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## Travel tips in tough economic times

As consumers start to tighten their belts, getting a great travel bargain and making your dollar stretch will be top of mind for some travellers. Intrepid Travel, one of the world's leading adventure trip operators, has the following tips for getting through the tough times.

### Before you leave...

#### 1. Choose experience over luxury

Adventure holidays are **great value**, offering travellers a unique and up close experience of people and places. In previous periods of an economic slow down, Intrepid Travel's sales have grown. The company attributes this to the appeal of its trips as consumers tighten their belts and look for travel options that provide real value for money. Intrepid Travel's trips start at AUD \$335 for a six day tour of Northern Thailand (flights not included). Call 1300 364 512 or go to [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com)

#### 2. Make the most of specials

Bargain hunters should check Intrepid Travel's website regularly for last minute specials. Intrepid Travel regularly offers **20 per cent off\*** remaining places on trips when the departure date is coming up soon. Egypt, Thailand and Vietnam are among the destinations visited on trips that are currently on sale. Quote promotion number 1088 at the time of booking. Call 1300 364 512 or go to [www.intrepidtravel.com/ourtrips/specials/](http://www.intrepidtravel.com/ourtrips/specials/)

#### 3. Save up your annual leave and take a longer holiday

Instead of taking lots of small breaks that all require transport to a destination, Intrepid Travel suggests travellers should consider taking longer holidays and spending more time in one area. This limits the need to purchase lots of flights, saving the traveller a substantial amount of money. It's also better for the environment as fewer flights are taken. Each Intrepid traveller who books three trips or more for themselves in the same booking will receive a **5 per cent discount\*** off the total trip price (some exclusions do apply). Call 1300 364 512 or go to [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com)

#### 4. Stay close to home

Escape the bad news by holidaying in your own backyard and nearby. There some great real life travel experiences to be had in our own backyard and nearby, saving travellers the expense of flights. Intrepid Travel has launched its first ever Australia brochure this year and continues to offer great trips to Australia's nearby neighbours, including New Zealand, Fiji and Asia. See [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com) for info, or phone 1300 360 887.

#### 5. Travel around your city

Sometimes you don't even need to go on holiday to feel like you've escaped. Seeing and learning about new things in your very own city can give you that refreshed feeling. Intrepid has also launched **10 New Urban Adventures** designed to uncover hidden gems, backstreets and fascinating sights in some of our favourite cities. Ranging from two-hour to two-day adventures, these new city experiences are designed to showcase what makes a city tick. See [www.intrepidtravel.com/stylesearch/urban](http://www.intrepidtravel.com/stylesearch/urban) for more information.

#### 6. Enter competitions

Intrepid Travel is offering adventure travellers the chance to enjoy an early Christmas present with the launch of a competition to **win one trip every day** for 30 days during November. Travellers yearning for real life experiences can register to enter the competition by logging onto [www.RealLifeExperiences.com](http://www.RealLifeExperiences.com). The competition begins on 1 November with Intrepid Travel asking entrants to describe why they want to go on one of 16 trips on offer. Winners could find themselves following the tapas trail in Spain, meeting the people of Timbuktu in Mali and snorkelling in the Galapagos.

Intrepid Travel is rewarding customers just for entering with a \$150\* travel voucher per person redeemable on any Intrepid Travel group trip booked between 1 November 2008 and 1 February 2009. To register to enter and for competition details go to [www.RealLifeExperiences.com](http://www.RealLifeExperiences.com). Registrations are open now.

#### 7. Book now, save later

Airlines often offer great discounts for flights booked in advance. Check their websites and sign-up to their newsletters to get the latest offers. A little forward planning can go a long way to saving money down the track.

### **8. See the travel doctor before you leave**

It's a small price to pay for something that gives travellers peace of mind and could potentially save them money in the long run - it's much cheaper to avoid getting sick in the first place!

### **9. Chat to locals and get the inside word**

Intrepid Travel uses local leaders and guides. Ask them for advice on how to get a great bargain without compromising the experience. As locals, they'll know the best eateries, entertainment and cheap things to do!

Travellers heading to Europe would do well to remember to:

- In Paris drink your coffee inside the café. It's cheaper than the footpath.
- In Spain eat your tapas inside at the bar. You'll rub shoulders with the locals AND it's cheaper than the same menu outside with the tourists!
- In Italy bring your own bottle to wine stores. They often have a barrel so that you can fill up at a low price.

### **10. Breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince, dinner like a pauper**

Travellers should make the most of hotels that have breakfast included. A big breakfast will ensure they make it through a solid day of experiencing new people and new places. Another travel tip is to eat up big at lunch. Meals in the middle of the day can be up to 50 per cent cheaper than the same menu at dinner. And not eating a big dinner will leave travellers with more time to enjoy the night life!

\*Terms and conditions apply.

### **About Intrepid Travel Pty Ltd.**

With over 19 years of experience, Intrepid Travel is one of the world's leading small group adventure tour operators. Intrepid takes around 80,000 travellers to over 90 countries worldwide, each and every year. Intrepid trips are designed to go off the beaten track, meet the locals and travel in an unconventional way, joining locals on their transport, in their markets and even in their homes. Go to [www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com) for more information.