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Quel What is the best travel plan: everyone has this expression to the mouth. A real slogan! But the reality is sometimes other ads. Must watch and prepare for safe travel, to have value for money.

Here are 10 rules for travel that could help you prepare for your next departure!

1 Keep abreast

Before your purchase, **prepare the ground**. With the Internet, it's pretty simple: make the rounds of offers travel agencies and those online sites and airlines. Make simulations of purchase.

Look at the range of fares on the destination or service that interests you.

Get an idea of the average price, taking into account seasonal variations. A return trip to Montreal to Paris can go from simple to double the price depending on the time of travel.

To summarize: **do your own market research**. This is the best way to distinguish the real good promotion scam.



2 Compare



Do not limit yourself to a single agency or a single carrier. The basic rule in the ultra-competitive tourism must compare before making a decision!

On the Internet, there are many price comparison. You should know they are not 100% reliable, since they do not list all market rates. Comparators are indeed online only offers their partners.



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3 Sign up for newsletters



Good to know, some agencies or carriers do not advertise their promotions by newsletter or **scoop to their subscribers**. It is a good idea to marketing directors to retain their customers. Tips are also available via **Twitter** or **Facebook**.

4 View other travelers

The real deals are not advertising. They share mouth. Join in the forums and **see what other travelers** or with your friends or families. Ask their travel tips for cheap.

5 Book your tickets in advance

It is the infallible rule. **More early you reserve, the less you pay dearly**. The reason is simple: the more air fills, the more prices increase with the good old rule of supply and demand.

In fact, it takes at least two months in advance for the lowest fares. Before it's too early and may miss the promotional periods (they often take place in September, December and March).

The rate "last minute" airplane became a myth in general, travelers who purchase their tickets at the last moment can not do otherwise, so they are willing to pay a high price. An exception charterisés flights that are not filled. The tour operator who chartered the device should sell off its seat to sell stocks.

However, if you book a package **"all inclusive"** with a tour operator, the "last minute" are always appropriate, to clear unsold.



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6 De not travel at the same time as everyone

Prefer if you can, **peak periods**. Avoid school holidays, vacation building and the Christmas period. These periods, the number of seats at a reduced price is extremely limited or non-existent.

7 Be flexible



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Adapt as much as possible to the previous rule. Sometimes the journey of a **shift (or more) day (s)** can make great savings. For example, go on Thursday and return on Monday is significantly cheaper than traveling on weekends.

8 Be responsive

With this type of marketing is called "**yield management**", everything goes very fast, and good prices often fly in a few hours. When you've found a good promotion, **buy it quickly**. The danger? The compulsive buying.



9 Attention to the conditions of the offer

Some traps to avoid. Sometimes, buying conditions can turn a good promotion galley. **Read the rules and restrictions** (no refunds or changes for the cheapest rates ...), peak periods are generally excluded (off season), a minimum length of stay (Saturday to Sunday night, often) or maximum required. In the case of a flight + hotel stay, **check the location of the accommodation**. The cheapest are often on the periphery.

10 Opt for the alternative travel

There are also other ways to travel! Discover the exchange of apartment, house or hospitality or services.

A. The exchange of appartements or houses



Want to go on vacation without spending hundreds of dollars on a hotel room? You're not trendy camping and the mere idea of spending a night in hotels or motels low class? Why not make your home exchange with a partner from another country.

Now, **more than 300,000 apartments exchanges are performed worldwide each year**. Today, the phenomenon is growing and the democratization of the Internet has facilitated trade. For more information, visit: www.trocmaison.com

B. The hospitality exchange or the couchsurfing

The **hospitality exchange** both called the couchsurfing suppose that you receive in your home while you stay at home one or more persons during a certain period. Your exchange partner you will turn later.

It is a very user-friendly form of exchange that allows you to build relationships, and sometimes build true friendships, worldwide. The hosts are often four to make you discover their region.





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For more information, visit: www.couchsurfing.org.

C. Exchange of services or wwoofing

The exchange service or wwoofing is a new concept in full swing: On the one hand, a farmer or an individual practice organic agriculture. The other, a traveler willing to invest and to render service in exchange for free accommodation and meals.



For more information, visit: <http://www.wwoof.org/>

Rather than receiving a salary, you can decide to work on a farm belonging to the WWOOF network (ecological farms) in exchange. This is also an economical way to stay in several countries.