

Planning a Spring Break Trip on a Lean Budget? Here's How You Can Save in This Year's Hottest Travel Destinations

New Expedia data reveals the formula to save on spring travel and where to go

BELLEVUE, Wash., March 11, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- U.S. cities are still experiencing winter weather, so for many Americans spring, let alone spring break, can't come soon enough! It's the chance to disconnect from the everyday hustle, get out of the house and get some sun¹. We recently asked 2,000 Americans about their spring break plans, and most only want to spend between \$1,000 and \$5,000 on a trip this year² – that includes flights, hotels, food and entertainment. To help make this quest for sunshine easier, Expedia® today released new data insights that gives budget-focused travelers a handy guide on when to book and where to go.

"There are a number of factors that determine where people travel for spring break including weather, being with friends and family or having plenty of things to do, you name it. But there's one thing we do know and it's that cost is often *the* most important factor," explains Nisreene Atassi, PR Director for Brand Expedia. "Spring is a busy travel season and vacations during peak times can be expensive. That's why it's crucial for travelers to know when they can book the most affordable rates and how to get the best spring break deals on Expedia."

Best time to book

- **Booking flights 21-30 days in advance.**³ Last year, the average ticket price during spring break was about \$482, and travelers who booked their flights at least three weeks in advance saved 10 percent. Thinking you might make a last-minute decision? Booking 14-20 days in advance could still net roughly 5 percent in savings.
- **Getting a cheap room is more of a waiting game — booking six days or less before a trip could bring down room costs by more than 15 percent.**⁴ Average daily hotel rates were around \$160 in March and April last year, so there's potential for significant savings if you're willing to wait. Furthermore, according to [Expedia's 2019 Travel Pricing Outlook](#) the best hotel deals are snapped up on Fridays.
- Travelers who can't afford to fly or live really close to their vacation spot may opt for road trips. **Reserving rental cars just six days or less in advance could save travelers around 20 percent.**⁵

Based on these insights, there is a clear formula to keep costs down for spring break travel: book flights early and then wait to get a hotel or rental car. It's easy to do — especially if travelers [add their hotel](#) to an existing flight reservation any time before the day of their trip. By doing this, travelers can save up to 43 percent on hotel costs on Expedia. Savvy travelers also know that simultaneously booking a flight and hotel or rental car and hotel as part of a [vacation package](#) can net substantial savings.

Budget-friendly spring break destinations

Reminder: a great spring break trip doesn't need to break the bank! Keeping the budget range in mind most travelers are willing to spend on their spring break trips, we asked Expedia data gurus to pull together 20

amazing destinations where it only costs \$500 or less for round-trip airfare⁶.

- [Detroit](#)
- [Atlanta](#)
- [New York](#)
- [Boston](#)
- [Cleveland](#)
- [Cancun](#)
- [Dallas](#)
- [Chicago](#)
- [Seattle](#)
- [Guadalajara](#)
- [Jacksonville](#)
- [Toronto](#)
- [Puerto Rico Island](#)
- [Miami](#)
- [Phoenix](#)
- [Santa Barbara](#)
- [Charleston](#)
- [Long Beach](#)
- [Cincinnati](#)
- [Raleigh](#)

Popular and trending destinations

Being in the business of helping people go places means Expedia gets to see firsthand what's trending in travel, from the year's best hotels to up-and-coming destinations to put on your bucket list. We also know the most popular places⁷ travelers will flock to as the temperatures rise, and what's motivating people to plan a spring vacation.

- Nearly 30 percent of Americans want to hit the beach for spring break⁸, which makes destinations like [Mexico](#), [Miami](#), [Tampa](#), [Fort Meyers](#) and [Fort Lauderdale](#) really popular. Florida has over 800 miles of pristine coastline and is home to some of the best beaches in the world.
- As much as U.S. travelers are looking forward to warm vacations, nearly 15 percent seem to want to get in one last ski trip before the slopes close for the season⁹. Case in point: [Denver](#) is one of the most popular destinations this spring, meaning travelers are ready to hit the slopes at Vail, Breckenridge and other ski areas within a few hours of the great city.
- Surprisingly, 14 percent of Americans want to travel internationally for spring break¹⁰. Destinations like [Amsterdam](#), [Dublin](#), [Barcelona](#), [Rome](#), [London](#), [Bangkok](#) and [Tokyo](#) are major tourist spots, and we're noticing increased demand for these cities during spring.
- Next to cost, having a good time and plenty of things to do is also one of the most important factors travelers consider when deciding where to go for spring break¹¹. So it's no surprise [Los Angeles](#), [Phoenix](#), [Orlando](#), [Paris](#), [Las Vegas](#) and [New York](#) are in high demand. From theme parks, attractions, and live concerts, the entertainment options in these cities are endless.

Warm weather, beaches and coastal cities are also top of mind for people still deciding on where to go for spring break. If you're in the same boat, here are 10 trending spring vacation destinations¹² to consider:

- [New Orleans](#)
- [Nashville](#)

- [Florida Keys](#)
- [Orange County](#)
- [San Diego](#)
- [Montego Bay](#)
- [Oahu](#)
- [Puerto Rico Island](#)
- [Nassau](#)
- [St. Petersburg-Clearwater](#)

Ready to book your spring break trip? Head over to [Expedia.com](#) to explore amazing deals on flights, hotels, vacation packages and more. Be sure to also check for deeper travel discounts in the [Expedia app](#), which is available to download for free on iOS in the [App Store](#) and on Android devices through [Google Play](#).

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^{1-2,8-11} Surveys commissioned by Expedia and conducted by Google Consumer Surveys, polling more than 2,000 respondents, aged 18-65+, located in the U.S.

³ Based on Expedia.com flight demand data for travel dates between March 1 – April 30, 2018

⁴ Based on Expedia.com hotel demand data for travel dates between March 1 – April 30, 2018

⁵ Based on Expedia.com car demand data for travel dates between March 1 – April 30, 2018

⁶ Based on Expedia Flight demand data for travel dates between March 1-April 30, 2019 where the average ticket prices were under \$500 for round-trip fares.

⁷ Based on Expedia Hotel and Flight demand data for travel dates between March 1-April 30, 2019

¹² Based on Expedia Hotel and Flight search data for travel dates between March 1-April 30, 2019

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