

# The Ultimate Guide to Finding Cheap Flights ...



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## **Introduction.**

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For decades the standard practice when looking for really cheap flights would be to contact your local travel agent or tour operator and book your flights through them.

Within the last five to ten years the advent of the internet and the widespread use of broadband connections have contributed to consumers looking online as their preferred method of finding the perfect deal.

Despite the shift of people to look online for flights, a whole new set of problems and obstacles present themselves when trying to master this new medium. This E-Book aims to demystify the vast galaxy of options that exist online and off, and direct you towards the most time saving and financially rewarding options available.

Regardless of your age bracket or financial situation there should be something of benefit to everyone within this free guide.

There are both advantages and disadvantages to the online revolution. Some of the benefits include being able to book flights any time of day or night, searching with ease and avoiding some corrupt travel agent practises like 'Racking' i.e. – Agents only promoting those vacations which offer the highest commissions whilst pretending there is no other deal on offer.

Some of the disadvantages include some sites adding on extra taxes and fees without disclosing them immediately, the issues of customer care from less established sites and some scam sites which are only concerned with making a quick buck.

This book will highlight some of the most reliable avenues on and offline on how to avoid the pitfalls of the travel industry and find yourself the best possible deal.

***Here's hoping you save a significant amount on your next air flight ...***

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## Saving Tip #1

# Use Flight Comparison Tools

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A quick search on the internet when looking for cheap flights will return millions upon millions of search results. For the average consumer this can be quite overwhelming and the amount of choices makes it difficult in finding the right site for them. Who should you book with? Is it safe? Am I getting a good deal? These are just some of the questions the individual faces when looking online for flights.

Fortunately, with the advent of modern technology, a new type of site has been developed and is fast becoming the single most popular form of finding the best deal amongst savvy internet consumers. These sites are known as flight comparison sites.

In essence they are sites which use an advanced form of technology which search numerous travel sites for their best up to date deals and return the results to you in a matter of seconds. This is all achieved by filling out one simple form with your flight requirements rather than scouring through numerous different sites one after the other monotonously checking their offers.

The downside to this form of site is that they have not always allied with every single site on the net therefore they cannot make the claim that they have searched the ENTIRE INTERNET.

If there was a competition between a high street travel agent who typically only has a limited relationship with Airlines and online flight comparison tools, it is highly likely the online sites will beat the traditional method simply due to the vastly superior itinerary of flights they have at their disposal representative of anything from 10 – 400 major travel agents.

Flight comparison sites typically only ally themselves with reputable companies and are usually partnered with well known sites which spend millions on customer care, advertising and offering efficient product services. The trick is knowing which are the best Flight Comparison Tools to use.

Here follows a list of the best flight comparison tools for the Visitors from the UK and the USA.

### **Flight Comparison tools for the UK**

[Cheap Flights Finder](#) – Compares the Comparison Sites

[Kelkoo](#) – Search engine which compares all commercial airline routes

[SkyScanner](#) – Search engine which compares every commercial airline route

[Kayak.co.uk](#) – US based search engine compares over 140 sites

[Dohop](#) – Dohop weeds out the best budget and alternate airline fares

[Mobissimo](#) – Compares over 140 sites

[Momondo](#) – Danish based search engine compares hundreds of sites

## The Most Efficient Flight Comparison Site

Out of all of the above I recommend trying [www.Cheap-Flights-Finder.com](http://www.Cheap-Flights-Finder.com) first. This is due to the fact that it searches some of the best flight comparison sites for you from one convenient location comparing a total of 500 + Major Travel Agents, Airlines and tour operators.

Diagram explaining the role of [Cheap Flights Finder](#) –



## **Flight Comparison tools for the USA**

[Kayak](#)

[Farecompare](#)

[Sidestep](#)

[BookingBuddy](#)

If one was looking for a particular flight then the sites mentioned above would be good places to begin your search.

It would be a wise idea to pick a handful of sites and see the results each one returns before settling on a particular option. Rest assured, however, that the prices the above sites return will be close to, if not the actual lowest price one could possibly find anywhere online.

In conclusion, the future of online flight comparison tools and websites looks bright. We can safely assume that in the not too distant future the web will be the natural choice for more and more consumers demanding really cheap flights in super quick time.



## Saving Tip #2

### About Online Auctions

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A relatively new phenomenon in the online world of flight finding is the method of using a flight auction site.

A flight auction site is basically defined as a site which auctions off their available offers to the person who offers the highest price. The way it works is that an individual who is interested in this type of offer will put in a bid as to what he/she is willing to pay for a particular air flight. If your bid is accepted you will end up with the flight.

