

It sounds a bit crazy to encourage seniors to travel this spring, because the economy may sink to its worse shape since the Great Depression of 1929 to 1939. But our theory is based on what an old general once said: "The enemy is at my rear, pressing my right flank and closing in on my left. The situation is desperate, so I shall attack immediately!"

The situation is similar today, and the tendency is for us to fearfully hunker down and cut back on all kinds of spending. We don't realize that all that inaction will do is make the situation worse. We, especially seniors who were poor kids during the Great Depression, and have seen many ups and downs in the economy ever since, should be the first to break away from the pack.



We'll pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and get out on the travel roads again. Besides helping the hurting economy, especially the travel industry, you'll find tremendous bargains waiting for you. For instance, upscale resort hotels that charged \$400 a night for rooms last year, now offer them at \$200, with free daily breakfast and the third or fourth night free.

Cruise ships are posting fantastic bargains. Two adults can sail for seven days and nights in a balcony cabin for \$600. That's less than \$50 each a day for an all-inclusive sea and port visit voyage, complete with meals, snacks, Broadway-quality entertainment, recreation facilities and a host of other goodies, all at that one low price. Cruise ships leave on schedule, and hate to go with empty cabins.

Airline prices have also come down, partly because they no longer have to pay the robbery fuel prices charged by the oil cartels in recent years. Flights must go on schedule, whether there are empty seats or not, and airlines also lose money on empty spaces.

So, if you're ready to pack your bags, call your local travel agency or go online to surf for those great travel bargains. If you're free to leave at any time, look for last-minute air, cruise, tour and other travel deals. You're sure to be happily surprised at the bargains out there waiting for you.

Don't let the fear of another Great Depression get you depressed. Like the old general, when things look bad, get up and get out there and chase those blues away!