

# Save Money on Gas When You Travel

Although rising gas prices may have put your summer road trip on hold, there are ways to save money at the pump while you're traveling.

- **Look for deals.** Many hotels offer gas cards or rebates to entice guests, as do the tourism boards of many travel destinations. Check the website of your hotel or destination to explore the discounts available.
- **Find cheap gas before you go!** Go to [www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/gasprices/](http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/gasprices/), [www.gasbuddy.com](http://www.gasbuddy.com) or [www.gaspricewatch.com](http://www.gaspricewatch.com) for the latest gas prices in your neighborhood and around the country. If you have a membership with Costco or Sam's Club, plan to purchase gas at these warehouse shopping clubs along your route.

Both **GasBuddy** and **GasBag** offer smart phone apps to search for the cheapest gas along your trip route.

- **Know where you're going.** The advent of online trip planners and GPS allow you to plan every mile of your trip. As a result, the chances of getting lost are diminished, saving time, money and fuel.
- **Fuel up at rest areas where there are clusters of gas stations.** Competition works in your favor as the gas stations try to lure customers with lower prices.

Fill your tank when the gas gauge drops to a quarter tank; that way, you'll have time to find the best price.

- **Conserve fuel.** The easiest way to save a few pennies is to improve your car's fuel efficiency. Keep a constant speed, avoid sudden stops and ensure that your vehicle is in tip-top condition before you embark on your journey.

**Don't believe the hype!** Studies show that additives and other devices that tout increased fuel efficiency don't work.

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