

Budget for A Summer Vacation

Utilize our Summer Club savings account to get away this summer!

Find it hard to save up for the additional vacation expense? Start by opening a Summer Club account as early as possible and begin depositing an amount you can afford each pay period. Once you have chosen your vacation destination, consider these savings tips to hit your Summer Club balance goal!

1. **Create a vacation budget.** Determine your vacation destination and make a list of your vacation itinerary. Plan your estimated travel and hotel expenses. Calculate the fuel expense for your car or a rental car, including the rental expense. Determine what activities you will do while on vacation; amusement park fees, admission ticket costs, museum entry fees, etc. Consider if food expenses are included or the amount of meals you will need to pay for per person.
2. **Consider Weekdays.** If possible, consider traveling during the week. You can often experience less costly hotel, airline and rental car cost savings. Even if your amusement parks and other admission costs are not as reduced from weekend fees, you can often experience less crowding and enjoy your excursions with fewer lines and wait times –making the most of your valuable vacation time.
3. **Discover Discount Coupons.** It is rare to pay full price for water and theme parks or other entertainment if you can purchase admission in advance. Look for deals and discount coupons online (at reputable sites) and even your destination location for early bird discounts when purchasing in advance. Additional deals can be found through your grocery and convenience stores and often the backs of many of your commonly purchased beverage and food boxes. At the very last minute, even the hotel you are staying at can have discounts in the brochure racks, in your hotel room visitor guide or at the front desk.
4. **Buy in Bulk.** When choosing your lodging, consider additional services that might be offered. To reduce expenses, consider if the hotel offers complimentary transportation to the airport, restaurants, or local attractions – saving on your rental car or gas expenses, even parking lot costs. Check to see if complimentary breakfast is included saving on one meal expense per day. Look for a restaurant within the hotel or nearby offering additional meal savings because of your stay at your local hotel. Consider lodging where your room includes a refrigerator and microwave where a small food supply from a local grocer can allow you to make some light meals saving on your out-to-eat dining costs.
5. **Find extra cash opportunities.** Sell unwanted items on eBay or Craigslist or have a garage sale. Promote your children to perform extra babysitting or lawn mowing to produce some of their own extra spending. Perhaps they have some extra clutter in their rooms such DVD movies, video games, etc. that they are ready to sell too.

