

When booking flights from late November through December, keep in mind that the prices will be highest of the year. If you must fly or book a hotel room, especially on the busiest eve days of Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year, expect a wallet-emptying experience.

To save money, try to plan your holiday flights for the least hectic times during those seasons. Keep checking airline and hotel websites for lower prices, such as red eye flights and mid-week specials. Also, to get expert advice, consult with your favorite hometown or online travel agency.

Expect to pay high seasonal prices for holiday travel and lodging. However, with some smart research and clever booking, you may save enough to enjoy just one more glorious day at a sunny beach or night at a posh hotel.