

7 Simple Steps To Create A Realistic Travel Budget

1. How are you going to get to your destination?

In this step, determine the costs of taking a flight, bus, train, rental car or cruise ship to your destination. If you plan to travel to more than one place, calculate how much the prices for these trips are going to be, too.

Our top tip: Never book a ticket without comparing prices. There's always a good deal available if you look around. Try price comparing sites like Skyscanner, GoEuro and Kayak to help you make the best choice and get the cheapest tickets.

2. Where are you going to stay?

Research about various lodging options available at the destination. Do you want to stay at a hostel, hotel, B&B?

Our top tip: Try to look for accommodation facilities that offer the breakfast with the stay.



3. How are you going to move around?

Every destination is different, so is every traveller. So the next step is to think about and **find out what's the best way to move around** once you've reached your destination. Some of you may like to explore your destination by foot, others by public transport... Estimate of how much you would need to set aside to freely move around the place you're in.

Our top tip: Look out for public transport ticket options. You can find cheaper tickets if you book them in advance.

4. What are you going to eat?

No, we're not asking you to list all you are going to eat during your trip. But you can have an idea of what a meal costs in the places you are going to travel to.

Online resources like **Lonely planet** travel guides, travel websites like **Trip Savvy** or blogs like **Nomadic Matt** are good places to start looking. Or try out apps like **Zomato** and **TripAdvisor** to find prices.

If you have no time to research, then, budget a minimum of at least 2 to 2.5 times the price of your accommodation per night for one day's worth of food.

Our top tip: Try meeting up with locals and eating home-cooked food.

5. What are you going to do?

know what principal activities you are going to do during the trip. You must have some idea about the entry fees or cost of these attractions or activities.

Our top tip: Booking some activities in advance can save you money and sometimes help you skip long lines at tourist attractions. Many countries have tourist cards with special discounts and offers on such activities.



6. What are you going to buy?

Keep money to buy gifts and souvenirs while travelling.

Our top tip: Make a list of the people you want to pick up gifts for. You can have it on paper or a mobile app.

7. Think of emergencies

Keep some money for things you forgot to budget for, medical emergencies, accidents, etc.

Our top tip: If you aren't sure how much to put aside, two to three days worth of living expenses per person would be good to start with.