



## Summer travel savings tips



Summer is finally here! Travel and relaxation are right around the corner, but how do you avoid the financial stress of planning your next vacation? Follow along for money saving tips to navigating your summer travel.

### Don't book your plans as early as you may think

As you get closer to your travel date, prices for: flights, rental cars, and hotels tend to rise. It's important to book early, but experts say not to book *too* early. For example, if you can wait to book your hotel a week before your trip, this is when you'll likely find the lowest rate on your room.

### Elite status and rewards programs

Using built-up points or status from various travel programs can help you save a few bucks. Use points to book flights, or status to waive fees, or receive complimentary services that work to save you money.

### Hometown favorites

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Mark your calendars for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>! Stop by the beautiful Summit Park in Blue Ash to visit the Cincinnati Foodtruck Association's premiere food truck rally for a full day of good eats and family fun. The food trucks will be on-site from 11 am - 10 pm. The festival will also include: craft beer, music and dancing, retail vendors, fun and face-painting for kids, some of Cincinnati's BEST food, and much more! Plus, admission and parking are free!

### Flexibility can help you save big

It's no secret the cost of flights are going up. If you're flexible on where you're headed, one of the best ways to pay less for flights is to let the flight deals inspire your next vacation! Keep an eye on deals and book a destination based on flight prices.

Additionally, considering alternate airports can help you save money. Some cities have one or more accessible airports and in some cases, it may make sense to fly to an airport nearby your destination. You can then use public transportation to reach your final destination, while securing the cheaper flight.

### Visit less popular destinations

There are many places to vacation, however considering a national park, that is often less busy than a typical beach vacation, could offer cheaper amenities. Consider switching up your usual vacation to explore the outdoors, and spend a little less money in the process.

Regardless of where you're planning to go, flexibility is the best thing to keep in mind as you plan if you're looking to save a couple dollars.

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## Understanding and preventing mail fraud

Mail fraud can be everywhere, and is on the rise. *What is mail fraud?* Any fraudulent activity, such as stealing information or scams, happen through the United States Postal Service.

Mail fraud schemes come in many forms. While the attacks can target consumers of any age, retirees are repeatedly the age group most impacted. Scammers can send fake mail claiming you've won a contest, or that there's an urgent need to update your profile information which then results in private

information becoming compromised. *So, how can you protect yourself and others against mail fraud?*

### Don't share financial information

Don't give your financial information including: card numbers, bank account information, or fill in any other personal identifying information on forms you receive in the mail unexpectedly.

### Read the fine print

Read everything you're given or mailed, including the fine print before you take action.

### Consult with a friend

Discuss promotions, offers, or other information with a trusted source before jumping in.

Remember, you can use Online Banking to pay bills online, or enroll in eStatements to avoid receiving statements in the mail.

It's most important to be safe. Don't give out your information, and look for signs that something might be phishy.

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