



Financial Literacy: Secondary Saving for a Vacation

Financial Literacy, Travel and Tourism – Grade 11	Grade(s) 11 - CGG 30 Travel and Tourism
Lesson Title Saving for a Vacation	
Learning Goal (Curriculum Expectations) & Big Idea - learning through application	Analyze how changes in lifestyle- disposable income, amount of leisure time, attitude- have affected travel and tourism patterns
Before	
Four Corners Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What kind of traveller are you? Peacock, Canada Goose, Owl, Hummingbird ▪ Why? Does it have anything to do with the amount of money you have to spend?
During	
<p>Discuss - Who likes to travel? How much money do you need for travel? What is disposable income?</p> <p>Define - demographics, Baby Boomer, disposable income, destination, budget</p> <p>How much disposable income will you have for travel when you</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graduate from high school? 	<p>http://www.getsmarteraboutmoney.ca/managing-your-money/planning/budgeting/Pages/how-do-i-budget-and-save-for-a-vacation.aspx</p> <p>How do I budget and save for a vacation? Saving just \$20 a week can add up over a year to a nice vacation fund.</p> <p>Three tips to create your vacation budget Many people pay for vacations using a credit card. But if you don't pay off those bills quickly, you'll end up paying a lot more for your fun. A trip that</p>

- After college/university?
- When you are 55? (Freedom 55)

How and where will you get that money?

might cost \$1,000 at the start could end up costing you a whole lot more if you add on interest charges. You could end up paying the cost of two trips but only get to enjoy one!

Here are three tips to help you save and plan ahead:

Save money throughout the year. If you have a monthly budget – and hopefully you do – you can set a target savings goal. That way you'll have a really good idea of how much you can afford to spend when it's time to book your vacation.

As you start to dream about your vacation, set up a budget. Make categories for each of the different costs you'll have to pay. This includes travel, accommodation, food and entertainment. Estimate the amount you'll spend on each.

Now go over your vacation budget and look for ways to trim costs. For example, you may be able to save on airfare and hotels if you book early. But sometimes the best deals are available last minute. Also look for ways to reduce the cost of your accommodation. This includes rentals and [timeshares](#). Learn more now about [cost-saving ideas when you travel](#).

A word of caution: be wary of special offers that come to you from a person or company you don't know. Or, where there is a lot of pressure on you to decide on the spot – without time for proper research. It could be a vacation scam. Learn more now about [how to spot a vacation scam](#). Remember: Don't use your credit card to pay for your vacation – unless you know you have the money to pay it off. If you don't save up the cash before the trip, how likely are you to save it after?

<http://www.moneysense.ca/2011/06/08/get-away-for-less/>

Get away for less

Six ways to save a bundle on your next getaway.

Vacations aren't cheap, but there are ways to save big money while you're away. All it takes is a little effort before you leave. Here are six ways make your next trip easier on your wallet.

Check an extra bag and save

If you know you're going to have a lot of luggage, consider paying an extra \$20 up front for permission to check a second bag. If you don't, and you get to the airport and find your first bag is over the 50-lb limit, you could end up paying \$20 for every extra pound.

Bid for cheap flights and hotels

Consider using travel auction sites like [Hotwire.com](#) and [Priceline.com](#) for your next holiday. When our features editor needed to travel from Toronto to Vancouver, she went to Priceline.com and bid on flights from Buffalo to

Seattle (your departure must originate in the States, so she drove across the border to both U.S. cities). She got an amazing deal, and was able to save more than \$3,000 on return flights for her and her husband. She also booked her hotel through Priceline, snagging a four-star hotel in downtown Seattle for less than half price.

Book a vacation home for free

How does 100%-free accommodation for your next vacation sound? Then consider a house-swap service. Paid exchanges, such as Homesforexchange.com and Ihen.com, and free services, such as Craigslist and Airbnb.com, allow you to search for suitable homes in the city you're visiting. To ensure a good experience, plan early and communicate often with the prospective house-swapper. Email pictures, talk on the phone, and go with your gut. Many people who try the service love it and do it again and again, saving thousands on every trip.

Buy a local cell card

Want to use your cell phone while on vacation? If you have a GSM phone you can save big by swapping out the SIM card from your Canadian service provider and replacing it with a SIM card from a local carrier in the country you're visiting. By doing so in Paris, for instance, you could reduce your cost from \$2 a minute to 20 cents a minute. Most Canadian providers currently 'lock' their phones to work with the original Canadian network. But for \$50 you can now get your phone unlocked, either at your provider, or at a mobile specialty store.

Avoid airport exchange kiosks

Not only do currency exchange booths charge high fees, but they offer terrible exchange rates and pocket the difference. Here's how much it would cost you in Canadian dollars to withdraw 1,000 Euros through the most common exchange methods:

Exchange at your local bank: **\$1,359**

Put the purchase on a credit card: **\$1,373**

Use an ATM in Europe: **\$1,376**

Use a foreign exchange kiosk: **\$1,416**

Source: Oanda.com, Exchange rate as of March 1, 2011.

Research the local specialty

Kathy Borrus, a former merchandise manager for the Smithsonian Museum and the author of *The Fearless Shopper*, suggests spending a bit of time researching your vacation destination for the best deals before you leave. "A lot of countries have their own specialties, and you get the best value when you find the artisans that make this specialty." Her suggestions include buying silver in Mexico, precious metals in India, garnets in Prague, pearls in Thailand, silk in China, ceramic in France or Spain, and leather in Italy.

After (Consolidation)

After (Highlights and Summary)	
After (Practice)	
Individual Budget Plan	Students will draft an individual budget, to include travel for post graduation.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/travel/news-and-trends/travel-news/expedia-and-groupon-join-forces-to-create-travel-deal-website/article2045104/>