



# **Last Minute Traveler**

## **How Procrastination Can Save You Money!**

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# Introduction

Getting a last minute travel deal is one thing that you can procrastinate on. This is a great way to save on travel if you are on a budget. If you can go away upon at the last minute, then you can save plenty of money for your trip. In fact, you will be able to save up to three-fourths of what the trip would normally cost. This is definitely a steal.

Back in the day, you couldn't get last minute deals at a cheap price. You would have to pay as much as twice the regular price because you were buying on convenience. Usually, when you get things on convenience, it costs more.

Nowadays, since there are not a lot of people flying and booking hotel rooms, the demand is low. So, in order to get those flights and rooms sold, companies have to implement a strategy where people will readily purchase flights and rooms at a cheap or discounted price.

The only catch is that they need to snatch up the deals very quickly. Cheap prices on flights and hotel rooms usually don't last. The companies would prefer to make some kind of profit than to lose money on empty seats and rooms.

You can have a travel agency put a travel package together for you. Travel agents usually buy packages in bundles. This way they can save money when they buy them that way. When agents get these bundles, they usually package them to include hotel, flights and other amenities.

If there are packages that don't get sold, they will sell the remainder at cheaper prices. The agents, like other companies, would rather make some kind of profit than none at all. You would be fortunate to snatch up one of these travel packages if they were available. Plus, it's always a good thing to ask the travel agent about them.

When you get one of these last minute travel deals, you can get a nice bargain and in the process save a lot of money. You can even go on a cruise at the last minute and have a good time.

One of the more popular cruise destinations is to the Caribbean. Even if you have procrastinated about making plans, you can still go, provided that you act quickly. You can research and still find good deals at the last minute.

Even though many people call the Caribbean their favorite destination, there will be times that you can find good rates at hotels and resorts on the islands in addition to the cruises. Look for websites that offer cheap or bargain travel packages for last minute travelers.

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There are things that you should think about before you think about getting last minute deals for traveling:

- ! Are the package deals for places that are very popular?
- ! Where can you go with the money that you have at the last minute?
- ! Are the booking agents able to provide last minute deals that are reasonably priced?

In order to benefit from last minute travel deals, you must persevere. They are out there, but you have to search for them. There will always be great last minute deals available for you to take advantage of. Last minute deals are a market that is waiting to be tapped into.

It's a good thing to be proactive when you're looking for good deals. Being your best advocate could be a plus for you. On the other hand, you want to make sure that you have to correct information when you're ready to book your travel.

So, if you do decide to use travel brokers or related professionals that can assist you, that would help you even more. At least you would be able to cut down the time you spend looking for cheap travel deals on the internet. It just depends on your preference as to what you want to do.

When looking for last minute travel deals, it will require patience and effort to find what you want. There are different things that you can do to get last minute deals. Make sure that you are spending your money wisely.

One of the keys to getting last minute travel is to remain steadfast until you get what you're looking for. Sometimes you may not get what you want at that moment. It may be a few hours before anything comes through.

Here are some reasons why people will want to get away at the last minute:

- ! A weekend getaway
- ! Vacation during a holiday season
- ! Getting away from all the hustle and bustle
- ! Visit an island

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! Have fun in the sun

When you start to feel like you want to do any of these things, then don't delay. Get ready as soon as you can.

Here are some things that comprise of last minute deals:

- ! Travel packages that are offered at the last minute for a steal
- ! Discounted travel packages that are too good to pass up
- ! Bundled packages that have more than usual for an affordable price
- ! Unsold rooms, flights or cruises that would cost the operators money if not used

With these ideas, operators of these deals would prefer to make some money than none at all. At least if someone purchases it, they will have a little profit.

It's ok if you choose to work with a travel or booking agent. Here are some things that you should know about how they operate:

- ! They can provide you with the most current information
- ! Can find deals that you may not be able to find
- ! Dig out great travel deals and discounts for last minute travel

If you have some places in mind where you would like to go, go online and do some research. You might find some good bargains. However, if you do find any, you will have to snatch them up quickly.

You can find a lot of good last minute travel deals in places such as the Cayman Islands. Usually around the month of May, you can get great deals there and other places in the Caribbean. May is part of the off-peak season.

During that time, you can get a better deal on travel to the islands. As you research for last minute deals, you may also find destinations and lodging that are offering special

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rates. Since last minute offers don't last long, you need to grab them when you see them.

These deals are usually available and sold anywhere from a few hours to twelve hours prior to departure of your trip. If you thought that getting a travel deal at the tail end was foolish, you need to think again. Just think, you could inquire early in the morning and by the afternoon or evening, have your bags packed on your way to your destination!

Some things you need to know prior to booking your travel deal at the last minute:

- ! **You must have money saved.** The more money you save, the better chance you have of having a nice surplus. When you make reservations for hotels, car rentals, airfare and other related items, make sure to look for the best discounts. That way, you will have more money to spend on other things.
- ! **Avoid mistakes that cost you money.** Spend your money wisely. Get travel insurance in the event of an emergency. Read every part of any document that you have to provide your John Hancock for. Also, read the fine print. That is where you will find the stipulations and any fees. It is your responsibility to read everything before you sign.
- ! **Confirm all details.** In regard to your trip, go over every detail to make sure it is correct. This includes the costs of the trip, additional fees, travel insurance and medical insurance. Again, read the fine print and ask questions if you don't understand something.
- ! **Make sure that you are empowered and informed.** There's nothing worse than not knowing everything you need to know before you embark on this trip. With last minute travel, you need to make wise choices. It's important that if you're looking to save money, you must be frugal. Make sure that you are getting the best deal for your money.

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# How To Capitalize On Opportunities For Last Minute Travel

In order to find last minute travel deals that would suit you, it takes plenty of effort, timing and perseverance to find them. There are various ways and strategies that you can use in order to do this. Whatever the reason is for your last minute travel, there are plenty of opportunities available to you provided that you seize on them when they are presented.

You must keep in mind that even with the last minute travel deals, you should still work on trying to get the best price for your dollars. You don't have to pay high prices just because you got them at the last minute.

Your goal is to get the lowest price for a good travel deal. Any surplus funds that are left over can be used while you are on your trip. You want to be able to enjoy your trip.

You need to learn how to customize and maximize your travel from start to finish. If you delay taking action, you may miss out on something that may never come again. Last minute travel deals at low prices usually don't last long. In fact, many people snatch them up the moment they are advertised. You need to get it when it is there, otherwise, you will be kicking yourself later.

If you are a procrastinator, impulse buyer or bargain hunter, get started now. Do not wait to seize the moment and the opportunity to save money on last minute travel deals. You can take advantage of those deals that are available. There are always going to be people that cancel travel plans that suddenly come available for you to purchase.

You can get great last minute travel deals on things like time-shares, vacations, cruises and tours. For a cheaper price, you can go to places that until now you have only dreamed of. More last minute travel deals have become more attractive because of their competitive low prices.

Keep in mind though, since these deals need to be sold, that they are usually non-refundable, so you have to make sure that it's what you want.

A lot of times, depending on the market conditions, that is the time when most last minute travel deals are available for a low price. When you are looking for a trip during those times, the advantage and opportunity to go can go in your favor.

There are some people that will contact those airlines to do their booking. Or they will talk to tour operators and others to see what kind of discounts or bargain prices they can get for their last minute travel deal.

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This is not always guaranteed to work. Some of these last minute travels deals end up as special offers if you join a membership. Either one can work with people that are looking to save money.

In order for your deal to be effective, there are several things that you must do. You should be more specific with what you want as far as travel is concerned. Here are some things that you can start out with:

- ! Get the timeframes you are interested in, dates for departure and return, and how much you want or better yet, plan to spend.
- ! In regard to insurance for traveling and medical reasons, get as much information as you need to.
- ! Make sure that you have communicated the details of your planned travel to your travel broker, travel agent or online website.
- ! The more options and choices that you provide, the better chance you have of getting a good last minute travel deal. You may end up getting more than what you asked for, which can be a good thing.
- ! When you're booking your trip, allow time to get to and from the airport along with your luggage.
- ! If you have booked your trip online, you should have a confirmation code. Before you leave, recheck the confirmation online to make sure it's correct. Computers are not perfect.
- ! If you are traveling with your family (including babies, small infants, toddlers, small children), be sure to include that online or advise your travel broker or agent of same. They will probably need tickets in order to board.
- ! It's important that you book the trip yourself. Try not to rely on anyone else to do the research and booking for you. You know what you want and it's up to you to deliver the information, whether it's to a travel broker, travel agent, or booking online.
- ! Take advantage of any bargains, discounts, specials, or anything else that will help you save money.

