

Trip Budget

Transport	\$ 500
Lodging	\$ 800
Food	\$ 400
Activities	\$ 300
Emergency Reserve	\$ 200

PRINTABLE TRIP BUDGET CHECKLIST

Make Your \$5,000 Trip Budget Work

Use this practical worksheet to test whether \$5,000 fits your trip before you book. Adjust the plan for your destination, dates, number of travelers and preferred comfort level.

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! Protect your budget first

Do not plan to spend the full \$5,000. When feasible, reserve roughly 10% to 15% for disruptions, medical needs, route changes or other unexpected costs.

TRAVEL BUDGETS		BUDGET AND BACKPACKING		MID-RANGE		ALL-INCLUSIVE		LUXURY	
CHOOSE THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOUR TRIP		pimple lodging, local food, public transport, more days, less convenience		private rooms, selected restaurant meals, practical transport, balanced experiences		Included meals and resort services, possible exclusions for flights, transfers, tips and excursions		short high-comfort getaway, premium lodging and dining, limited duration	
Different budgets, different experiences. Here's what to expect at a glance so you can plan smarter and travel better.									
IDEAL FOR		Adventurous travelers, students, long-term explorers		Couples, friends, solo travelers seeking comfort and value		Families, groups, travelers who want convenience and ease		Couples, honeymooners, celebrating special occasions	
LODGING		Hostels, guesthouses, budget hotels, homestays, dorms		3-4 star hotels, boutique hotels, private rooms, short-term rentals		Resort hotels with included amenities		5-star hotels, villas, suites, exclusive retreats	
FOOD & DRINK		Street food, local markets, budget eateries, self-catering		Mix of local spots and selected restaurants		All meals and many drinks included		Gourmet dining, premium beverages, personalized service	
TRANSPORTATION		Public transport, walking, budget airlines		Trains, buses, domestic flights, ride-hailing		Airport transfers and local transport often included		Private transfers, luxury cars, helicopters, priority services	
ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCES		Free or low-cost attractions, self-guided tours, hiking, local life		Top attractions, guided tours, cultural experiences		Resort activities, shows, non-motorized sports		Private tours, exclusive experiences, VIP access	
TRIP DURATION		Longer trips (1+ weeks to months)		Medium trips (4-10 days typical)		Medium to long trips (5+ days common)		Short trips (2-5 days typical)	
DAILY COST		\$20 - \$60 USD (approx.)		\$80 - \$150 USD (approx.)		\$150 - \$300+ USD (approx.)		\$300 - \$1,000+ USD (approx.)	
PROS		Affordable, immersive, flexible, extend your trip		Comfortable, balanced, good value for money		Convenient, stress-free, great for relaxing		Top-tier comfort, exceptional service, memorable	
CONSIDERATIONS		Less privacy, basic amenities, time-consuming logistics		Costs can add up with extras, advance planning helps		Exclusions for flights, transfers, tips, excursions		High cost, limited time, less local immersion	
SMART PLANNING TIPS		BUDGET BREAKDOWN GUIDE (TYPICAL SHARE OF TOTAL TRIP COST)				HOW TO CHOOSE		THE BOTTOM LINE	
Set a realistic budget and stick to it.		Flights 25% - 35%		Lodging 25% - 30%		Define your priorities: comfort, adventure, relaxation, culture, or a mix?		There's no perfect budget - only the right fit for you.	
Book early for better rates.		Food & Drink 15% - 20%		Transport 10% - 15%		Know your total budget, then pick the style that fits most of your trip.		Travel your way, make smart choices, and create memories that last a lifetime.	
Travel in shoulder or off-peak seasons.		Activities 10% - 15%		Other 5% - 10%		Consider time, travel companions, and the destination.		SAFE TRAVELS!	
Mix and match styles if it fits your trip.		Percentages vary based on destination, travel style and trip length.				Choose the experience that makes your trip meaningful to you.			
Focus on experiences, not just things.									