There is a high likelihood that the price you will end up with could be considerably cheaper than a conventional ticket to the same destination. However, there are some downsides as outlined below.

- Typically, you can only specify the destination you wish to travel to and the desired departure and arrival dates. Things such as preferred airline and the time of departure are usually out of your control.
- Ludicrously low bids are not advised as they are seldom successful. This is due to the airlines desire to make as much money as possible. Settle on a realistic offer that you are comfortable with making and then submit your bid. Ultimately, you have nothing to lose.
- The flights on offer tend to be those less than desirable to the general public – hence the need to auction them off. Don't be surprised if such flights come with strict terms and conditions, Limited legroom, baggage restrictions and difficulty with refunds. The above factors are usually disclosed by the flight provider before you actually commit, so it shouldn't be too much of a problem.

If you are willing to encounter the potential negatives then this is an excellent source of finding cheap flights for those on a tight budget. Listed below are a handful of the most reliable flight auction sites available for consumers based in the UK and the USA.

### **Flight Auction sites for UK consumers**

[Priceline](#)

[Auctionair](#)

[Ebay – \(Package Holidays\)](#)

### **Flight Auction sites for consumers from the USA**

[Priceline](#)

[Skyauction](#)

[Ebay \(Vacation Packages\)](#)

### **In conclusion**

Flight auction sites have the potential of saving you a remarkable amount of money on your next airline ticket, so check out the sites above and hopefully end up saving some hard earned cash. Each site has its own terms and condition, methods of booking and rating methods. Please read each sites policies carefully before engaging in any deal.



## Saving Tip #3

### Travel as a Courier

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A little known way of acquiring ridiculously cheap flights is by signing on as an air courier with a courier company. This method is not that widely used simply due to most people not knowing about this form of travel.

What's it all about, I hear you ask?

Well basically, there are numerous courier companies in existence whose sole job it is to deliver time sensitive packages from one destination to another.

Due to the fact that cargo which is unaccompanied usually takes a much longer time to be inspected and checked through customs than baggage accompanied by a passenger, these companies seek out individuals who are willing to accompany their cargo as part of their own luggage.

For this reason people willing to be couriers can be in high demand. The courier company purchases the ticket from the airline and gives it to the courier for a dirt cheap price in return for their services.

Here are some common questions and answers about this whole subject :

- **Is it safe?**
- **Who can become a courier?**
- **How much money can I save on flights?**
- **What are the downsides?**

#### **Is it Safe?**

**Answer – Yes.**

This should not be a problem provided you check the courier company is officially recognised by a trustworthy source. A good place to check is the '**IAATC - International association of Air Travel Couriers**' (links are provided at the end of this chapter).

Courier companies have long established reputations they have to protect and would not do anything to jeopardise their businesses. Moreover, the courier is not liable for the contents of the cargo. After clearing through customs the courier usually passes the relevant documentation over to an agent of the courier company present at the arrival destination who then proceeds to collect the baggage.

### **Who can become a courier?**

**Answer** – Anyone who is over the age of 21 (sometimes 18) can become an air courier. There may be more conditions depending on the company you choose to work with ranging from the necessity to dressing smartly to being able to speak good English. (Find out how you can sign up at the end of this chapter.)

Check each company's conditions before signing on. After signing up as a courier you will usually be required to show up at the airport at a certain time to be given instructions as to where to meet the courier agent (the person you are handing the baggage over to at the destined airport).

Failure to meet courier requirements may result in you being banned from flying as a courier again. You usually collect and pay for your tickets on the day of the flight. Many couriers choose to acquire some form of Insurance for protection.

Once at your destination simply meet the representative of the company at the other end and enjoy your time at your destination. Be sure to be in good time to catch your return flight home for this could be one of the conditions of actually flying with the company.

### **How much can I save?**

**Answer** – Couriers can save up to 75% off the regular air fare price. Destinations are limited however and the length of stay usually varies between 14 – 21 days. Couriers usually only travel alone, but if you wanted to go with a partner you could do but with he/she having to pay the full fare.

Seasons of travel can affect the amount of savings you actually make and last minute offers can divulge the biggest savings, this is due to the desperation of finding someone to accompany cargo and therefore the Courier Company's willingness to give away flights at dirt cheap prices.

### **What are the disadvantages?**

**Answer** – There may be some strict terms and conditions that you have to abide by. Always check the terms, conditions and small print before committing any money.