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Look for entities that will allow you to purchase last minute getaway packages where you have to fly. These special travel packages can be purchased from two weeks in advance up to the last few hours before the flight leaves.

Please note that you will usually have to stay over for a Saturday night. So, if you're prepared to do that, then this deal can be for you. These packages have departure days on Thursdays and return days on Tuesdays.

You can also book a package deal where you get a flight and rental car, hotel and rental car or flight and hotel. A lot of these last minute package deals are available for less than \$300, which is considered a steal. You would definitely benefit from this from places like Miami and Orlando.

You can also go to websites where you can find last minute deals on airfare, hotel, car rentals and vacation packages. Make sure that the site is easy to navigate and that you confirm your reservations prior to departure.

There are other websites that specialize in going to certain destinations. You can still get last minute travel deals this way. In fact, it won't take as long to set up because of the limited destinations and you'll know where you're going.

The catch here is that when you find low-cost, last minute travel deals, you will have to snatch them up very quickly. Some of these packages have a very brief time to purchase. They usually expire very rapidly.

There are also websites that will allow you to book last minute travel destinations depending on what you're interested in. Say for instance, you're looking for a trip that includes dining and a Broadway show.

One of the first destinations you can count on is New York City. In fact, it is the major destination for Broadway events. If you're looking for a trip that includes fun and sun at the beach, it would probably pull up Florida and California. You are usually guaranteed lovely weather in those two places.

However, if you are snow and ski bound, Colorado would be the place to go. Chicago is a great place to see the rich cultures of the people that live there. In addition to that, they have plenty of museums and other attractions that will keep you busy. For avid Golfers, there is always Hilton Head. No matter where you go, you will be able to get a good deal on these travel offers.

You can also get great deals on vacation rentals. The more flexible you are, the better chance you have of getting a good deal. You can save a lot of money when booking a last minute vacation deal.

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In fact, the request for vacation rentals in popular areas usually outweighs the demand. There are websites that you can sign up for that will provide you with the best last minute travel deals available. They will send you e-mail alerts when something comes up that fits what you want.

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## Using Keywords For Online Searches

The best way to find the last minute deals that you are looking for is to use an internet search engine. There are companies that specialize in finding you the best deal possible. If you do a search at the right time, you might just get very lucky. They can also update you on special deals from your home region.

One place that you can start looking for discount or last minute travel is on the internet. You would want to use certain keywords in order to find what you're looking for.

Conducting a search on the internet for last minute travel is easy. Just put in the right keywords and you'll get so much information, you won't know where to start. You can do a lot of the work yourself, that is if you have the patience.

Here are some keywords that you can use to find last minute travel deals:

- ! Cheapest Airfare
- ! Discount Airfare
- ! Discount Flight
- ! Last Minute Flights
- ! Last Minute Airfares
- ! Bargain Tickets
- ! Bargain Flights
- ! Cheap International Airline Tickets
- ! Last Minute Travel
- ! Last Minute Travel Deals
- ! Low Priced Plane Fares
- ! Discount Plane Fares
- ! Discount Tickets To New York

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- ! Discount Tickets To Washington, DC
- ! Cheap Travel Deal
- ! Cheap Travel Deals
- ! Discount Cruises
- ! Discount Cruises To The Caribbean
- ! Discount Cruises
- ! Cheap Airfare
- ! Cheapest Airfares to Chicago
- ! Cheapest Airfares To Miami
- ! Cheap Cruises
- ! Cheapest Cruises
- ! Last Minute Cruise Fare
- ! Low Priced Cruises
- ! Student Air Fares
- ! Cheap Student Air Fares
- ! Discount Airline Ticket(s)
- ! Lowest Airfare Available
- ! Spontaneous Travel
- ! Cheap Travel

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## Other Ways To Get Information

There are other ways that you can get information on last minute travel deals:

- ! Magazines, especially those specifically geared toward budget travel and travel newsletters. One of the well known magazines for this would be Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine and Bestfares magazine. You can also find Bestfares on the web.
- ! Online travel webpages that have bargains and low prices on vacation packages, discount vacation packages and travel deals still waiting to be sold.
- ! Brokerages and airline carriers that have websites that offers some of the cheapest fares available at the last minute.
- ! Specialized books that focus on last minute travel and travel deals. You can get ideas on what to bargain for and how to bargain for deals at such a short notice.
- ! Ask a booking agent that you are looking for a specially priced last minute travel deal. They should be able to honor your request by getting the best prices for you.
- ! Ask around to see if anyone knows of any good travel deals. You may have some relatives, friends or co-workers that can hook you up on some good ones.
- ! Seek out experts that deal with time shares, resorts, cruises or other types of vacations. They will be able to help you get the deals that you're looking for. Of course, it all comes with their sales pitches, so be ready.

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# How And Where To Find Cheap Rates--At The Last Minute

## Airline Tickets

No longer do you have to pay an arm and a leg to get an airline ticket at the last minute. In fact, getting an airline ticket at the last minute can be cheaper than if you would have paid if you had made plans ahead of time.

If you are flexible, you are the type of person that can make arrangements for last minute travel and still get your money's worth. There are cheap flights available, but you have to be able to take whatever is left. That's why you have to be flexible. You are not guaranteed anything.

If you are able to roll with the punches, you will benefit by getting some of the cheapest airfare prices available.

For flights that are barely half full, you can get last minute travel at a discount. The airlines need money for some of the empty seats that are still available. You will be able to get a cheap price on a flight that is close to empty.

It costs the airlines money if they cannot fill up their seats. If the airline lowers the fares, they have a chance to get more people in the seats. In order to take advantage of it, you will have to take that particular flight that is available at the time.

One of the best places to look for discounted or bargain airline fares is the internet. The internet has changed the way that people conduct research. You can find your own deals by plugging in some information, including keywords that can help you to narrow your search. You can even go so far as to name your pricing and last minute travel deals.

While researching online, you must comparison shop with other sites in order to find the best price for you. One thing that will make a difference in doing this is that you should be flexible in your dates. Not only will you have a better chance of getting what you want at the last minute, but you will be able to save more money.

Check the airlines' websites. You may be able to find discounts and specials on flights that were not advertised to the public. If you find something and decide to reserve it online, you can also save a little money that way.

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In order to save money on transportation, airports have a park and fly service. You can park your car at the airport for a daily rate. Getting a taxi would cost you more money. Even if you don't live near the airport, you would come out better driving.

Or, if you are near public transportation and don't have a lot of luggage, take that instead. That will save you plenty of money. There are a lot of major metropolitan cities now that have public transportation to the airport.

## **Hotels**

Make sure that you are flexible when it comes to your itinerary. You want to be able to have a secondary set of dates in the event you can't get your first choice.

You may want to bundle hotel and car rentals because a lot of times that is a way of getting a cheaper rate for last minute travel.

For bargain hotel rooms that are available at the last minute, you don't have to get anything that is substandard. There are plenty of hotels that are not always reserved to the maximum capacity. A lot of times, there will usually be some rooms available.

You can stay in a nice hotel and pay a bargain price for it. The only way for you to get that price is to ask for it. You will not get anyone that will offer you lower rates. All they can do is tell you yes or no. At least you would have made an attempt to ask.

You can ask when you are getting ready to reserve your room, and confirm those rates when you're about to check into your room.

If you are able to get a cheap hotel rate, you will have more money to spend on yourself. Most, if not all people that book hotel rooms only stay in the hotel when they're sleeping.

Make sure that you have an airline reservation prior to booking your room at a hotel. There is more advantage in having a packaged travel deal. They usually have more to offer the last minute traveler. If you make reservations for a hotel room first, you will miss out on whatever savings are available from the packaged travel deal.

Check for family discounts and frequent guest plan packages. You will have to ask what is available. The bargains are out there; however, if you don't ask, you won't know.

If you don't have to stay in a pricey hotel, there are always other options. Try bread and breakfast lodging, motels and self-sufficient apartments. You can also inquire about guesthouses.