INFOGRAPHIE Travel style infographic comparing budget, mid-range, all-inclusive and luxury uses of a \$5,000 trip budget

The four questions that determine your answer

Where are you going? Destination costs, exchange rates and departure airfare set the baseline.

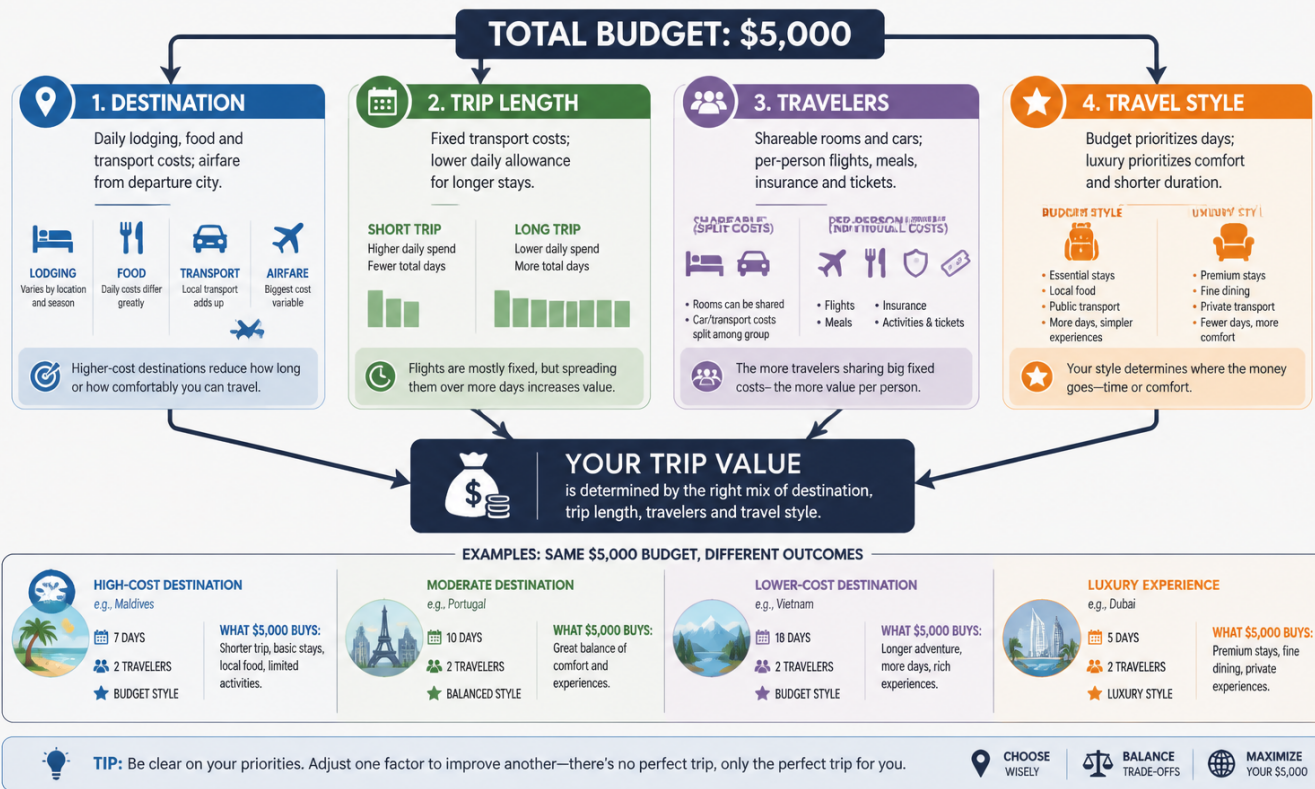
How many people are traveling? Rooms and some transport may be shared, but flights, meals, insurance and admissions generally grow with each traveler.

How long will you stay? Short trips carry fixed costs over fewer days; longer trips require a lower daily spend.

What is your travel style? Budget, mid-range, all-inclusive and luxury plans use the same total very differently.

