

STRETCHING YOUR VACATION DOLLAR

AMERICANS SPEND NEARLY THREE BILLION DOLLARS A DAY ON TRAVEL. YOU CAN HELP YOUR VACATION DOLLARS GO FARTHER IF YOU HEED THESE HINTS: FIRST, LOOK FOR FREE THINGS TO DO AT YOUR DESTINATION. NATIONAL PARKS, MANY MUSEUMS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS HAVE FREE DAYS. NEXT, LOOK TO LOYALTY PROGRAMS. MOST CREDIT CARDS HAVE A POINTS SYSTEM THAT HELP MEMBERS SAVE ON AIRLINES AND RENTAL CARS. WYNDHAM REWARDS MEMBERS EARN POINTS WITH EVERY WYNDHAM HOTEL STAY AND REDEEM A FREE NIGHT FOR EVERY FIFTEEN THOUSAND ACCUMULATED. THE PROGRAM RECENTLY ADDED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND VACATION HOMES TO THE THOUSANDS OF HOTELS AVAILABLE. CREATE A BUDGET FOR SMALL PURCHASES THAT ADD UP AND STICK TO IT. LIMIT THE NUMBER OF SOUVENIRS YOU BUY—TAKE PICTURES TO REMEMBER THE TRIP INSTEAD. LOOK FOR AN ACCOMMODATION WITH A KITCHEN. EVEN IF YOU COOK ONLY A FEW MEALS IN YOU CAN SAVE A BUNDLE. COUPONS ARE ANOTHER WAY TO SAVE. WEBSITES SUCH AS GROUPON AND LIVING SOCIAL OFFER ACTIVITIES MANY TRAVELERS NORMALLY DON'T CONSIDER. FOR MORE SAVINGS ADVICE, VISIT VACATION-DIFFERENTLY--DOT--COM.