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In order to cut down on food costs, most hotels offer continental breakfast. There's no extra charge for this, so take advantage of it if the hotel offers it.

Since hotels are not always booked to capacity, you should inquire about cancellations. Also ask the hotel about last-minute check-in specials.

## **Car Rentals**

In order to get a low cost for your car rental, you should get a compact vehicle (unless you're too tall to drive one). In the process of reserving a vehicle, inquire about discounts and other package deals that may be available.

You should also check on insurance coverage. You can also save money by using your personal insurance. Most if not all insurance will cover any damages with car rentals, provided it's in your policy.

Ask about weekend deals, daily deals and weekly deals. You just might be surprised at what you will find. One of the best places to check is on the internet. Car rental companies are always posting internet specials. You just may find one that suits you. Make sure to compare rates with different car rental companies. You don't want your rental to be the highest cost of your travel.

## **Travel Insurance**

You must be prepared for the unexpected. Even though you look to have a nice time during your trip, things can and will happen. You could get ill or the weather may play against you. You must have an alternate plan in the event this happens to you. A lot of people don't think about that.

You should seriously consider getting travel insurance. Even though this insurance is nonrefundable, it's better to pay money for it and have it than not to pay and then something should happen.

Find out what is covered with travel insurance. You need to read all of the information and know what you are buying. You must be proactive in all aspects of your travel, including this.

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## Last Minute Holiday Travel

You may have procrastinated and decided to wait until the very end to get a travel deal for the holidays. Even with that you can still find great travel deals during this time. You just need to know where to look. You can either contact the airlines, travel agencies or search on the internet.

If you plan to travel during the holidays at the last minute, you may run into a snag if you choose dates that are considered “peak” periods. For major holidays, spring break and peak business hours, you may pay more because the demand may be higher.

If you don’t want to travel during peak seasons, you can always travel during low season travel periods when you can save money. Keep in mind that when you do travel, make sure to include a Saturday night stay. You can get some of the best airfare rates when you include a Saturday night stay.

Travel agencies will be able to help you find some of the best deals available for last minute travelers. Be sure to give them as much information as possible about your travel including the following:

- ! Departure and return dates
- ! Destination
- ! Time you would like to leave and return
- ! How much you can afford to spend
- ! Whether or not you need a car rental
- ! Any special needs you may have

It’s important that they have this information. This is the way that they will be able to accommodate you at the best rate possible.

If you don’t want to use a travel agent, you can always check the internet. Make sure that you have time enough to do so. You want to have time to look over the information and the options that are available. There are plenty of websites to choose from where you can get the best rates at the last minute. You can do this for air travel, riding the train and going on a cruise.

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## Activities For Last Minute Travel

One of the things that you need to do when looking for last minute travel deals is to be flexible. It's important that you are able to change your itinerary at a moment's notice. You can wait right before you plan to go on vacation to get some of the best deals. Here are some other suggestions you can use to get the best travel deals at the last minute:

- ! Find somewhere to go where you can include an activity. Being limited may not help you much. So if you have some activities that you like to do, then include those ideas in your travel. For instance, if you like to ski, you may want to look for a last minute deal in Colorado or Lake Tahoe.

Or if you like to golf, go to Florida, the Caribbean or another destination where it is warm enough for you to play. For the shopping addict, places like New York City or Chicago will fit the bill.

Also, Chicago is a great place for sightseeing and cultural events. They have plenty of museums that will peak your interest. Another place for sightseeing is Washington, D.C. There are many historic buildings that are operated by the Federal Government.

You are able to take tours and see exhibits. The Smithsonian Institution is so large, it would take you over a year to see everything. Plus, the Smithsonian is comprised of many buildings. The best thing about the attractions in these big cities is that most of them are free of charge.

- ! If you have a family with children, you can go on a vacation that includes an amusement park or water park. Children love to ride on the rides, especially if it has to do with water. Children are fascinated by water and they will have fun getting on those types of rides.
- ! Cruises also have last minute travel discounts and deals. Find some that include children. They will have so much fun because they can get involved in a lot of activities. Also, they will never go hungry, because on a cruise you get fed many times a day, including in between the major meals.

