

# YOUR ESSENTIAL CHECKLIST TO TRAVELING CHEAP

A GIFT FOR YOU FROM GREENVANS

## PRE-TRIP PLANNING

- SET A BUDGET, ALLOCATING 10-20% FOR UNEXPECTED FEES AND EMERGENCIES
- CHOOSE AFFORDABLE DESTINATIONS BY DIVIDING THE COST PER DAY OR PER TRAVELER
- TRAVEL OFF-SEASON TO SAVE MONEY AND EXPERIENCE A MORE AUTHENTIC FEEL
- RESEARCH DEALS ON TRAVEL APPS LIKE KAYAK, SKYSCANNER, BOOKING, AND EXPEDIA
- PACK SMART BY BRINGING ONLY ESSENTIALS TO AVOID EXTRA FEES

## SAVE ON TRANSPORTATION

- RENT A PASSENGER VAN FOR LARGE GROUPS TO SAVE ON BAGGAGE FEES
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CAR RENTAL DISCOUNTS AND UNLIMITED MILEAGE PACKAGES
- USE RIDESHARING SERVICES LIKE UBER AND LYFT
- UTILIZE PUBLIC TRANSIT, WALKING, OR BIKING IN CITIES WITH EXTENSIVE SYSTEMS
- CONSIDER BUDGET AIRLINES, NOTING HIGHER CANCELLATION RATES AND EXTRA FEES
- ASK ABOUT DISCOUNT PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS, STUDENTS, AND MILITARY
- TRAVEL BY ROAD IN A PASSENGER VAN RENTAL

## SAVE ON ACCOMODATIONS

- BOOK LODGING EARLY TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND GET THE BEST PRICES
- CONSIDER MOTELS, HOSTELS, GUESTHOUSES, COUCHSURFING, HOUSE-SITTING, HOUSING SWAPS, CAMPING

## USE TRAVEL REWARDS

- MAXIMIZE CREDIT CARD POINTS, ESPECIALLY WITH CHASE AND AMERICAN EXPRESS
- REDEEM FREQUENT FLYER MILES FROM PROGRAMS LIKE DELTA SKYMILES AND UNITED MILEAGEPLUS
- ACCUMULATE HOTEL POINTS WITH CHAINS LIKE MARRIOTT AND HILTON
- BOOK ON RESERVATION SYSTEMS LIKE BOOKING.COM

## **SAVE MONEY ON FOOD**

- VISIT RESTAURANTS DURING HAPPY HOUR OR CHOOSE AFFORDABLE CHAINS
- USE COUPONS AND DISCOUNT APPS LIKE BEFRUGAL AND GROUPON
- SHOP AT LOCAL GROCERY STORES AND FARMERS' MARKETS FOR FRESH PRODUCE
- TRY FOOD TRUCKS, STREET FOOD, AND FARMERS' MARKETS FOR LOCAL CUISINE
- BOOK A FOOD TOUR

## **FIND FREE AND LOW-COST ENTERTAINMENT**

- VISIT NATIONAL AND STATE PARKS, MANY OF WHICH ARE FREE TO ENTER
- IDENTIFY FREE OR DONATION-BASED MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL SITES
- USE TOURIST PASSES LIKE GO CITY CARD, CITYPASS, AND NEW YORK PASS TO SAVE ON ATTRACTIONS
- ATTEND LOCAL FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- AVOID TOURIST TRAPS BY ASKING LOCALS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND VISITING DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS