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Discount Travel Options for Students

- STA Travel (www.sta-travel.com): Discounted travel for students. Book online or visit an agent in person for assistance at 722 Broadway (between Washington Place and Waverly Place). STA Travel will often, but not always, have the best deal, so be sure to compare prices online before booking. Other student travel sites are www.studentuniverse.com; www.itravelosophy.com; and www.travelcuts.com.
- Airfare deposit programs, like this one offered through STA travel (<http://www.statravel.com/airfare-deposit-program.htm>), that allow you to pay for your flight over time.
- Online airfare aggregators: Sites such as www.kayak.com or www.bing.com/travel/flights do the online searching for you to find the best price.
- Vayama (www.vayama.com): Not an aggregator, but often has the best price online for international flights.
- Get an ISIC card: An International Student Identity Card (ISIC) will get you student discounts on rental cars, hotels and hostels, tourist attractions, trains, and much more. It costs \$25 and you can get one online (<http://www.myisic.com/get-an-isic-card.html>) or at any STA Travel location.
- Student Advantage Discount Card: Not as widely accepted as the ISIC (especially internationally), the Student Advantage discount card gets you discounts on hotels, trains, and retail stores, among others. It costs \$22.50 for one year. Sign up online at <https://www.studentadvantage.com/enrollment/?promoCode=SAMHOME02>.
- Some companies offer their own student discounts. For example, Rail Europe offers discounted Eurail passes for train travel throughout Europe. See <http://www.raileurope.com/promotions/promotions-for-youth.html> for more information.

And be creative with your itinerary:

○It may be cheaper to book your flight in two segments. If, for example, you're studying abroad in Paris but you find a great fare from NYC to Dublin, check out discount airlines within Europe such as RyanAir and EasyJet for the internal flight from Dublin to Paris. This is not without risks, of course - if your flight from NYC to Dublin is delayed or cancelled and you miss your flight to Paris, the airline won't be able to put you on a later flight for free, since your first flight wasn't with them. Be sure to allow a ton of extra time between flights.

Similarly, consider taking a more affordable flight to a nearby city, and then taking a train. For example, if you're studying in Florence but it's cheaper to fly into Milan, look into how much a

train ticket from Milan to Florence would cost (and keep in mind other costs, such as transportation from the airport to the train station in Milan). Also consider your comfort level with this option (i.e., Do you mind traveling by yourself through a country in which you just arrived and may not know the language?)

Consider smaller airports further away from city centers; if you're willing to take a longer bus or train ride into the city center, you could save some money. For example, when searching for a flight to Rome, don't just look for Fiumicino (FCO), Rome's main airport. Also consider Ciampino (CIA), a smaller airport but still only a 40 minute (and 4 euro) bus ride to Rome. Sometimes, only the discount airlines (such as RyanAir and EasyJet) fly to these airports.

And always ask if a student discount is offered! Many museums, stores, transportation companies, and more offer unadvertised student discounts even if you don't have an ISIC or StudentAdvantage card, as long as you have your university ID. It never hurts to ask!