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# How to Save On Travel



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In what state and/or  
county are you  
logging in from today?



# Learning Objectives



- Create a SMART travel goal
- Recognize ways to limit travel costs
- Understand ways to protect finances while traveling
- Compare types of travel and their impact on your finances
- Identify financial tools and how they impact travel



Are you traveling soon or  
planning a vacation?



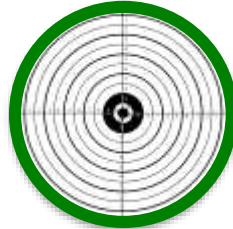


Make Your Travel Plan a

**S.M.A.R.T. GOAL**

# Set S.M.A.R.T. Goals

S = Specific .....



M = Measurable .....



A = Agreed Upon .....



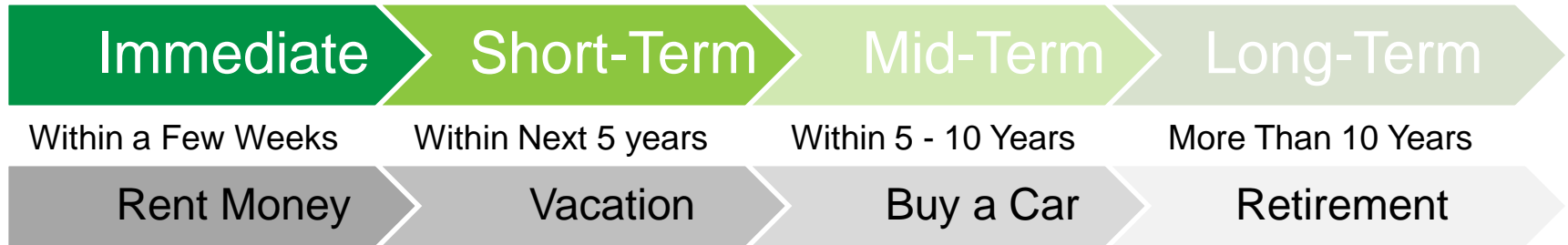
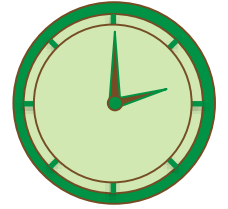
R = Realistic .....