You may be required to forfeit some of your luggage space in order to make allowances for your courier cargo. This form of travel is usually best suited to those who are used to travelling light.

Sometimes, some light lifting may be involved, so some courier companies require you to be strong and in good health. Make sure all these small details are fully discussed before your actual departure.

Your time at the destination is limited and the choice of countries where couriers fly to is usually restricted.

### **In Conclusion**

If looking for a unique and interesting way to save money on your airline ticket then this could be an option for you.

We recommend signing up with the '**IAATC – International Association of Air Couriers**'. They have lots of additional information. They also inform couriers about the most trusted courier companies, the best offers to various destinations and up to date information on last minute flights. They require a small join up fee for their services. Alternatively, just look up alternate courier companies on the internet or your local directories.

### **IAATC – International Association of Air Couriers**

#### **Official Websites.**

**UK** - [Aircourier.co.uk](http://Aircourier.co.uk)

**USA** - [Courier.org](http://Courier.org)



## Saving Tip #4

# Capitalizing On Your Circumstances

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Another little known way of saving money on your next airline ticket is by capitalizing on your particular circumstances. Airlines typically offer discounts for people in the following groups: Students, Children, Groups, the elderly and the bereaved are all eligible for discounts from many different airline companies simply because of their status.

This chapter highlights the best way of finding discounts for the various groups of people outlined above and will point you in the right direction by providing the relevant links to the most appropriate places.

### **Student Discounts**

Many Airlines offer discounts for students provided they are eligible and can present the relevant details. Numerous sites are in existence which seek out the best student deals, this however requires a bit of searching around by the end user to find the cheapest offers. (best links are provided at the end of this section)

The flights which are on offer to students can be quite flexible in nature catering specifically for the lifestyles of the young, particularly in regard to them taking out gap years and wishing to travel to a number of destinations.

Some of the potential benefits of student flights include:

- Flying in from one city and departing from another.
- Changing travel dates and routes (sometimes for free, sometimes for a minimal charge).
- Regaining refunds for unused parts of your journey.
- Validity of tickets of up to one year.

There are particular student discount cards in existence which are required to be shown in order to receive discounts on your student flights.

Listed below are the necessary student cards and where you can get them. You typically have to be enrolled in some form of educational institute and be below the age of 26.

### **ISIC Student Discount Card**

ISIC stands for the 'International Student Identity Card'. ISIC cards not only allow you to claim discounts on airline tickets but also in numerous other venues including cinemas, museums, some eateries and various shops. They are only available for people in FULL TIME EDUCATION and under the age of 26. Cards can be acquired for £7.00 by sending the correct amount of money (may require 50p extra for postage), a passport sized photograph and proof of full time student status to the address of the card issuer.

It generally takes 3-4 weeks for your card to arrive and is typically valid for one single year. If you are interested in acquiring such a card and fulfil the requirements then -

Please Visit: [ISIC Card](#)

### **IYTC Student Discount Card**

IYTC stands for the 'International Youth Travel Card'. This card is typically available for those people who are not necessarily in any form of educational institute but are between the ages of 12 and 25. Endorsed by the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Association (UNESCO), this card can be used to attain discounts not only on your flights but in numerous venues including theatres, cultural venues, accommodation and various shops worldwide.

Costing £7:00, all that is required to receive this card is proof of age (12 – 25) and a passport sized photograph. If you meet these conditions then I recommend you apply for one now –

Please Visit: [IYTC Card](#)

### **ISE Card**

ISE stands for the 'International Student Exchange' card and entitles its holders to various discounts in practically all walks of life in a total of 58 countries.

This card is available for youths aged 12 – 26, students **OF ANY AGE** and any members of faculty or teaching staff. Typically available for a price of \$25 you can apply for one at the following site.

Please Visit: [ISE Card](#)

So if you are a holder of one of the above cards or are eligible, I recommend you take advantage of the available discounts by booking through the agents who know where the best deals lie. Alternatively, always ask about student discounts when booking any airline tickets.

The following sites are dedicated to finding the cheapest flights for the student population and have established long and trusted relations with numerous airlines the world over.

### **For UK Students**

Visit: [Sta Travel \(UK\)](#)

Visit: [Student Flights](#)

### **For US Students**

Visit: [Sta Travel \(USA\)](#)

Visit: [Student City](#)

### **Children**

Children are eligible for discounts on the majority of airlines. If travelling with a child under the age of 12 you will be required to pay a child fare. The discount varies from one airline to another.

