

MONEY-SAVING TIPS

- ✓ Try the local restaurants instead of those featuring menus in English. Enjoy a meal where the neighborhood gathers.
- ✓ Avoid a taxi from the airport to the hotel, and instead try the shuttle service.
- ✓ Airfare is generally cheaper if you travel during “off-season”. In Europe that is October through April and in the Caribbean June – October.
- ✓ Invest in a good guidebook before your travels begin. Be sure it is a current edition, written by someone who knows the destination, and is relevant to your budget. Don’t buy a book written for backpackers if you are looking for luxury accommodations.
- ✓ Consider if a car rental is really a good investment. Besides the daily cost of the car, you must also allow for gas (which can be more expensive than in the U.S.) and parking fees. Check into trains, buses and even private drivers.
- ✓ Don’t hesitate to ask for student or senior discounts. Like the U.S., many countries also offer these dollar-saving discounts.
- ✓ Tipping in Europe: Don’t give the usual 15 – 20%, as less is expected than in the U.S. Check ahead of time on what is customary.