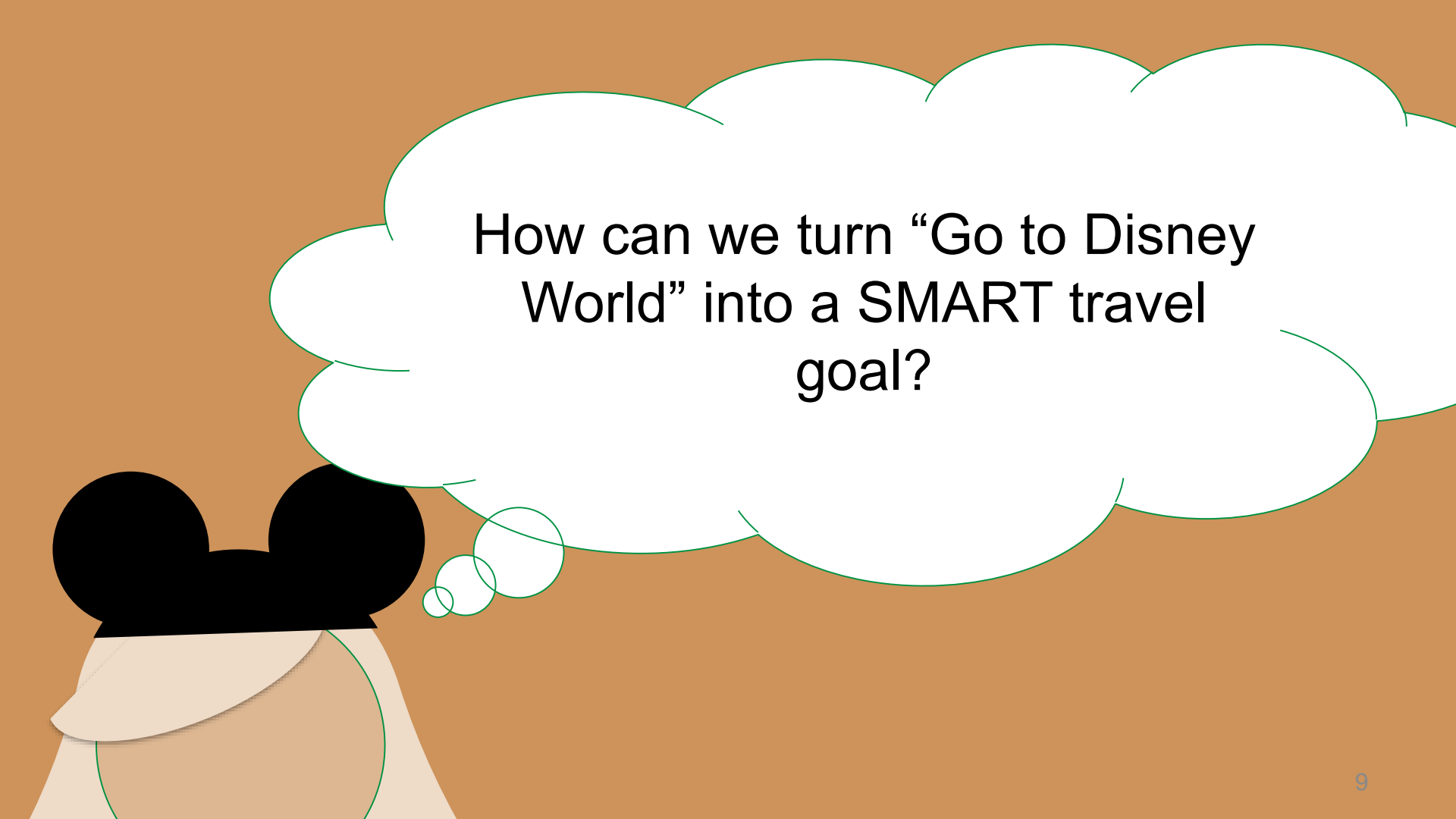


T = Timely .....



# Timing of Savings Goals





How can we turn “Go to Disney World” into a SMART travel goal?

# Research Questions

- S** Where will we stay? How will we get there? What will we do?
- M** How much will I need to save for my share?
- A** Do my friends agree on Disney World as the destination?
- R** Is this a realistic goal given our resources?
- T** When will we go? When do I need to have the money saved?



What is the first step you  
take when planning a trip?



# Travel Plans

## Research

- Time
- Type of Trip
- Benefits

## Compare

- Transportation
- Accommodations
- Activities

## Finalize

- Book
- Contact Financial Institutions
- Paperwork

A top-down view of a desk with travel-related items. On the left is a silver laptop with a black keyboard and a white touchpad. Next to it is a white mug filled with brown coffee. In the center is a dark grey passport with the word "PASSPORT" and the United States emblem. To the right is a hand with a ring on the ring finger, pointing at a map. The map is spread out on the desk and has several blue and green pins. In the top right corner is a silver and black camera. In the bottom left corner is a light green camera. In the bottom right corner is a pair of sunglasses. The background is a light-colored surface with a faint grid pattern.

Define & Compare Costs for Different

# TYPES OF TRAVEL

# Types of Travel



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Business



Pleasure

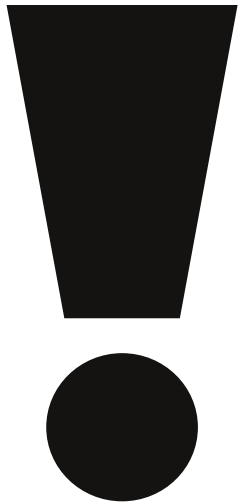


Individual



Group

# Travel for Business Checklist



- ✓ Double check policies before purchasing travel
- ✓ Designate a spot for saving your receipts
- ✓ If using your own vehicle, track mileage
- ✓ If self-employed, check IRS guidelines

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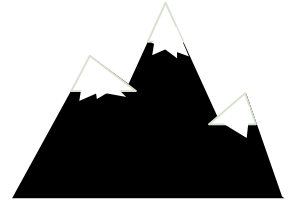
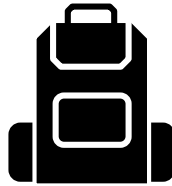
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An allowance or payment made for each day; in the context of business travel meals, this may be a limit for reimbursement or a standard amount provided to pay for food during business travel.

