

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Road Trip Edition

Planning a road trip this summer? There are easy ways to save money and ensure your budget takes you further. Here are a few tips on how to get the most bang for your buck on your next road trip.

1.

PREP YOUR VEHICLE

- Have tread checked for wear and tear.
- All liquids checked for proper levels and topped off.
- Replace wiper blades older than 6 months.
- Don't forget to check your spare.
- Have accessory belts and hoses inspected. This includes oil, coolant, brake fluid, power steering and wiper fluid.

SAVE ON GAS

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- Avoid unnecessary idling.
- Stay within the posted speed limits.
- Steer clear of gas-saving gadgets; studies show they provide no benefits.
- Find low-cost gas with apps.
- Fill up at wholesale clubs and grocery stores

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FOOD SAVING TIPS

- Do not buy bottled water.
- Plan, prep and pack your own food.
- Cook outside! Most public parks and rest stops have grills.
- Have paperware, food prep and cleaning supplies on hand. Don't forget to grab charcoal.
- If you do eat out, find a lunch Happy Hour for deals.

ESSENTIALS

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- Sign up for a Roadside Assistance Plan.
- Check that your car emergency, first-aid, and hygiene kits are up-to-date.
- Check route for tolls.
- Confirm roof, bike or ski racks are secure.

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FUN

- Create your road-trip playlist!
- Find out where the locals eat.
- Get a National Park Pass.
- Leave room for random adventures!