

## Patience is a Virtue When Shopping for Airfares

The best place to find cheap airfare is on your own computer. All you need to do is get online, enter your destination and search dates in important search engines like SideStep.com, Kayak.com or Mobissimo.com. After entering the information, hit the search button, and wait for the search engine to display airfare availability.

You can organize search results to display cheapest airfare first. You can book the ticket immediately or continue with your airfare comparisons by moving to other search engines. You are likely to find that there are still better options available.

This is what the Internet has accomplished. It has made it possible to find the lowest fares at the click of a button. There are times when you may find that the early morning fares offered by an airline are much less expensive than the fares offered late in the evening. This may occur because the airlines has decided to release more seats on a flight that is running empty.

The same reduction in rates happens with large travel sites that use consolidator fares. These sites buy tickets in bulk from airlines and then offer them at low costs online. Their strategy is to sell off all tickets that they have bought. They become frantic to get rid of tickets as the flight time nears. You can get one of these tickets if you are willing to wait until the last minute.

Most travel sites provide tools for flexible searching. This search option gives you the option to find a low fare on a future date. You also have the opportunity to register for low fare alerts. These alerts are mailed whenever the airline or the travel site discounts the fare further.

You can also opt for a package deal that includes hotel and car rentals. Quite often, you will find that your total cost is much less than what you would have ended up paying if you had booked them separately.