Make sure you mention the age of your child to the travel agent or make sure you enter the passenger's ages in a flight search engine if booking online. If your child is under the age of 2 then they are considered as infants and can pay an infant fare on condition that they sit on the guardians lap. Infant baggage allowance is generally 10kg (22lbs) plus one fully collapsible pushchair (stroller). Some Airlines give infant fares for no cost at all.

If you wanted to have a seat for the infant most airlines insist on paying for a child fare.

Whatever your situation, always make sure you enquire about getting the cheapest possible price for your child passenger.

### **Senior Citizens**

Almost all airlines honour discounts for senior citizens above the ages of 62 (sometimes 65.) The average discount if available is usually within the range of 10%.

Always mention your age to the travel agent if booking through one or make sure you enter your age in a flight search engine if booking online.

There are no discounts available for the disabled traveller as yet, but this may well change in the near future.

### **Group Travel**

Discounts are usually available for groups from above 4 people. If travelling with a group of 10 or more even greater discounts may be available.

Most online booking engines are not very efficient in finding the best group discounts. We recommend filling out a specific travel form offered by some specialist sites which will personally assign someone to hunt down the best group discounts available.

Another recommended way would be to phone up a particular airline and negotiate.

Benefits vary from receiving discounts from 5 – 10% to having some seats upgraded from economy to first class.

We recommend the following sites if looking online when travelling in large groups.

#### **For UK Groups**

Visit: [Sta Travel \(Groups Form Fill Out\)](#)

#### **For US Groups and Internal US Deals**

Visit: [Group Travel Planet](#)

### **Bereavement Fares**

Airlines often offer discounts to people who have to travel in an emergency due to a sudden death in the family or a critical illness. These types of tickets are commonly known as bereavement fares. If in the unfortunate position of being eligible for one of these fares, the benefits include receiving anywhere from 10 – 75% off the regular ticket price, being able to fly at the last minute and receiving flexible return dates.

To be eligible for the discount you have to be able to prove the following

- The name of the person who is ill or deceased
- Your relationship with that individual

- The name, address and phone number of hospital, health facility or funeral home
- The name and phone number of the attending doctor or a copy of the death certificate in the event of death.

Parents, grandparents, spouse, children, aunts/uncles, siblings, and nieces and nephews are all typically eligible for bereavement fares.

It is best advised if finding yourself in this situation to rely on an established and trusted travel agent to find you the best deal rather than hunting yourself, the last thing on your mind at the time of bereavement is looking around for discounts.

Also be aware that bereavement fares are not always the cheapest, so explore other options as well before settling on your final decision

### **In Conclusion**

Always make sure you take advantage of your situation and claim the relevant discounts whether you are a student, senior citizen or travelling in a group.

You will be required to prove your status and provide some form of evidence to be eligible for discounts, so make sure you read through the requirements mentioned in this chapter before you apply to receive your bargain flight.



## Saving Tip #5

# How to Maximize your Frequent Flyer Miles

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Want to fly for free? Well this is your opportunity. Numerous airlines the world over offer frequent flyer programmes which offer free miles back to the traveller as a reward for flying with their airline. Many people fail to take advantage of these schemes, sometimes due to negligence and other times due to the complex nature of various programmes.

This chapter highlights the best way to go about enrolling into frequent flyer programmes and showing you the best way to accumulate the most miles and the most effective way to redeem them.

### What does it entail?

If you fly frequently it can be beneficial to book with one particular airline and their partners so that you can accumulate as many frequent flyer miles as possible. It is simple and free to join many of these programs, simply go to the airlines website which you are interested in joining and go to their frequent flyer section. Simply enter your details and you will be issued with your personal number. Thereafter, whenever you book a flight online or through an agent always mention your frequent flyer number so that the reward miles can be credited to your account.

Here we walk you through the process of joining an airlines frequent flyer programme and the best ways to accumulate and redeem your miles. For the sake of this demonstration we will show you how to join the British Airways Executive Club.

1. Visit BA.co.uk and select the executive club navigation tab. You are eligible to join the scheme on condition that you have flown on British Airways within the last three months or be in the possession of a British Airways (American Express) credit card.
2. Once you have been issued with an account you can start to accumulate air miles by spending in certain ways.

