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When should you book your tickets



Wait until the last minute or take a year in advance? Difficult to decide when you want to book a ticket at the best price. Here are a few clues to go away without emptying your wallet.

Book at the right time : Sooner or Later

At the last minute

The legend says that the prices are much lower when locked in at the last minute. In fact, we find tickets promotion during the 2 weeks preceding the flight are actually mostly less expensive, but they are not the lowest.

The prices are selected at random, so to wait until the trip is imminent to reserve your place can ultimately cost you too much, especially if you are not traveling alone. In addition, you run the risk of not being able to book a hotel room at a time so close to the beginning of the stay.



Wait until last minute is not always the best

When to book at the last moment

However, reservations 1-3 weeks before departure is not prohibited. If you do not have a specific idea in mind, you can seize the opportunity of a cheap trip. Similarly, if the first class was expensive few months ago, it is sometimes worthwhile to wait until the last minute to enjoy the luxury for less. Set a price above which you will not pick, referring to your research on the tariffs for the remainder of the year. Expect to find a very affordable flight, and in this case, you can expect to have made a real economy. Anyway, **make sure you have accommodation before buying your ticket**, or bet directly on a flight and hotel included, cheaper and less risky.

2 to 3 months in advance for best price

We would often order tickets well in advance, but sometimes the date of the holiday is known as 2 or 3 months before. **Do not panic, this is still a time that allows you to save money.** You certainly will not get the most competitive rates, but discounts are common on these dates.

When to book 2 or 3 months in advance

If you do not book early, start looking at the daily rates four months before the departure date. Do not buy especially now! You will see that after 3 or 4 weeks, the first price decline substantially.



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You can expect to get a worthwhile promotion, but on some flights, the difference will be 50 to 70 dollars maximum. This period is better when starting off season, otherwise there may be surprises.

8 months, most comfortable margin

They say one should book as early as possible, but it is still wise not to book too early. All frequent travelers will agree to tell you that the ideal is to **one's tickets 8 months in advance**.

All the examples studied, we note that **this is the period where costs are lowest on average**. On average, it also means that for the price of a company dedicated to the last moment, you can afford to more luxury on their plane. Although one may want to make a reservation at the opening of sales, a year before the start, this period is not conducive to promotion because there is in general the average price of each company.



Book 8 months in advance, there are often better benefit reductions

When to book 7- 8 month in advance

Soon as possible. Try to decide on the destination and departure date at least 9 months before. Then start checking prices regularly and record declines. After a month, they should be quite large. If this is not the case, wait again until seven months before departure, but not beyond. These reductions may not seem very interesting, but sometimes it is only because the prices are very stable.

Methods (almost) unstoppable to pay less

Choose the date of departure

Small details can vary considerably to the cost of your trip. Starting with the choice of departure date. **If you can, choose from midweek rather than weekend**. Prices are generally based on the same ticket if the departure is Tuesday rather than Saturday. You optimize your slightly less days off, but avoid the crowds at the airport and most importantly, save.

Travel off-season

When possible, it is best to travel off-season. It is not always obvious, but it ensures that wvery time you leave at minimal cost. This method is not only valid for flights, but also for accommodation. Ask before you decide on a date for the tourist season specific countries in the region that you want to visit. It is possible that other less busy periods are equally enjoyable.

Knowing how to find promotions

Watch specials

You plan to travel, but are not yet sure of the destination or date?

Do not hesitate to register on the websites of the airlines **to receive promotions directly by email**. This can give you good ideas and offer you an opportunity to go for a reasonable price. Once tempted by the adventure,

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remember still sure that the cost is actually lower than normal, and most importantly, there is no charge. Airport taxes must be included in the total.

Flight comparators



Do not hesitate to **use multiple flight comparators for prices**. These are usually the ones that offer the most attractive promotions, including discounts negotiated directly with the airlines. They are now quite numerous, so take your time to explore all their offerings. Here are some examples: Expedia travel discounts, etc.

Buy package

Often the flight and accommodation rates are lower than the ticket price alone. Those who have already booked their hotel will not be interested, but others may find a deal. **However, make sure that all costs no more than the two separate**, and most importantly, compare with other offers tour operators. Often these "packages" reserve only 1 or 2 months in advance, so it is preferable if you do it a little later.



Despite a cheap flight, hotel can ruin you. The "package" can then be a good solution.

Be careful when booking

Do not book the week end

There are ideal times to book, but also the ideal ways to book. In 2009, Benny Mantin, University of Waterloo, Canada, published a study which showed that rates varied much during the weekend than during the week. One of the conclusions we can draw from this is to better research **it is better wait until the week to make the reservation**. On weekends, the prices are too variable and may reach ceilings, while we noted an overall decline on Monday.

Compare daily

This little trick can be used without moderation as long as we act early. Once you have decided to go and chosen your date, **daily checking of price is necessary**. Every day for one to two weeks, note the lowest rate offered by all companies. After this period, determine what amount was the lowest. All you have to do **now is watch the moment when a plane ticket will cost less than this "reference point"**. Then you have every chance of getting the best discounts.



All tips have when you want to save on travel costs

Focus on the evolution of prices

One of the most effective methods is **to book as early as possible and be reimbursed if there is subsequently a better offer**. Just buy a ticket from a travel agent who is committed to always have the lowest costs. If you find a similar flight thereafter but with a more attractive price, you can ask to be reimbursed for the difference. Thus, you are guaranteed the best price. **Be careful though to read the terms of** repayment. Sometimes it takes the form of assets, which is not always worthwhile, or only certain specific offers.

Learn more



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Of course, it is totally impossible to determine what specific date you must reserve a ticket. Airlines and tour operators react to the news, and promotional offers are often at random. **There is thus no absolute rule, only ways to increase one's chances of getting a good price.**

The first is obviously to go **as soon as possible**. There are no real rules tariff rules, you must therefore plan ahead and compare to avoid surprises.

The second is **to avoid buying on a whim**. Check conditions, hidden costs, competitor offers so that you don't get fooled into believing you're making a good bargain.

The third is that **interesting promotion can always point the tip of its nose at any time**. Keep abreast and monitor costs that still the best way to proceed.

You should know **that prices are particularly volatile**, moving from simple to double in a few weeks, and this according to criteria rather obscure.

Sometimes in the same day, the variations are very important. Sometime when **buying a ticket you take the bet that is the lowest**, but we can never be sure



Have a good trip