



TRAVELING ON A STUDENT BUDGET

Money, benjamins, cheddar, moola, skrilla... however you may refer to cash, a key commonality is that many times there isn't enough of those greens. Hard fact, traveling requires money. Nevertheless, there are many strategies you can adopt to pinch pennies, while still delving into a wonderful voyage abroad. It is important to set a budget, learn tricks to stay within, and enjoy hopping borders!

Transportation

Ask alumni from your specific program about the cheapest form of transportation in and around the host country and region. Modes of transportation and their associated costs differ greatly around the world, and the best expert is always a past participant.

In general, it is cheaper to use local transportation such as buses and the metro, rather than taking taxis or renting cars. If you are able, walking is often the best way to explore a city.

Take overnight buses/trans when you can so you do not have to pay for accommodation.

Airlines

- Book in advance and take your time researching all of your options.
- Cheaper airlines often charge for baggage—pack light.
- Consider flying into one city then out of another (open-jaw ticket). Many times the cheaper airlines charge each leg separately!
- Travel on weekdays if possible, and be flexible with arrival & departure times/days.

Eurorail Pass—Is it worth it?

- Sometimes local and international travel is cheaper via air or bus. Ask alumni from the host country for their recommendation.
- Prices vary depending upon the length of the pass and the countries you want to see. Do your homework regarding how long and to where you want to travel.
- Even if you have a Eurorail Pass, you may also need to make reservations in order to guarantee yourself a seat on the train.
- Best for longer, well-planned travel.

Sightseeing & Attractions

Ask for student discounts: Utilize student discount cards such as the International Student ID Card (ISIC), and your student ID card from Chico State and the host institution.

Do the “walking” tours in your guidebook.



