

5 Tips for A Debt Free Holiday

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1. **Budget.** Prepare your budget and stick to it. Whether it's a per person or as a group, calculate what you can afford. Then "deposit" that money - write the total in a notebook and keep track of your spending so you don't go over budget.

2. **Research.** Research activities before you leave home. Jump online or haunt the travel agents and

find out what theme parks, zoos, playgrounds etc are available and if there are any discounts available i.e. book ahead and save, discounts for RACV or NRMA memberships etc.

3. **Vouchers.** Visit hotdockets.com.au and start looking at the back of your supermarket docket - you'll find discounts to attractions, cafes and restaurants etc. You'll even find discounts for car services and tyre and brake checks - essentials if you are planning a driving holiday.



4. **Menu.** Do a little menu plan. Take breakfast cereals and tea, coffee, Milo and cordial with you. Pack a basic picnic set so you have dishes. If you are staying at a motel or caravan park, see if they have



BBQs you can use. Lunches can be bread and salad bought locally, dinners can be BBQ and salad, sausage sandwiches etc. If it's possible, take a "tucker box" and avoid paying holiday town prices. Remember, it's Mum's holiday too, so go for easy meals.

5. **Allowance.** Give the kids an allowance, whether it's \$5 a day or \$10 a day or whatever, they have to use this money to buy drinks, ice creams, souvenirs, any extras that they want. Once it's gone, it's gone. You'll see what great Cheapskates they can be if you tell them they get to keep what's left at the end of the holiday.

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