**partial definition via google dictionary**

# Travel for Pleasure

80% of Domestic Travel is for Leisure






## Individual

- Complete control
- No cost-sharing
- May have more risk



## Group

- Share costs
- Compromise
- Budgets may differ
- Opportunity costs

A top-down view of a desk with a laptop, a cup of coffee, a green camera, a hand pointing at a map, and sunglasses. The background is a map of the United States with a hand pointing to a location in the South. The text is overlaid in the center.

Should we  
ride, drive, or fly to  
Disney World?

# Chicago, IL to Orlando, FL

Mode	Time to destination	Cost (one-way)	Cost (round trip)
Train/Bus	1d 14hr 26min	\$174	\$348
Car	17hr	\$108	\$216
Plane	2hr 47min	\$72	\$124

# Chicago, IL to Nashville, TN

Mode	Time to destination	Cost (one-way)	Cost (round trip)
Train/Bus	9hr 30min	\$15	\$44
Car	7hr 11min	\$47	\$94
Plane	1hr 44min	\$109	\$217

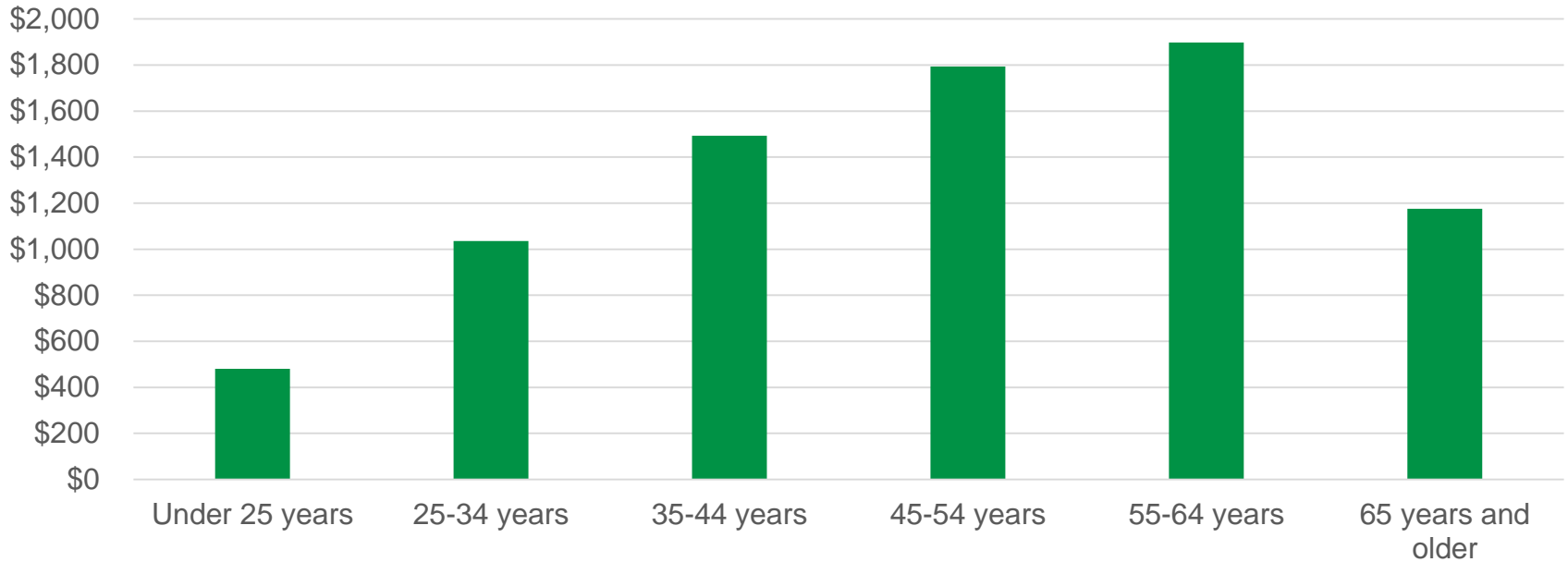


Discover Ways to

# LIMIT TRAVEL COSTS

# Travel Spending Stats

Average annual expenditure by age, 2008



Sources:

BLS (2010): <https://www.bls.gov/spotlight/2010/travel/>

BLS (2012) <https://www.bls.gov/opub/btn/volume-1/travel-expenditures-2005-2011-spending-slows-during-recent-recession.htm>