### **A List of Neglected Ways to Accumulate BA Air Miles (Points)**

**A. Apply for a British Airways credit card and gain 1 BA air mile for every pound you spend.**

You can apply for your card [here](#)

**B. Earn BA miles every time you stay at a partner hotel.**

Earn 500 BA miles when you stay at a Hilton Family Hotel.  
Earn 2 BA miles for every dollar spent at the Marriot Chain of Hotels.  
Earn 500 BA miles for every stay at the Intercontinental group.  
Earn 2 BA miles for every dollar spent at Starwood Hotels.  
Earn 500 BA miles for every stay at the Radisson.  
Earn 3 BA miles for every dollar spent at Jumeirah Hotels.  
Earn 500 BA miles per stay at Hyatt hotels.  
Earn 500 BA miles per stay at Shangri La Hotels  
Earn 250 BA miles per night at the Mandarin Oriental Hotels.  
Earn 500 BA miles per stay at Taj Hotels and Resorts.

**C. Earn BA miles every time you rent a car with a BA car hire partner**

Earn a minimum of 500 BA miles for Hiring with Avis.  
Earn a minimum of 500 BA miles for Hiring with Alamo Rent a car.

**D. Earn more BA miles every time you shop at the following places.**

Travelex  
Tesco (clubcard)  
BA Holidays  
Holiday Extras  
BCP Parking  
Scottish and Southern Energy  
Shell  
BA express parking  
Natwest  
Business Traveller  
Diners Club International

**E. Earn BA miles when you fly with their one world partner Airlines, including...**

American Airlines  
Cathay Pacific  
Finnair  
Iberia  
Japan Airlines  
LAN

Malev Hungarian Airlines  
Qantas  
Royal Jordanian

### **Redeeming your Air Miles**

Once you have accumulated enough air miles you can exchange them in return for numerous products, including - shopping items, upgrades and free flights.

If you find that you do not have enough air miles to reach a particular destination you can pay for some extra miles on top to make up the difference. Nevertheless, you will still end up with a heavily discounted flight.

Here follows a breakdown of how many miles are needed to travel particular distances according to the British Airways Executive Club.

<b>Miles in Your Journey</b>	<b>BA miles (Points) Needed for Economy Flight</b>
0 – 1,500	30,000
1,501 – 4,000	35,000
4,001 – 9,000	60,000
9,001 – 10,000	70,000
10,001 – 14,000	90,000
14,001 – 20,000	100,000
20,000 – 25,000	120,000
25,001 – 35,000	140,000
35,001 – 50,000	160,000

You need to make sure your account is active, for if it is dormant for a period of 36 months your accumulated miles will expire.

British Airways offers three levels of membership, Blue, Silver and Gold. You can move up levels by accumulating tier points which are awarded to you according to the type of flights you book. The higher the membership, the greater the benefits, including – Access to private lounges, private check -ins, Reservation assurance and access to exclusive Molton Brown Travel Spa's where available.

### **Conclusion**

Joining a frequent flyer program is simple, free and easy. You have nothing to lose particularly if you are fond of using and sticking to a particular brand of Airline. We recommend enrolling into one at the next available opportunity. Be sure to keep up to date with special promotions and partnerships and to take full advantage of this form of acquiring potentially free flights.



## Saving Tip #6

### About Charter Flights

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A charter airline is in the business of selling seats on their aircraft to a particular tour operator or holiday organiser for a discount price. The tour operator then sells them on consumers looking to find flights to a particular holiday destination. The airline is happy because it gets to rent the entire plane rather than having to sell off each seat individually, the tour operator is happy to sell tickets to consumers for a profit, whilst the consumer buying the ticket often ends up with a cheaper price to their desired destination.

Charter flights typically operate from secondary, less busy airports and can potentially offer significant discounts to particular tourist destinations. More often than not the whole holiday package is included with the flight including accommodation and tours.

The occasional downside to this form of travelling is the necessity for some flights to be fully booked before take-off. Failing the ability of the tour operator or Holiday Company to sell all their tickets the flight may well be cancelled altogether. With this in mind, it is best when looking for a chartered flight to only book through respectable and renowned flight providers. Many travellers choose to be protected by some form of insurance when choosing this form of travel.

We present to you a list of some well known airlines which offer charter flights.

Flyglobespan  
Jet Aviation  
Jet Concierge  
Million Air  
Miami Air  
My Travel Airways  
Omni Air International  
Regal Aviation  
Ryan Air  
TUfly  
Imperial Jets

To Make life simple check [www.cheap-flights-finder.com](http://www.cheap-flights-finder.com) which searches numerous charter airlines for your convenience with 1 simple search.



## Saving Tip #7

# Best Times and Seasons to Fly

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It is important when contemplating a trip somewhere to consider the season you are planning to depart in and how busy your destination is likely to be. These factors play a significant role in the overall price you could pay for your airline ticket.

