HOW I AFFORD BIG FAMILY VACATIONS

Even on a Tight Budget

REAL PLANS
REAL FAMILIES
AMAZING TRIPS

1 START WITH THE REAL COST

Price out flights, hotel, food, activities and extras. Then divide your goal by the months you have to save.



2 USE YOUR POINTS

Check your travel points before paying cash and always pay your cards off monthly.



Costa Rica flights:
~$1,500 → ~$200 after points

3 BE FLEXIBLE

Compare nearby airports and look at different travel dates.



4 PAY FOR IT PIECE BY PIECE

Book your hotel, flights, tours or activities ahead of time and spread the costs over several months.



5 MAKE FOOD FIT THE BUDGET

Compare meal plans or all-inclusive options with what your family would actually spend eating out each day.



6 BUILD THE VACATION FUND

Keep your travel savings separate, automate transfers, and add portions of bonuses, refunds, cash back or any extra money.



7 DON'T FORGET THE EXTRAS



The little costs add up! Plan for pet sitter, airport parking, checked bags, tips, transportation, resort fees, passports, insurance and souvenirs.

8 BE REALISTIC

You do not have to give up everything you enjoy. Make small changes you can actually stick to.



A budget that fits your real life is more likely to work!

STOP WAITING FOR SOMEDAY

Make the plan. Save a little at a time. Take it and go.



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