# Common Travel Costs



Transportation



Lodging



Food



Activities



Souvenirs/Gifts

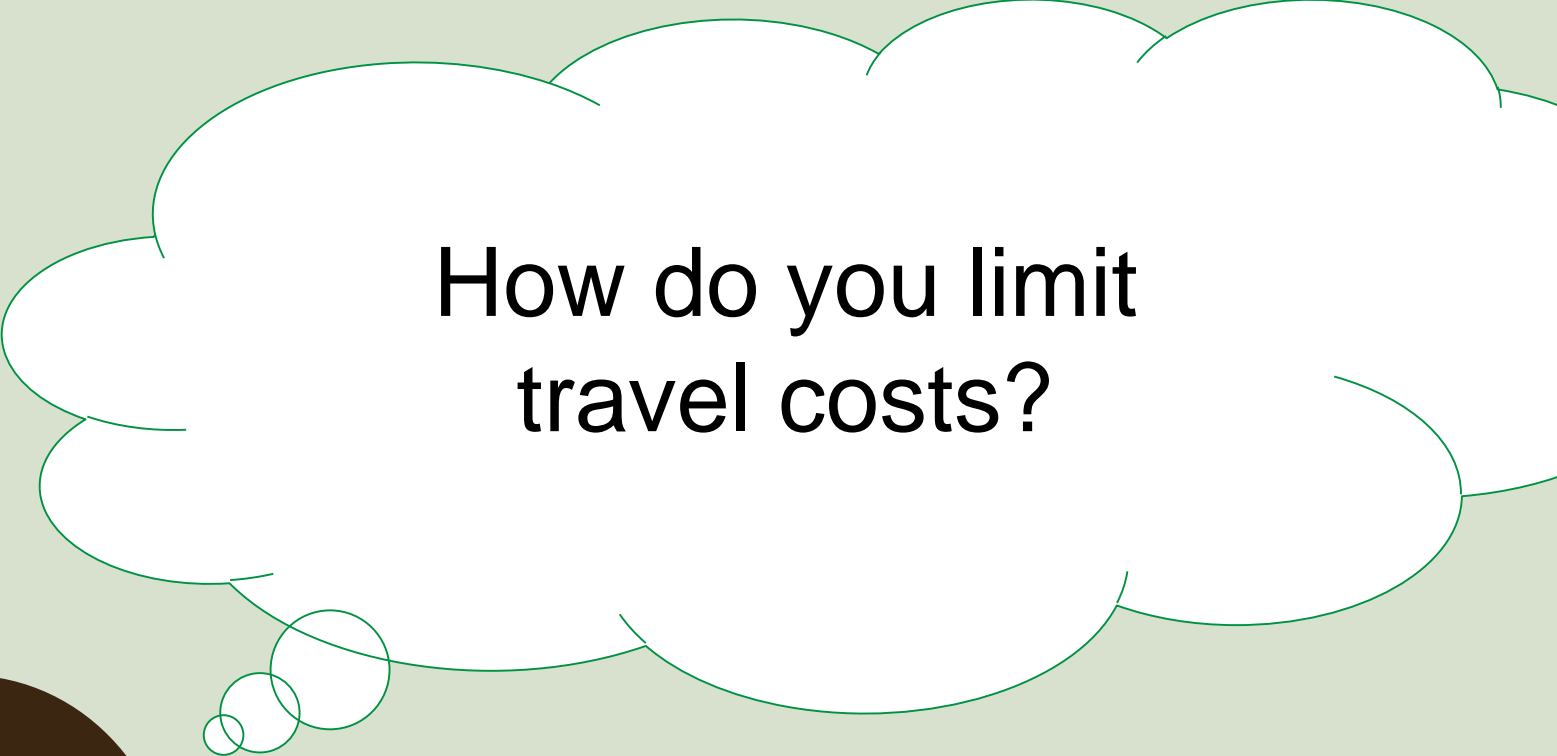


# Have a Pet?

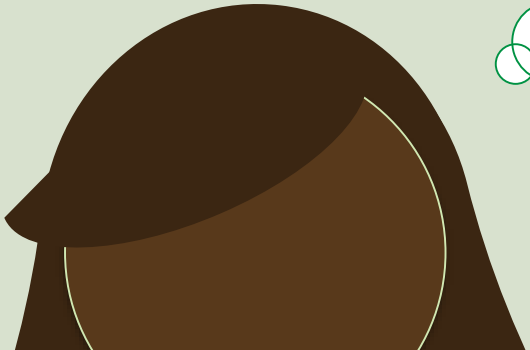
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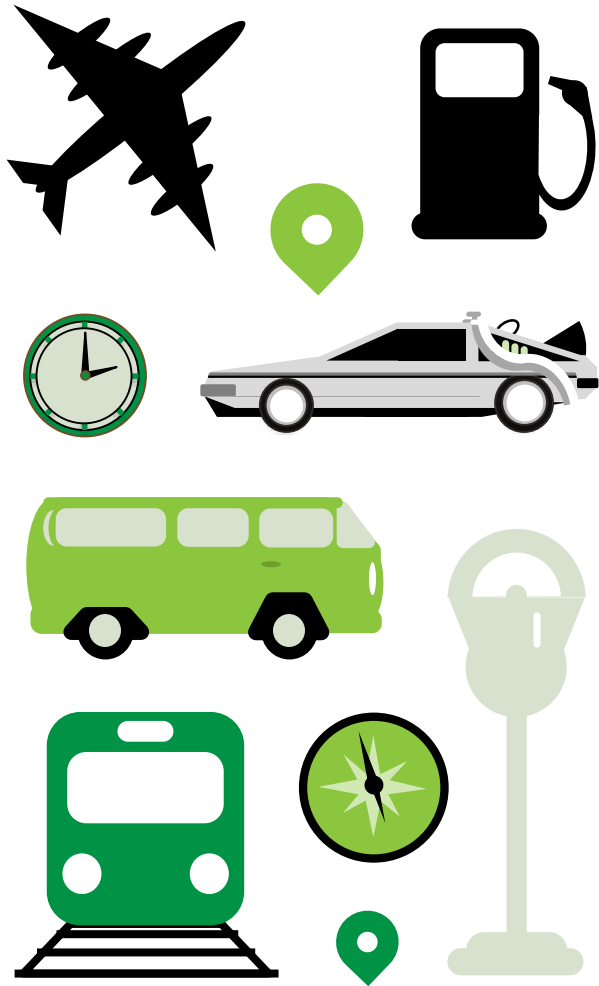
**Boarding  
Travel Fees  
Lodging Fees**

*Some travel & lodging won't be an option based on breed, size, or local laws. Research the area you will be staying in to see what amenities and laws are like for your pet.*



