

10 EXCEL-lent tips to save on your next vacation and get bailed out in case of a Hurricane, Earthquake, Tsunami or Wildfire

10. Always price your roundtrip tickets as separate one ways (especially, when traveling internationally, but beware of countries that require roundtrip tickets to enter them).
9. Price weekends as Saturday-Tuesday, rather than Thursday-Sunday. You will get better prices by not doing what everybody else is doing!
8. Reserve one airline ticket at a time. IF you price 4 airline tickets, you might be quoted \$400x4. IF you price one at a time, you might get one for \$250, two for \$300, one for \$400. All websites default to the lowest price available for ALL four tickets!
7. Vacation packages usually are less expensive than booking each component separately (even when taking into consideration AAA, AARP and other discounts). So, whenever possible, it makes sense to book the hotel/resort/cruise and flights together.
6. Southwest Airlines, Allegiant, Spirit and other low-cost airlines are not listed on many websites and Allegiant is not listed on Expedia. For international flights, check "newcomers" Norwegian Air, Meridiana, XL, WOW Air and occasionally even, Emirates (not a newcomer, for sure, but offering some great specials to Athens, Milan, and expanding rapidly). This means, point 7. above is always worth checking, but not guaranteed to save money ever time!
5. Always consider airports close by to your final destination or preferred airport to leave from. Trenton and Sanford have become very popular over the last few years.
4. Check for code share flights, which is two airlines operating one plane. For example, to Frankfurt, you can fly on the same plane, but book it with United or book it with Lufthansa. It always makes sense to check.
3. Understand the terms:
Oceanview is not the same as oceanfront.
Oceanview might be miles away from the ocean....
A direct flight is not the same as a nonstop flight
Direct means one flight number, but the plane could make several stops
Adjacent/Adjoining is not the same as connecting rooms
Adjacent/Adjoining simply means the rooms are next to each other (with no guarantee of a connecting door)
2. Always add up the extra fees (seats, luggage, resort fees, parking, wifi, etc)
1. Work with a Travel Agent.
It won't cost you a penny more to book your cruise or vacation packages with Excel Travel. We get paid a commission from our suppliers (including Expedia, etc). So... your choice is to either spend your own time and book everything yourself, make Expedia richer, deny yourself the expertise of a professional, and try to call Travelocity's Gnome in case of an emergency - good luck.



Or ... you can just let us do all the work for you - at no extra cost.

**The internet is for looking - Excel Travel is for booking!
Our expertise won't cost you a penny, and our advice is priceless!
Don't take a chance with your vacation!**

Should you get stuck anywhere because of a Hurricane, Earthquake, Tsunami or Wildfire (all happened within the last two weeks, not to mention the Travel Advisories for travel to Mexico and Cuba), we are here to help - at no extra cost!

While it might be the first time a client is stuck in a problem situation, it won't be the first time for us, as everybody at Excel Travel has at least 25 years of experience and is "disaster tested."

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