



When planning your travel schedule, you can expect to pay more for airfare, restaurants and hotel rooms than you did on your last journey. However, there are places in the world where you can enjoy at least part of your visit absolutely free.

We asked some travel-savvy readers for their favorite freebies. Here are some sites you can enjoy without needing to put out cash.

Las Vegas NV: Gambling is the main industry of Sin City, so to lure you to visit the town and into the casinos, there are many freebies. Stroll around on Las Vegas Boulevard and downtown to enjoy the free fun things happening all around you.

Just a few of the free shows include the dancing fountains in front of the Bellagio Resort, the downtown Fremont Street Experience and the Volcano at the Mirage Hotel.

British Museum, London, England: Founded in 1753, it's the world's first national public museum, and free to visitors. It contains thousands of historic and art examples from Pre-Historic Africa, Ancient Egypt, Classical Greece, the early Middle East and Renaissance Europe.

Walking through the miles of exhibits, sculptures and paintings can take you back eons to the dawn of history and on up to contemporary times. More than six million people visit the facility annually.

Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago: It's one of the most beautiful in the world, for both fun and learning. Even when Chicago's winter weather is howling outside, you can escape into the Conservatory and marvel at the Orchid House, the Fernery and tropical palm trees setting.

The zoo has a variety of animal exhibits including, deer, buffalo, giraffes, great apes, jungle cats, exotic birds, amphibians, insects and much more. On weekends, there are also special activities for kids from age two to 92.

The Imperial Palace, Tokyo, Japan: In mid-Tokyo is the residence of the Emperor of Japan. The Imperial Palace building is within the park-like grounds of the 12th Century Edo Castle. The palace was built in the 1860s, and destroyed and rebuilt several times due to a devastating earthquakes in the 1920s and wartime bombing in 1945.

Honolulu Torch & Hula Show: Vacations in the islands can be expensive. However, there's a great place there where you can have an evening Hawaiian experience without spending a penny.

Pack your own picnic basket and beach blankets, then go to the Kuhio Hula Mound on Waikiki Beach. The show is performed right next to the famed statue of surfer legend Duke Kahanomoku. The free entertainment is everything enjoyable you can expect from Hawaiian dancers, singers and musicians.