**How do you limit  
travel costs?**





## Travel To & From Destination

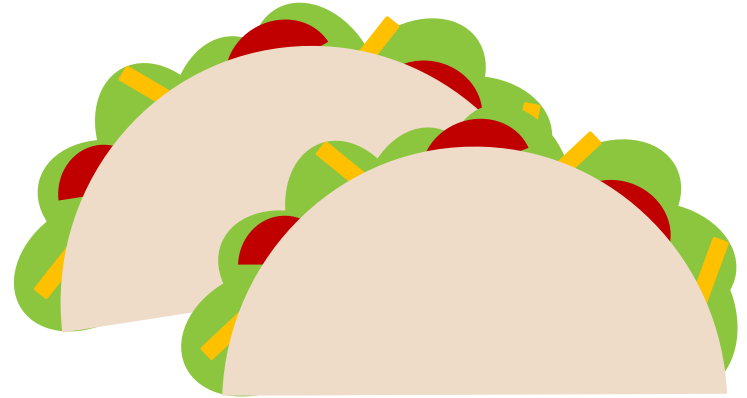
- Fuel, Flights, and Other Fare
- Consider Timing of:
  - When you purchase tickets
  - On or off-season travel
  - Day of the week you leave & return

## Transportation at Destination

- Rent a car? Use RideShare or Taxis?
- Walk, Ride the Bus or Public Transit?
- Parking - for Activities or at Hotel?

