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Have you ever said to yourself “I’ve always wanted to travel to Europe” Well, what are you waiting for? There’s never been a better day to travel then today. Take that well deserved vacation and plan out your perfect trip.

Start with getting an idea of where you want to go. Ask yourself what it is that you want to do. Do you enjoy a nice foreign brewed beer? Then maybe you’d be interested in seeing what Oktoberfest is all about. If that’s not for you, maybe you would prefer to see a show at one of the famous Opera Houses in Paris or finally see the Eiffel Tower with a loved one. Perhaps you’d like a gondola ride on the Venice canals. There are so many different cities in Europe that whatever it is you like to do there’s a city that will cater to you and your style.

Another factor that will help you decide where you want to travel or what you want to do will be deciding what your budget is. Once you have an idea of what your budget is, begin researching the least expensive way you can travel. Ask yourself these questions when deciding on flights. Are you willing to connect through a few different cities to save money? Are you willing to pay extra for a direct flight? What is the closest major airport to where you live? If you live on the east coast, your best bet for inexpensive airfare would be flights out of New York City or Boston. Both these cities offer hundreds of flights a day to all of the major European cities. Even if you’re not close to either of those cities you might be able to find an inexpensive charter that could connect you.

Next thing you need to consider is that there are three seasons that play a large factor in the price of your airfare. The low season begins in November and runs until the end of March (excluding a week around Christmas time when flights are more expensive.) The shoulder season is broken up into two parts and runs from the beginning of April till around the middle of June and then picks up again in the first part of September till the beginning of November (shouldering either side of the high season and the low season.) The rates during this time period are fair, there not as low as they are in the low season, but the are very competitive. The high season or peak season runs from the middle of June until the beginning of September. This time period is the most expensive season to travel, and no coincidence has the nicest weather of all the seasons. This is also the time that most students and families are on break and able to travel. Even in this expensive time it’s still possible to find good deals to travel to Europe so don’t be discouraged.

Then you have to ask yourself how much work are you willing to put in to find the best fare. If you would prefer to leave the work up to someone else you could consider giving your local travel agency a call. They will take in all the factors of what you want your vacation to include and put together a package for you. They can also help you get a better idea of what you want to do. If you would prefer to save some money then you can do the work yourself by searching for low airfare on the Internet or calling discount flight services. Shop around; find the best price for what you're looking to do. Keep in mind that the longer you wait the harder it's going to be to find flights to your destination and generally the higher the fares are going to be. If you find a fare that you feel is the best you've found book it. If you wait for something lower you might miss out on what you have already found and in the end have to book something even more expensive.

Don't wait till you're saying "I sure wish I had traveled more when I had the chance." You always have the chance so take the initiative and fly to Europe today. You won't regret it.

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