Whatever you decide to do, make sure that you are ready and available to go at a moment's notice. It can help you if you are able to change your itinerary at any time. Then you would have more choices available to you.

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# Arrangements For Last Minute Travel Deals

It doesn't matter where you go, you can always know that you will be able to find travel deals at the last minute. Even though some people are used to paying higher prices for travel, they would likely change their minds when they saw the cheap prices for last minute travel deals.

When you're able to get a good deal at the last minute, you will have extra money for things that you want to do or buy.

Depending on when you want to leave will determine what kind of last minute travel deals are available to you. A good way to make arrangements for last minute travel is to reserve everything at the same time. If the cost for everything is all-inclusive, then you will have saved quite a bit of money.

Making arrangements for off-season travel can be to your advantage. The demand is low, and you'll be able to really enjoy yourself because there won't be crowds around. Plus, the prices would already be reduced and you could probably get them reduced even more at last minute rates.

Spending time to get those deals is like finding a diamond in the rough. However, when it's all said and done, then you will be the better for it. Another advantage of this is that at least you will know what the weather will be closer to the time that you leave instead of months away.

When researching online, you will find companies that can help you with travel arrangements. It's important to be thorough when doing this because you are looking for the best price that will help your pocketbook.

If you find that some of the pricing is higher than usual, there may be activities going on during that time. Check the tourism website of the destination and see what's going on during the time you wish to travel. If you find special events going on, you may want to delay your trip for a few days. By then the prices will probably be lower.

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## How To Save On A Road Trip

When you have decided at the last minute to go on a road trip, you can either: use your car or rent a compact car. This would be good if it's for a short weekend composed of two to four days. This is a great idea if the trip you're taking is not far from your home.

If you are renting a car, check for discounts and package deals. Make sure to ask about mileage and insurance. For the most part, mileage and insurance should be the two most important things to consider. Most car rental agencies do offer free mileage on their car rentals.

If you buy snacks for the trip, you will save money by not stopping at restaurants along the way. When you buy them at gas stations and convenience stores, look to pay more because you are basically paying for convenience.

Go to the grocery store or Wal-Mart to get your snacks. You will come out better by doing that. Also, buy bread and lunchmeat to make sandwiches. Instead of buying a lot of soft drinks, get water instead. It's healthier for you.

For emergencies, make sure you have a cell phone and a first aid kit for minor issues. Having a cell phone is an important lifeline to have in the event of an emergency.

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## Students Looking For Last Minute Deals

Young college students are known to procrastinate, especially if it something they detest doing. However, in this case, if you are a student and you are planning to travel, procrastination would serve to benefit you.

It might benefit you more to look for your own last minute travel deals. There are some websites that can help you. You will have to research to find out which ones would suit your needs. Some of the websites are set up where you are allowed to bid on certain destinations.

In order for you to get in the running, you will have to submit a bid for a price that the website will take. However, the trick is to try to keep it as low as you can. You may get a decent price, but it may not be the very low price. Still, you would come out better than the initial advance purchase price.

There are websites that release new fares for travel on certain days of the week during the morning hours. In order to get a cheap fare at the last minute, you have to be at the computer before time so that you will have first dibs on lower pricing.

It's even better if you're looking to go anywhere. You have more options available to you. You don't have to concern yourself with bidding on destinations that everyone and their mother wants to go to.

You will find some websites that have a special section for last minute travel deals on the weekend. Or you can find websites that have special travel deals to buy for that particular day. Those prices are usually a steal, and if you can act on it, by all means do so.

Have you heard of a website that acts as a crystal ball? Well, they're out there. These websites not only have great last minute travel deals, but they work to spot trends as to how fares will go. They also advise you when you should buy your ticket in order to get the best prices available.

You can also sign up to receive newsletters from some of the websites to keep up with what's going on. You will be able to find out about last minute travel deals. Students can also check on the airlines' websites to find deals that are not advertised to the public. They can also send you e-mail on their specials and discounts.

There are also student discount websites available to look for last minute travel deals. A lot of times you can find the cheapest fares on those sites. Some of the websites specialize in finding discounted deals for students that are on a budget.

