

Travel Tips for the Holidays

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Make getting ready for holiday travel easier this year. Here are a few of our favorite planning tools and ways to get the latest discounts for the holidays.

Plan ahead, save money and save time. To get started may we suggest planning your transportation arrangements first. If you're flying a nifty tool can be found on Bing.com/travel, when you search for a flight reservation the tool predicts the best time to buy your ticket to save you the most on your purchase. Of course this is one of many tools online assisting travelers with airfare. If you're driving to grandma's consider tuning your car up before you go.

After you have your transportation figured out ask the local experts about fun things to do. Do a search on Google with "visitors bureau," "CVB", or "tourism info" and the "city or state name" of where you are headed. Chances are you will find a great website with free planning information, current events, lodging packages and helpful staff who live in the area to help answer your questions. And if your friends are coming to your house for the holidays please consider utilizing UtahValley.com to plan their stay here. Once you begin navigating the website (locally or others) you'll be amazed at all there is to do and see. Many sites even let you create your own itineraries.

Be sure to ask around on Facebook and other networks for travel ideas. You might be surprised what suggestions your friends might have to offer and who has visited your destination before.

An "App" a day keeps boredom away – travel apps that is. If you have a smart phone check out free travel apps such as Yelp!, Where, UrbanSpoon, TripAdvisor and others to help you find close dining, movies and more. If you don't have a smart phone most of these companies have a website with the same information on it. Don't get stuck playing the "What do you want to do now?" game.

If your friends and family are gathering in Utah Valley this holiday season be sure to visit UtahValleyShopping.com and SkiUtahValley.com for our Utah Valley promotions. For more information on all the local events, activities, dining and lodging options visit UtahValley.com or call 801-851-2100.

To find our complete travel idea list (packing, traveling with children, flying tips, driving tips and when you get there tips) visit UtahValley.com/Tips. From all of us here at the Utah Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau have a safe and memorable holiday season!