



We're thankful for the new freedom, but our pension income is very limited. We want to see the world, so how do we pay for it wisely? *Mrs. LVL, Dallas TX*

A: Your search for bargain travel deals won't be difficult in this era of instant info. First, decide on general plans, including destinations and events that interest you. Then, work with a trusted travel agent and/or scan the internet daily for best packages.

Time of year and day of the week are important, because prices vary greatly. For example, a flight during busy Labor Day weekend could cost \$400 round trip, but two weeks later only \$100. A weekend visit to a Florida beach city hotel during Spring Break could cost \$1,500 for flight, hotel and meals. The same package to the much quieter, less crowded destination may be as low as \$500. Lower if you fly midweek.