Booking Travel on a Budget

Tips from STA Travel 🤑
Agenda

● Introductions

● Budget Airfare Tips
  ○ Guest Speaker: Eric Meredith, STA Travel

● Additional Things to Consider (Sooner Rather than Later)

● Raffle - need to be present to win!
Airfare Workshop
• We are the largest student and youth travel company in the world.

• Global headquarters are in London, UK. U.S. HQ in Chandler, Arizona

• Branches and offices in more than 100 countries worldwide

• International Programs agents and 24/7/365 Travel Help in our USA Headquarters in Chandler, AZ

• [www.statravel.com/solutions](http://www.statravel.com/solutions)
What does STA Travel Offer?

• Blue Tickets – STA Travel’s Exclusive Student Tickets

• Rail Passes – Official vendor for Eurail in the US

• ISIC / ITIC / IYIC – International Student, Teacher & Youth Identity cards with travel insurance.

• Hostels/Hotels – Exclusive student rates
STUDENT EXCLUSIVE TICKETS

Blue Ticket
THE ONLY TICKET YOU NEED

EXCLUSIVE STUDENT & YOUTH FARES

COMPETITIVE PRICES

ONE WAY - RETURN - MULTI STOP

CHANGEABLE & REFUNDABLE

WE ARE THE ORIGINAL
ROUND THE WORLD
EXPERTS

MULTI FLEX PASS
• Look for a student airfare

• Consider an open jaw - get creative with routing!

• Decide if price or flexibility is more important

• Consider change and cancellation penalties

• Get the most bang for your buck with free stopovers!

• Flying on Mon-Thurs. can be cheaper
• Avoid mixed carrier tickets
• Cheaper ≠ Better
• Look closely at TOTAL travel times and itinerary
• DIRECT ≠ NONSTOP
• Research hidden fees and baggage costs
• Only book your flight AFTER final program plans have been determined
BOOK NOW PAY LATER
STA TRAVEL'S EXCLUSIVE AIRFARE DEPOSIT PROGRAM

RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR
ONLY $300

Avoid paying last minute airfare with STA Travel's Exclusive Airfare Deposit Program, with just a $300 deposit, you can lock in the price of your ticket and have the freedom to pay for your flight just seven days before your trip.

PROGRAM DETAILS
- This program is available to students, teachers and anyone under 26.
- The deposit saves your seat, regardless of the actual ticket price.
- You can wait until seven days before your flight to pay the rest.
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Additional Considerations
Other Flight Considerations

- **Skyscanner**, **Google Flights**, **Momondo**, **Kayak**, and **Orbitz**
  - Don’t have student-specific discounts

- **StudentUniverse** - another student travel company

- **Hopper** - app that tells the best times to buy flights

- Layovers
  - Make sure you have enough time to make connecting flights
  - The cheapest flights can have very long layovers
  - Look up layout of connecting airport

- Different airlines have different pricing for checked luggage

- Pack an extra set of clothes in carry-on

- Check to see what food options will be on flight

- Make sure name and passport info are correct
Visas/Passports

● Assume you need a visa
  ○ Travisa, A briggs, or consulate/embassy website for documents needed

● When in doubt, contact the consulate or embassy
  ○ Calling is better, but limited hours. Email responses can take a while.

● Some countries offer visa on arrival, so look up costs and currencies

● Make sure passport is valid at least six months after going abroad

● Make copies & send yourself a scan of your ...
  ○ Visa and passport
  ○ Passport picture
  ○ Flight information
Health Considerations

- **U-M Travel Abroad Health Insurance** - $1.15/day! (plus $5 registration fee)
- Prescription medication
  - Make sure your medication is legal and available in destination country
  - If not available, make sure you bring enough for duration of stay
  - Make sure it’s in original bottle and you have a copy of the prescription
- Over-the-counter medication
  - Advil, Pepto Bismol, Tums, Band-Aids, Neosporin, etc.
- Drink water - traveling is dehydrating!
- If you wear glasses, consider buying a backup pair
- Need vaccinations? Go to [CDC’s website](https://www.cdc.gov)
- Make an appointment at the [UHS Travel Health Clinic](https://www.uhs.umich.edu)
  - at least 6-8 weeks in advance!
Upcoming Events

- Staying **Safe & Healthy** While Abroad
- Making the Most of your International Experience: **Career Competencies** Employers Look For & How to Get Them with the University Career Center
- **Managing Money & Budgeting** While Abroad
- **Survival Language & Culture** with the Language Resource Center
- Travel Basics Series (**travel tips** by region!)
- **Exploring Culture** & Respectful Community Engagement

*Check handout for full details!*
Apply by Sunday, February 24th at 11:55 PM!

Why Attend ILS?

- Increase your awareness of the impact of culture on communication styles;
- Gain skills necessary for effective intercultural communication;
- Discover your own leadership potential; and
- Develop and enhance your intercultural competence.

More Info + Application:
https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/ils
Join us tomorrow at 5:00 PM in North Quad, Space 2435!
And the winner is ...
Thank you!

Any Questions?