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During the past century, it's become a lot less difficult traveling. There are roads, planes, boats, trains and other forms of travel that allow us to travel to almost anywhere we want to visit. For most people the most significant limiting factor in what amount of travel they are do is price. In this article I'm going to show you different ways to save money on booking travel so its possible to do even more of it.

The first thing that could save you money on your next trip is to find free information online. You are able to get this free information prior to leaving for your trip, or while you are travelling by using your smartphone or an internet cafe. Searching for [free coupons](#) and other local deals is a great way to save. I suggest researching popular attractions and restaurants where you are going on Google then typing in the words "coupon" or "discount" right after the name. Frequently you're able to save some money at these locations by utilizing coupons or by booking a ticket ahead of time. In some instances, you may find several bad reviews on the attraction and choose to skip visiting it altogether (which saves you both time and money)!

Since you now know where you want to go you need to figure out how you'll get there. For flights, I like to recommend starting out by doing a flight lookup on Kayak.com. Once you enter your departure and arrival locations you'll see a calendar appear with prices for a variety of days. If you're travel dates are flexible select the ones that are cheapest (and click "My dates are flexible" to check rates over multiple days). The best flight deals will usually be around the middle of the week. Now, try a search on Hotwire.com for the dates you would want to fly so if one of the major airlines has unsold seats for those days you might be able to find as much as 40% off. If you don't need to fly to your destination, don't forget to try a search for bus routes or trains that are able to take you there. For short trips you are able to sometimes saves a lot of money by using a bus or train as an alternative to flying.

The last activity to complete is finding a place to stay. You can start by doing another Kayak search using the dates and location for the trip. Also, try Hotwire again and see if they can provide any big discounts on unsold rooms. Now that you have a good idea what a hotel room for the trip will set you back it's time to check out other options. Couchsurfing.org is a wonderful option to meet people while you are travelling and you may usually find a free place to stay so long as you don't mind staying in someone's home (it can be inside a guest room, on a sofa, or on an air mattress). Take your time to explore the profiles before sending a couch request, and look for positive references and somebody who has been vouched for to be safe. If you are not satisfied couchsurfing, Airbnb is a popular new web site that allows you to book holiday rentals or private rooms directly from people across the world. This web site connects someone who has space to spare with individuals who are searching for a place to stay, and allows you to spend less money over staying in expensive hotels.

By following these simple steps you can save a lot of money booking your trip. Check out local places first, find low cost flights or various forms of transportation, and check out cheap hotel rooms or places you are able to stay with locals. These tips will save you money and allow you to travel more in the near future !

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