, you might not be able to bring your backpack with you as a carryon. Consider the size of your backpack when making the purchase.

OTHER ESSENTIALS

- LIP BALM
- UMBRELLA
- SUNSCREEN
- SUNGLASSES

- MICRO-FIBRE TOWEL
- BRAS/UNDERWEAR
- 1 PAIR OF SANDALS
- 1 PAIR OF WALKING SHOES

- 1 SWIMSUIT
- 1 NICE SHIRT
- 1 MICROFLEECE
- 2 PANTS/SKIRTS
- 2-3 T-SHIRTS (COTTON OR POLYESTER)OR DRESSES

- CREDIT CARD
- PASSPORT AND DRIVER'S LICENSE
- FIRST-AID KIT (SEE OUR SAFETY SECTION FOR WHAT TO PACK! - PAGE 35)



Remember!
Thanks to the beauty of globalization, you can buy many of your needs on the road so you can leave your wholesale-club's shampoos and conditioners at home.

- INSECT REPELLANT
- SHAMPOO AND CONDITIONER
- TOOTHBRUSH AND TOOTHPASTE



Flights

How do I find the cheapest flights? There are so many websites out there that can help you find the cheapest fares. It's mind-boggling, and it's confusing. With some extra fact-checking on your part, you can save hundreds of dollars in tickets - and here's how we think you should do it.

FIRST, START OFF COMPARING FLIGHT PRICE AGGREGATORS

Flight price aggregators such as [Kayak](#) or [Skyscanner](#) allow you to compare prices for airlines across several aggregators, which makes your life that much easier.

CHECK ANOTHER WEBSITE CALLED SKIPLAGGED

[Skiplagged](#) is being sued by United Airlines for offering "hidden city ticketing", which basically means that you book a flight past your destination and just get off at what was supposed to be your layover. This can save you hundreds of dollars. However, you can't check your bags and it's only good for a one-way route since if you skip out on your connecting flight, your returning flight is canceled. Use Skiplagged if you're going backpacking or only for a short trip where you don't need to check luggage.

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LOOK OUT FOR FIFTH FREEDOM FLIGHTS

Fifth freedom flights are when an airline is flying from country A to B, but neither points are in the home country. For example, Singapore Airlines flies from HKG to SFO and Cathay Pacific flies from YVR to JFK. SO! Go to Wikipedia and look for the departure airport. Wikipedia shows all airlines operating out of that airport and their destinations. These flights tend to be cheaper since they are tagged on the leg of whole flights.

IF YOU ARE A STUDENT, YOU ARE IN LUCK!

Use a website such as [StudentUniverse](#) or [STA Travel](#) to find discounted flights. You need to be able to verify that you are a current student (or faculty member), but these tickets save you on average \$100.

ANOTHER GREAT WEBSITE IS [YAPTA](#), WHICH TRACKS FARE CHANGES

Some airlines offer a refund when prices drop. This means that if prices drop, you can claim your refund directly through the website.

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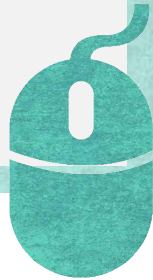
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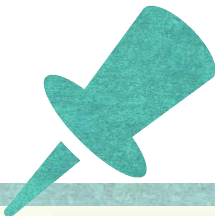
Check on the airline's website to see if your route costs less. Then, check the airline's foreign website to see if it's cheaper in another currency. Barring exorbitant foreign transaction fees, you may be able to save a couple dollars due to differences in exchange rates.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, MAKE ONE LAST CHECK ON BUDGET AIRLINES

A quick Google search should help you find most budget airlines. For example, if Singapore is your base camp, you can use budget airlines such as [Jetstar](#) or [Scoot](#). If the timing is right, you could be spending only \$100 on return tickets to Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia. In Europe, you might use [easyJet](#) or [Ryanair](#).

REMEMBER, FARES CHANGE ALL THE TIME FOR DIFFERENT DATES

Since airlines often release deals on Mondays, by Tuesday, all the other airlines are scrambling to match those deals (Thank you invisible hand!). Expedia found that on average, flights booked on Tuesdays are up to \$28 cheaper. Remember to also book early. Domestic flights are best booked up to 50-100 days in advance and for international flights, it's best to book up to 150-225 days in advance.¹



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Destination: Kids 2-11:

Depart: Infants <2:

Return:

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