



## Hints & Tips for Air Travel Planning

### **WHEN TO TRAVEL BY AIR**

Be flexible—you can often get cheaper airfares by flying a day earlier or later, or try different date combinations. In general, the cheapest days and times to fly are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday afternoon.

### **WHEN TO BUY AIRLINE TICKETS**

Airfare prediction website, [www.bing.com/travel](http://www.bing.com/travel) (previously Live Search Farecast and Farecast.com), offers predictions on when is the best time to purchase airline tickets.

### **FARE ALERTS**

Individual Airline Travel Deals and Fare Alerts—always check the individual airlines' fares and deals alerts and consider signing up for fare alerts such as

<http://www.farealert.net>

<http://www.travelocity.com> - low price alerts, FareWatcher plus

<http://www.expedia.com/> - Fare Alert

### **FLIGHT COMPARISONS**

<http://www.airfarewatchdog.com>

[www.bing.com/travel](http://www.bing.com/travel)

<http://www.farecompare.com>

<http://www.kayak.com>

<http://www.mobissimo.com>

<http://www.sidestep.com>

### **WHERE TO BUY ONLINE**

<http://www.orbitz.com>

<http://www.travelocity.com>

<http://www.studentuniverse.com>--discount airfare site for faculty and students

### **BEFORE HITTING THE PURCHASE BUTTON**

Always check the dates, details and fine print on your tickets; review the airline's policy regarding "extra" charges; and be familiar with the airline's policies regarding baggage and check-in.

### **TRAVELING FAR FROM HOME?**

[www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel) - general public health issues related to travel

### **WHAT CAN I TAKE ON THE PLANE?**

<http://www.tsa.gov>