# Lower Costs When Eating Out

- Share entrees
- Order water with meals
- Clue in on coupons
- Do lunch out, rather than dinner out
- Know what you want to spend



# Bundling Activities in Orlando

Activities	Cost
Pirates Dinner Adventure	\$73.43
Helicopter Sightseeing Tour – Kissimmee Theme Park or Gatorland	\$59.00
<b>Total Activities Cost</b>	<b>\$132.43</b>

Activities	Cost
Buying Separately	\$132.43
Cost of Bundled Pass	\$69.00
<b>Savings for Bundling</b>	<b>\$63.43</b>

# Convenience vs. Cost



Location of Lodging

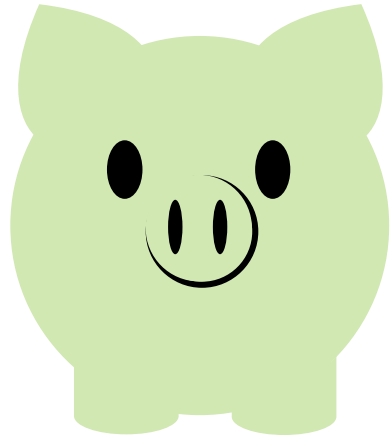
Method of Travel

Meal Planning

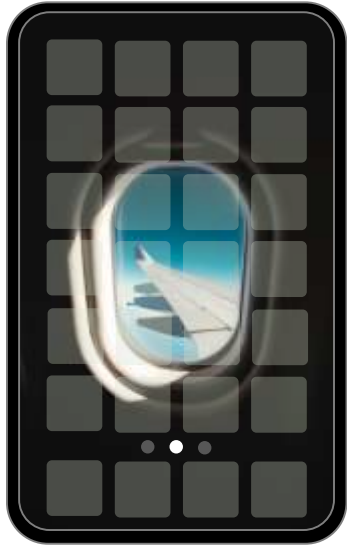
# Ways to Save



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- Bundle
- Time Your Buying
- Search for Free Activities
- Leverage Included Services with Lodging
- Technology can help: Research, Plan, Track



What tools or apps do you use to help you save on travel?

What do you like about them?

A collage of various international banknotes, including US dollars, Canadian dollars, and Polish zlotys, scattered across the frame. The notes are overlapping and partially obscured, creating a sense of abundance and global finance. The text 'Ways to PROTECT FINANCES' is overlaid on the collage.

Ways to

# PROTECT FINANCES

# trav·el in·sur·ance

/'travəl/ /in 'SHoorəns/

“a type of insurance that covers the costs and losses associated with traveling. It is useful protection for those traveling domestically or abroad.”

# Travel Insurance Stats



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“Some 42.6 million people bought some type of travel policy in 2016, an almost 24% increase from 2014, according to data from the U.S. Travel Insurance Association.”

# Track Your Spending



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Envelope



Calendar



Electronic



Pencil &  
Paper

# Tips to Protect Yourself



- ✓ Read reviews from multiple places
- ✓ Plan ahead by comparing lodging & activities
- ✓ Communicate with all parties
- ✓ Be strategic & willing to compromise
- ✓ Bring multiple forms of payment with you

A person is holding a black wallet with several US dollar bills (including \$100 and \$20 bills) fanned out. They are sitting at a desk with a laptop, a red notebook, and a blue pen. The background is slightly blurred, showing a window with greenery outside.

Identifying Financial

# TOOLS TO USE

# Disney Adult Passes Abroad



Disney World

- \$109 USD



Disneyland Tokyo

- 7,400 yen (\$70 USD)



Disneyland Paris

- \$89,50 (\$97 USD)

# Is a dollar really a dollar?

US Dollar	New Zealand Dollar	Euro	British Pound
1.00 USD	1.54 NZD	0.91 EUR	0.76 GBP

These numbers are given as examples only.

# Currency Exchange Fees



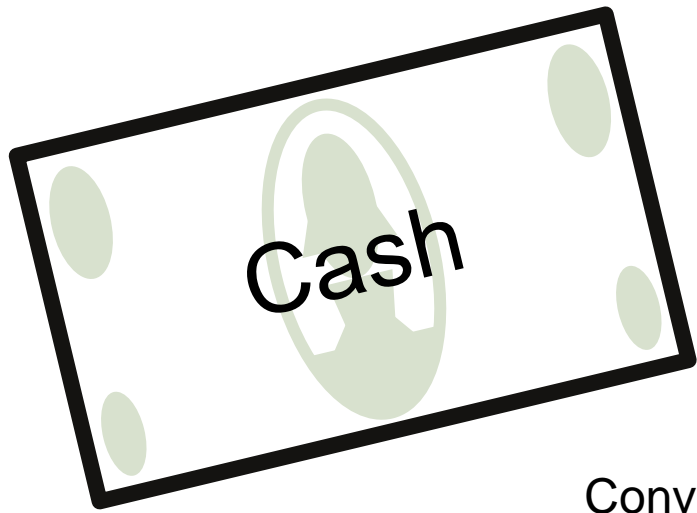
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- Understand the fees with your credit card; shop around.
- Ask your financial institution about exchange fees.
- Minimize number of ATM withdrawals.
- Airport exchange desks tend to have expensive fees.