### Choosing a destination

There are times when certain destinations in the world have their 'Peak Seasons'. These are times when travel to these regions can be expensive. This is due to the demand associated with such destinations for that particular time of year.

It is best when looking for cheap tickets to particular destinations that you research what are considered 'Off Peak Seasons' to travel and plan your trip accordingly.

If wanting to travel to a snow resort, the peak seasons are generally during the winter months. Ski resorts can cut up to half the price off their fares to lure travellers to their destinations during their 'Low Seasons'. Generally speaking however, summertime is the busiest period to travel and it wise to book travel a bit later, such as late September, to catch discount prices.

Here we list the Top ten travel destinations in the world according to the UNWTO (World Tourism Organisation 2005) and state the 'shoulder season' i.e. the best season to visit a destination, when the prices are low and weather is still pleasant.

#### **1.) France –**

*Example City - Paris,*

- Peak Season is between Easter and Mid-September
- Best time to visit is between late September and early spring (The later you go after summer the colder and damper it becomes).

#### **2.) Spain -**

*Example City - Barcelona,*

- Peak season is between June and September.

- May and October are good months to travel to Spain.

### **3.) United States -**

*Example City – New York*

- Peak shopping season is between September and December
- Low Season is between January and August. Prices in the spring can be higher if the weather is nice.

### **4.) China -**

*Example City – Hong Kong*

- Peak Season is from October through to late December
- May is the best time to visit. The weather is comfortable and it is not too busy.

### **5.) Italy –**

*Example City – Rome*

- Peak Season is from April to Mid-October
- Outside peak season travel is cheaper but the weather is colder and susceptible to rainy periods.

### **6.) United Kingdom -**

*Example City – London*

- Peak season is between Mid-April and Mid-October. Another peak occurs during the Christmas period.
- All other times are relatively cheaper; however the weather is unpredictable and damp.

### **7.) Mexico –**

*Example City – Mexico City*

- Peak season runs from December through to the second week of Easter. Also from July to August. This is particular to resorts which a large percentage of tourists visit.
- October, November, April and May are the best months to visit Mexico. Prices are down and the weather is pleasant.

### **8.) Turkey –**

*Example City – Istanbul*

- Peak Season is between July and August
- Prices can drop between April and June and September to October. We recommend these months to travel as the weather is still pleasant. Winter in Turkey can be rather cold.

### **9.) Germany –**

*Example City – Frankfurt*

- May to late October is the peak season.
- All other times are low seasons except when major trade fairs take place.

### **10.) Russia**

*Example City – Moscow*

- Summertime is the peak season to travel to Russia
- A good time to visit is late spring or early autumn. Late November to early February is also off peak but one should be prepared for short days and bitterly cold weather.

More information about particular destinations can be found [here](#)

### ***Important Considerations***

There are a number of advantages and disadvantages of travelling off peak that you should be aware of.

The number one reason which influences the desirability of particular location are the weather conditions.

Always make sure you research this factor before settling on a particular destination. Dubai, for example, is off peak during the summer months; however temperatures can reach a blistering 50 degrees Celsius! Visit a destinations official website to discover countries weather conditions lest your cheap holiday becomes a proverbial nightmare.

Another factor to consider is the tendency for some establishments to take advantage of the off peak travel season to carry out refurbishments on their premises. This can make staying in a hotel less than desirable whilst hearing pneumatic drills going off and seeing scaffolding everywhere. Always phone the hotel you are planning to stay at and ask whether they or their neighbours are planning to carry out any refurbishments during your desired period of stay. These are some factors to take into consideration when travelling during the low season.

On the upside, destinations are relatively quieter and peaceful and allow travellers to avoid large crowds and peruse the local sites at a leisurely and unhurried pace. Also, prices on hotels, museums and restaurants are usually reduced in order to lure more people in.

A good place to discover more information is the [Tourism Offices Worldwide Directory](#). You can find links for tourism bureaus all around the globe which offer great advice on the best times and places to visit.

Visit the Website - [www.towd.com](http://www.towd.com)

### **Time of departure**

Another factor to consider when searching for the cheapest airline tickets is the time of day you plan to depart.

Very early morning flights and late evening flights tend to be cheaper than those during busy periods of the day. This is due to fewer flights being available at those times and the general dislike of passengers to fly at those hours.

The airlines want to fill as many of their seats as possible so they sometimes drop the price of tickets departing at those times. Our advice would be to experiment with departures at different times of the day and see if any discounts can be acquired.