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Then you have the websites that specialize in “Deals of the week” and “Hot Deals”. They can find last minute travel deals on domestic and international destinations. If you don’t mind being a standby, last minute travelers can find tickets to different destinations. The last minute deals in this case are extremely cheap and affordable.

Since most college students operate on a budget when they’re in college, these websites would serve the purpose for them. They can help them to save money, in the event they want or need to go somewhere at the last minute. They are great time savers, not to mention money savers for last minute travelers.

There are websites that are unique in what they do to help students find the best deals at the last minute. In addition to finding the best travel deals at the last minute, students would also be able to book destinations for the holidays and spring break.

Have you heard of a travel website that has an RSS feed? Well, it’s here, thanks to advanced technology. Having an RSS feed on a website may be a little ahead of itself to some, but it will soon be the norm on a lot of travel websites.

RSS feeds provide the advantage of finding out about special travel deals before most people. If you are subscribed to an RSS feed, you get your information as soon as it comes out.

Students would subscribe to a feed and get their information on discount travel as soon as the information is updated. The best thing for students to do is to jump on that price before it goes away. Cheap travel pricing is available, but can be difficult to keep around.

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## Last Minute Websites

Last minute websites are growing everywhere. They are becoming popular for plenty of people who are looking for last minute travel deals. They are good for those who can and will leave on a moment's notice. You have to be spontaneous about traveling at the last minute.

In order to find these deals on the websites, look for specials or discounts. When looking for deals on these websites, look for flight connections and departures that will work for you. Also, look at the prices to see that they are affordable.

Nowadays, more people than ever are looking for last minute travel deals that are affordable. It's no longer the desperate ones or ones in the know. The best way to get the ultimate discounts is to buy unsold seats or rooms.

### Tips For Bidding For A Hotel Room

- ! Get an idea on how much the going rate is for a hotel room. You can get the information from websites such as hotels, airlines or car rental companies.
- ! Start with the four-star hotels and go down to the two-star hotels. You can use websites such as Expedia and Travelocity to help you get information.
- ! Check out the bids online—the ones that were successful as well as the ones that were not successful. Read the instructions and place your bid.
- ! Be mindful that these sites offer no guarantees. The pricing depends on several factors such as demand, market conditions, special events, time of year and the economical climate at the time.
- ! Don't be in a rush to get what you want. Sometimes the process of bidding takes time. You have to be patient. You also have to be persistent. You may not always get the first one, but you can try again with another bid for another hotel.

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# How To Save Money Looking For Last Minute Travel Deals

For people that like to look for last minute deals, the best way to ensure you get consistent information is through e-mails and subscription lists. These e-mails and lists provide daily and weekly updates with information that can help you get deals on last minute travel.

When you get the information, make sure to take the time and check the prices. You need to be sure that they are legitimate and not scams. The ones that people take the most interest in are the off peak prices and midweek travel dates.

You can be e-mailed information on airfare, hotels, car rentals and other things related to traveling. You can even get discounts online for tourist attractions. You feel good when you are able to save money by getting the best deals with last minute travel.

You can also save money by doing the work yourself. Even though travel agents and brokers can help you get some of the best last minute deals, you can cut out the middleman by researching online and finding some of the best bargains on your own.

Focus on what destinations you're looking for and the price range you'll accept. Make sure that the package is worth the bargain.

There will always be deals available for those who are looking for travel packages at the last minute. Where it used to be a travesty to get last minute travel deals, they can now be some of the best travel packages available.

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Here are some resources that you can use to look for last minute travel deals online:

[www.bestfares.com](http://www.bestfares.com)

[www.TravelZoo.com](http://www.TravelZoo.com)

[www.Lastminutetravel.com](http://www.Lastminutetravel.com)

[www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)

[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)

[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)

<http://www.cruiselines.us>

<http://www.hotelsatanywhere.com>

<http://www.travelprofessor.com/default2.asp>

<http://www.internethotels.com>

### **Websites For Cheap Student Fares**

[www.AirfareWatchdog.com](http://www.AirfareWatchdog.com)

[www.FareCast.com](http://www.FareCast.com)

[www.TravelCuts.com](http://www.TravelCuts.com)

[www.AirtranU.com](http://www.AirtranU.com)

[www.STAtravel.com](http://www.STAtravel.com) (w/ RSS feed)

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