

# Holidays on a Budget

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## Budget accommodation

- \*Ring around or use the internet to search for the best hotel/motel deals.
- \*Backpackers and hostels are cheap and convenient and also offer extra services such as airport/hotel transfers and shuttle buses to and from many attractions.
- \*Look for deals on travel shows.
- \*Try a house swap – you get to stay somewhere new AND you get caretakers for your home while you're away.



## Cheap flights

- \*Phone courier companies to ask if they have 'courier' flights available.
- \*Book well in advance to get the best deals from major airlines.

## Saving Cash & Discount docketts

- \*Shopper docketts sometimes have great deals on anything from meals and clothing to theme parks and other activities.

## Budget activities

- \*Look up your theme parks for special offers. Often they have a discount if you print the page and take it when you buy tickets. At the moment Disney World is offering fantastic savings on accommodation, parks and meals – and you're staying in a Disney resort hotel – 5 nights/6 days for \$435US includes accommodation, park tickets and all meals and snacks! They even throw in transport from your resort to the Parks and extra special extended hours!
- \*Most people get so used to living in their local area that they take for granted the local attractions available at their doorstep. Botanical Gardens, Museums and specialist galleries and exhibitions can be a great source of entertainment. When enquiring about shows or special activities such as theme parks and cinemas always ask about family or multi-people deals.
- \*If you have a zoo or museum membership, often there are reciprocal deals with interstate and even overseas museums and zoos.

## Internet deals

- \*Wotif.com.au is perfect for spur of the moment deals. You can pick up fantastic weekend packages and often great mid-week packages in fabulous hotels for a fraction of the regular room rate.
- \*Lastminute.com has flights, accommodation, car hire, restaurants, etc. A saving of \$237 was made on LA flights.

## Free stuff

- \*Check your local papers for school holiday events and holiday programs.
- \*Libraries have story time, puppet shows, clowns and all manner of activities for free.
- \*Check with your local church for programs that include stories, crafts, games that are educational and either free or extremely cheap.

## Tips

- \*Use your local library to plan your holiday. They have free to use travel guides that can sometimes be pricey.
- \*Look out for free preview deals and test-runs. Local papers are great for deals during the holidays – everything from the movies through to local restaurants and cafes and even venues like mini-golf, 10 pin bowling.
- \*And look for deals from your video library for those rainy days and have a movie marathon at home.
- \*As the kids like to eat-you-out-of-house-and-home during the holidays, stock up on food items in bulk. Initially it costs a little more, but you save in the long they get to keep what's left at the end of the holiday.



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