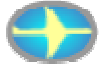
### **Day of departure**

Another factor to consider when looking for cheap flights is the actual day of the flight departure. Particular days of the week are considered busy periods and flights tend to be more expensive during these times.

Weekends are generally more expensive than weekdays. The best time to look for departure flights would be either on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. No guarantees can be made for finding a cheaper flight but is definitely worth a look.

Many online search functions have the ability to check for flights on 'flexible dates', this will allow you to check flights departing for your destination a few days earlier or later.

[Lastminute.Com](#) allows you to search for flights on flexible dates. Alternatively, just type in different days of departure in your favourite flight search engine and review the results.



## **Saving Tip #8**

### **If Your Flight is Overbooked**

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It is common practice for many airlines to overbook their flights, particularly during the busy summer periods. This is due to the tendency for a certain percentage of passengers to simply not turn up. In order for the airline to maximize their profits they sell more tickets than actual seats on their aircraft.

Here follows some advice if a situation occurs on your flight where there are more passengers than available seats.

Check in attendants will usually announce to the passengers the situation and ask for any volunteers to forfeit their seats for some compensation. It may be an idea for you, if not in a hurry, to take advantage of this offer. The airlines tend to offer a travel voucher otherwise known as an MCO (a miscellaneous charges order) in exchange for your inconvenience. It is recommended that you ask the following questions before you take this opportunity.

- Is the Voucher transferable to other members of your family? This is helpful, in the event of you being unable to travel in the future for whatever unforeseen reason.
- Ask if the voucher can be used on partner airlines. This increases your travel options and how you choose to fly.
- Ask when the next confirmed seat is available. You don't want to put on standby for another flight in the future; for you may find that you will be waiting longer than initially anticipated.
- Also ask if other amenities will be paid for whilst you wait. Will you get compensation for food and a hotel room? You don't want to spend your money on these things whilst waiting for your next flight. It kind of defeats the objective of voluntarily forfeiting your seat.

Compensation can vary from airline to airline. Generally speaking, if you are delayed between one and two hours you will be entitled to \$200 in compensation. If delayed from between two and four hours, compensation can be as much as double that amount.

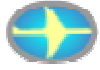
Amounts of compensation can be negotiated and it is a wise idea to discuss all the options with flight personnel before volunteering to have your seat given away.

To be eligible for compensation you must have a confirmed reservation on the flight you are being moved from.

If you want to avoid the situation of being moved to another flight and are adamant on departing on the day you have booked, you need to phone the airline prior to your departure and confirm your seat. It also helps to show up early for your flight, flight attendants are more likely to ask people who show up late for their flights to voluntarily forfeit their seats.

### **In Conclusion**

If you are not in a great hurry to get to your desired destination and your plane is overbooked, it may be an idea to explore this particular option. There could be substantial benefit in getting yourself bumped by voluntarily giving up your seat.



## Saving Tip #9

# Use Specialized Travel Agents

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It may come as a surprise to some, but online technologies are not completely adequate to take over the role of human beings just yet. Human beings have a very important role that computers can't quite manage, that is the ability to negotiate.

This is particularly evident with specialized travel agencies. There are often large ethnic communities in certain areas that can negotiate particularly cheap deals to their native homelands due to the large number of flights they can sell to that destination.

So if you are planning a trip to a particular location and know of an indigenous community that resides in your locality, it is well worth calling some agents up from that area to see if they can offer some bargains.

For example in the multi ethnic community of London you have a large Caribbean population in Shepherds Bush, a very large Indian population in Southall and a large Jewish community in Golders Green.

Each of the travel agents in these communities will be highly likely to point you in the right direction for really cheap flights to their native destinations due to their specialty in dealing with those localities..

**When booking flights over the phone with an agent we recommend you ask the following important questions –**

- Ask if there is a surcharge for booking on the phone rather than online?
- Find out about cancellation fees or if you want to change your booking?
- Ask if you can save money by booking your accommodation alongside your flights?
- Ask about whether the flight is direct or there are stops? Sometimes a direct flight doesn't mean you fly directly to your destination; it just means you don't change planes.
- Ask if you can choose the allocation of your seat? And specify any meal preferences you may have.

- Make sure you mention your frequent flyer number so the miles can be credited to your account.
- If you are traveling in a group, with children or the elderly ask if any discounts are available.

### **In Conclusion. –**

A specialized agent can give you that personal touch that computers can't quite manage. Also, humans are much better at finding deals and organizing itineraries which are quite complex by nature.

There is no harm in searching for the cheapest possible price you can find on the internet and then seeing whether a specialized travel agent can beat it or not.