# Fraud Alert



- Be aware of surroundings
- Talk to others about common scams
- Be careful about sharing personal info



**Uses:** Accepted most frequently, but will need to use the country's currency to make purchases

**Consideration(s):** Exchange rates vary. Will you need to carry more than one type of currency?

Convenience



Security



Cost



Traceability



**Tip:** Get currency for the destination country before leaving.



**Uses:** Convenient access to cash via ATM; Make purchases with money in your bank account

**Consideration(s):** Do you want to open a bank account in the country you're studying?

Convenience



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**Tip:** Inform your financial institution before you leave the country.



**Uses:** Airline tickets (miles!), online purchases, emergencies

**Consideration(s):** Check to see what fees & benefits (travel insurance) are associated with card

Convenience



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**Tip:** Inform your credit card company before you go abroad.



**Uses:** Accepted domestically and abroad; Not linked to an account; Not debt

**Consideration(s):** Look at application, monthly, transaction (3% of purchase), & ATM fees

Convenience



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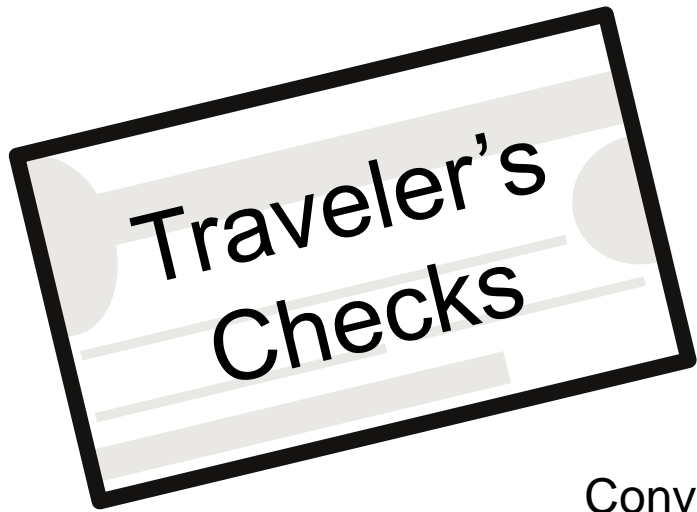
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**Tip:** Avoid prepaid cards that allow you to overspend or exceed limit.



**Uses:** safe, secure way to carry currency abroad

**Consideration(s):** May be difficult to cash in some countries; may be fees for cashing; may not be accepted in all countries/at all businesses

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Cost



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**Note:** Although banks issue the checks directly to individuals, they are produced by a separate party and not directly linked to an individual bank account

# Financial Systems Vary



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- Cash might be best in some countries
- Credit cards might be best for travel to & from
- Look at what is most used in your destination country
- Plan for using multiple types of financial tools



Creating Your

# TRAVEL BUDGET



Fly to Disney World for 1 week  
in July 2020 with 2 of my  
friends.

# Orlando Trip Budget

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Bundled Cost</b>	<b>Cost/Person</b>
Flights + Lodging (1 room for 7 nights)	\$1,575.21	\$525.07
Disney Park Tickets (2 Day Passes)	\$777.99	\$259.33
Food (incl. 1 meal out/day = \$28/person)	-	\$200.00
Ubers (to/from airport & around Orlando)	\$180	\$60.00
Souvenirs	-	\$50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,094.40</b>

# Summary

- Research first to create a SMART travel goal
- Identify savings opportunities as you plan your trip
- Insurance, knowledge of fraud, and being prepared with multiple forms of payment can help protect your money
- Consider trade-offs when comparing costs of travel
- Use tools that will make your trip easier

# Financial Literacy Badges Program

**Take a step towards the  
Savings Badge.**

How to Save on Travel Quiz:  
[go.uillinois.edu/travelquiz](https://go.uillinois.edu/travelquiz)



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