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Drive Smart: Ways to Save Gas

There is a consistent, dizzying pattern emerging: When gas prices top \$4 a gallon, Americans get religious about fuel economy. With \$6 per gallon gas in some states, the process is well underway. As of late June, regular gas has gone up 64% in price in the last year, to an average of \$5.04. Premium gas is up 61%. Diesel is up the most in the past year, a staggering 81% increase.

With the goal of saving as much gas as possible, here are some tips for the fuel-conscious:

Buy Regular Fuel - There's no need for premium gas unless your auto manufacturer specifically demands it with labels like "premium only" or "premium required" on the gas gauge or fuel door.

Combine Trips - As fueleconomy.gov tells us, "Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer, multipurpose trip covering the same distance."

Ditch the Roof Rack or Carrier - Leaving carriers atop long after the ski trip is over can increase the weight of the car and reduce aerodynamics. Permanent, factory-installed roof rails, the things running front-to-back, have only minor impact on drag.

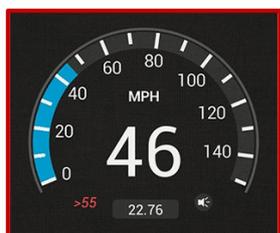
Don't Carry That Weight - Adding 100 pounds lowers fuel economy by 2%. The junk in the trunk—golf clubs from last summer, the overdue library books, the Goodwill donations that never make it to the bin—add up.

Don't Speed - Fueleconomy.gov reports, "Speeding increases fuel consumption and decreases fuel economy as a result of tire rolling resistance and air resistance."

Car Pool - Americans are much more likely to commute alone these days. But carpooling and ridesharing can cut your fuel costs in half.

Be Smart About Air-Conditioning - For better economy around town, keep the windows down and the AC off.

Credit: Forbes Wheels, June 2022



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DON'T SKIP YOUR SUMMER TRIP

The cost of gasoline is enough to keep even the most addicted traveler off the road. The average price for a tank of gas is the same as what you can expect to pay for a night at a 4-Star hotel. Who can afford that?

Summer vacations are an American institution and we should do everything we can to uphold our right to travel. With today's gas prices it's become necessary to be frugal with vacation ideas.

How do you beat the pain at the pump? Maybe not driving so far away or traveling with someone to split the cost. How about taking a vacation where once you reach your destination you can park your car and leave it. Big cities with good mass transit systems and state or national parks are ideal for this.

Camping is an inexpensive option for family budgets. Camping activities do not require you to put a step inside of your car once you reach the campground, unless you need to get back in the car to hide from bears, snakes and mosquitoes. You can swim, bike, hike and just enjoy being outdoors.

Don't let the cost of gas keep you home. Get in your car and drive somewhere. When you arrive, ditch the car.

Most importantly, don't forget to pack light and have fun!



Traveling on A Dime:

Summer Get-A-Ways the Won't Break the Bank

The places you'd go — if you could. With increasing inflation and the high prices at the pump, many of us are opting for domestic vacations this year. There are so many places in the United States where you can take a memorable vacation and not have to dip into your retirement savings or the children's college funds. From cheap trips to the next town over to affordable flights across the country, the options are endless. Here are our top recommendations for traveling on a dime.

#1 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

San Antonio, a perfect blend of American history and Mexican culture, makes it one of the best and cheapest cities in the USA to visit. Whether you're a history buff or love to eat cultural foods, there are many free activities and local eats to indulge in. A visit to the **Alamo**, **The Japanese Tea Garden** or **San Pedro Creek Culture Park** are some freebies you won't want to miss. Hostel prices are around \$40 per night, meals can cost as little as \$20 per day and public transportation will cost you about \$15 for a 3-day pass.

#2 DAYTONA, FLORIDA

If you're a beach lover, Daytona can be a great place to enjoy on a budget. With unlimited options for free things to do, Daytona is one of the cheapest places to travel in the USA. Make sure to take a tour of **Angell & Phelps Chocolate Factory** and don't miss the **Bandshell Beach** concerts, offering everything from Latin music to jazz on Friday and Saturday nights. Hotels or vacation apartments range from \$55 to \$120 per night, meals may cost about \$50 per day and during the summer, public transportation is FREE to all beaches.

#3 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

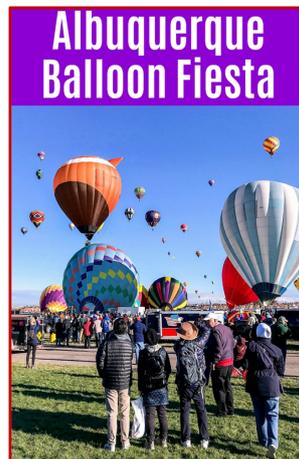
Albuquerque offers plenty of fun and free things to do during your visit. Exploring the amazing museums can be the best free thing to do in Albuquerque. Stop by the **Harvey House Museum** to learn about the history of the old railroad. **The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology** will show you how the desert landscape has changed the way people live and work in the area. Then visit the historic **Old Town of Albuquerque**, founded in 1706. You'll find lots of shops, and restaurants to explore. Hostels cost about \$30 per night, meals range from \$20 - \$30 per day and public transportation is about \$10 per day.

#4 PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Phoenix is the cultural powerhouse of Arizona and is known for its warm desert climate. What also makes Phoenix a great travel destination is the many free attractions. While in Phoenix, make sure to visit the **Desert Botanical Garden**, which offers one of the world's largest collections of desert flora. Hike **Camelback Mountain**, the most popular hiking trail in the Phoenix region, which offers breathtaking views from the top. For art lovers, visit to the **Phoenix Art Museum**. The museum has the most unique pieces of art and fashion. Hostels will cost about \$35 per night, meals are about \$20 per day and local transportation is \$24 per day.

#5 MORRO BAY, CA

Morro Bay offers visitors excellent kayaking and surfing in a protected bay. Trips to the **Art Center Morro Bay**, **The Auxilio Innovation Shop**, **Main Street Market**, **The Friday Night Flea Market**, and **Coleman Park & Beach** are just a few of the FREE activities to be enjoyed. Hotels cost between \$55 - \$125 per night, meals will cost around \$35 per day and Morro Bay is one of California's most walkable communities - there's no need to take anything other than a stroll or bicycle ride through town.



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