## Saving Tip #10

### Some Final Searching Advice

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Here we disclose some final money saving tips. Remember, the secret to finding cheap tickets is by exploring and checking numerous sites, not just one.

There is no absolute secret which takes just one click to finding the best deal on a flight as the nature of airline inventories and available tickets is so vast, complex and ever changing that even the most experienced of travel agents can end up feeling rather perplexed.

Here are some things to experiment with when looking for cheap flights.

#### ***Vary the airports you arrive and depart from.***

Check at least three different departure points to the same destination. Check those airports which are in close proximity to your initial departure point and check the prices. Budget airlines often use secondary, less busy airports to fly from and to. Likewise for the destination you are planning to travel too, check secondary airports to the initial destination you plan to go to, for example, if travelling to London, check Luton and Stansted airports as well.

#### ***Fly from Major Hubs.***

If you are flying to an obscure location it may be worth exploring two separate flights to your destination by flying first to a major international hub and then flying on from there to your obscure location. If, for example you wanted to fly to a tiny South Pacific Island, first look for flights to a major international airport in the South Pacific and then on to your destination from there.

#### ***Experiment with booking your flight and hotel together.***

Many people say that you can get discounts if you book your flight and hotel together. In my experience this may be the case and sometimes it may not. If you use the best flight comparison and the best hotel comparison sites it has more often than not beat those travel agents that allow you to book hotels and flights together.

Experiment and compare.

I have already listed the best flight comparison sites in the first chapter of this book. I will now list some of the best Hotel comparison sites so you can compare your hotel to a particular destination.

Before you book your hotel I recommend you search the website [Tripadvisor.com](http://Tripadvisor.com) to get candid traveller reviews on particular hotels.

[Cheap Hotels](#)  
[Hotels.com](#)  
[Late Rooms](#)  
[All-Hotels](#)

After you have searched the best sites for flights and hotels separately, try and book them together at Expedia, Lastminute.com or Thomas Cook. See what comes to the least amount of money and settle on that option.

### ***Begin your Search Early.***

Have you ever seen a ridiculously low price offered on the TV, internet, or billboard only to find when you look for it, that it has completely disappeared! Well, you may be thinking the agency has lied just to pull in consumers, but that is not the case.

What the airlines tend to do is price a few seats on their plane for the ridiculously low rates they advertise in the media. You need to be extremely quick to get those seats as very few are available in the first place.

The best way to assure yourself a chance at acquiring these seats is to start your search as soon as possible.

60 days before your flight would be an ideal time to begin your search.

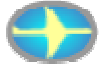
### ***Do Not Procrastinate!***

Good deals on airline tickets and hotels are purchased notoriously quickly. It is highly likely that if you don't book your deal pretty soon after you have found it, it is likely be taken by someone else.

### **In Conclusion**

Experimenting is the key to finding the best deals on the internet. Just use the information presented in this eBook and feel free to use the site [www.cheap-flights-finder.com](http://www.cheap-flights-finder.com) as a base to begin your search.

**For more tips read our article [101 WAYS TO FIND CHEAP FLIGHTS](#)**



## Don't Forget the Environment

### Offsetting Carbon Emissions

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There is a raging debate going on at the moment between those that say flying is a major pollutant of our environment and those that say otherwise.

The proponents of cheap air travel argue that the contribution of air flights to overall environmental damage is negligible compared to other industries including nuclear factories and the shipping industry.

Whatever your position or stance on this subject, it is generally accepted by the people at large that it is impractical to stop air travel altogether. Air travel is one of the most amazing discoveries of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and it has allowed the world to become accessible to almost anyone.

However, being responsible human beings we must do everything within our power to ensure a better future for our children.

A compromise which has been reached as a result of this debate is that individuals should offset the carbon emissions produced by their aircraft whenever they fly.

This is the process of supporting an organisation which helps the environment by offsetting harmful carbon emissions by planting trees to produce more oxygen in the environment.

There are sites which allow you to calculate how much you need to pay to offset the amount of emissions you produce on your flight to a particular destination.

Here we present you with a list of sites where you can help offset your carbon emissions and find out more information.

[Responsible Travel](#)

[Climate Care](#)

[Carbon Neutral](#)

[Carbon Balanced](#)

[Terrapass](#)

***Enjoy responsible Flying!***



## Conclusion

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I have tried my best in this eBook to explain the concepts as clearly and precisely as I could regarding how to find the cheapest flights whether on the internet or not.

I am very confident that the advice presented in this book is an invaluable source of saving you money on your next airline ticket.

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