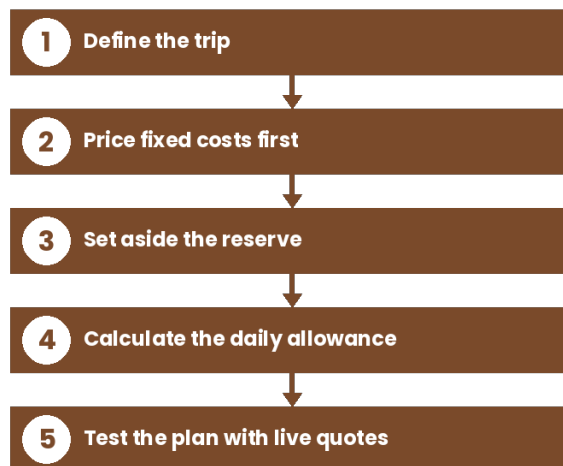
HOW A \$5,000 TRAVEL BUDGET WORKS

The value of your trip depends on **four key factors** working together.



PLANNING DIAGRAM Four factors work together to determine how far a \$5,000 travel budget goes.

Build a realistic budget in five steps



1 Define the trip

Write down the destination, departure city, travel dates, trip length and number of travelers. Mark whether the dates fall in peak season or around a major event.

2 Price fixed costs first

Collect live estimates for round-trip transport, deposits, visas or entry requirements, insurance and major transfers. If flights are already paid, record them separately so you do not compare unlike budgets.

3 Set aside the reserve

Protect roughly 10% to 15% of the total when feasible. Treat this amount as unavailable for activities and daily spending.

4 Calculate the daily allowance

Use: $(\$5,000 - \text{fixed costs} - \text{contingency reserve}) \div \text{trip days}$. The result must cover lodging, food, local transportation, activities, tips, connectivity and exchange fees.

5 Test the plan with live quotes

Replace planning assumptions with current airline, accommodation and activity prices for your exact dates. If the daily allowance is too tight, shorten the trip, change the destination or reduce the travel style.

Before you book, check every cost

☐ Round-trip flights or other long-distance transport

Include baggage and applicable fees.

☐ Accommodation

Check the full total, taxes, deposits and room capacity.

☐ Food

Allow for the eating pattern that matches your chosen travel style.

☐ Local transportation

Include airport transfers, trains, buses, taxis, car rental or fuel where relevant.

☐ Activities and attraction tickets

List must-do experiences before adding optional extras.

☐ Travel insurance and connectivity

Account for insurance, mobile data and related fees.

☐ Taxes, tips and exchange costs

Do not leave small recurring charges out of the total.

☐ Contingency reserve

Keep the protected portion separate from spending money.

What \$5,000 may support, depending on the plan

Travel setup	Likely budget implication
Solo traveler	Often the most flexible option because one room, one airfare and one set of meals can be adjusted independently.
Couple	Room or rental-car costs may be shared, while flights, meals, insurance and attraction tickets remain largely per person.
Family	The budget can be reduced quickly by multiple airfares, larger rooms, child fares, school-holiday pricing and age-specific activities.
Budget style	Prioritizes lower-cost lodging, transport and activities to extend the trip.
Mid-range style	Can suit a shorter comfortable trip or a carefully chosen destination, depending on airfare and season.

Travel setup	Likely budget implication
Luxury or high-cost destination	Usually requires fewer days, fewer travelers or a narrower set of paid experiences.

✓ **The easiest ways to create room**

Compare shoulder-season dates, fewer internal flights and alternate departure airports before cutting every daily expense. A destination that is inexpensive after arrival can still exceed the budget when airfare is high.

Final decision rule

Your trip is within reach when the live total for transport, lodging, food, local travel, activities, insurance, connectivity, fees and the protected reserve stays within \$5,000. If it does not, change one major variable first—destination, dates, length, traveler count or travel style—rather than relying on small daily savings alone.

Planning scenarios are not current price promises. Check live quotes for your departure city, destination and travel dates before booking.