



HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM A ROUND-THE-WORLD AIRFARE

ROUND-THE-WORLD airfares are a great option if you're planning on taking off for a global adventure.

But finding the best deal to suit your needs is not necessary easily, as there is literally a world of options when it comes to round-the-worlds.

Flight Centre Limited's airfare experts have compiled some hints to help you if you're thinking of taking off from Australia to Zambia and everywhere in between.

1) Ask an expert to build an itinerary

You probably won't find the best round-the-world itinerary to suit your needs and budget on-the-shelf or neatly packaged online.

Experts can build a tailored itinerary to suit your individual needs, using a combination of traditional airlines, new age and low cost carriers (LCCs).

2) Student fares

If you are aged under 26 or a full-time student, you may be able to save money by including some exclusive one-way fares in your itinerary.

As these fares are not available to everyone, they are unlikely to be included typical itineraries.

3) Overland journeys

Many travellers like to include overland legs in their round-the-world itineraries.

This may include car, coach or rail travel within a particular country or region.

Rather than waste time and money by backtracking to your original destination to catch the next flight in your round-the-world journey, ask your agent to tailor an itinerary that allows you to fly in to one city and out of another.

4) Side trips

If you plan to travel extensively within a particular region, Europe for example, use Low Cost Carriers (LCCs) for side trips.

This option is ideal if you are backpacking or have a base to park your luggage prior to taking side trips, as you can avoid LCCs' hefty checked luggage fees.

5) Think flexibility

The cheapest round-the-world option is not necessarily the best – if you're on a round-the-world adventure, chances are you're going to want to stay longer in some cities and include other destinations in your trip.

If you're looking for flexibility and added freedom, particularly the ability to change dates and destinations, ensure you buy a fare that allows you to make the necessary changes at a small cost.

Some airlines also offer the option of upgrading to a higher cabin class.

Since this is by travel sectors, you may be able to upgrade a particular long haul flight, rather than the entire round-the-world fare.

Speak to a travel consultant at Flight Centre about getting the right round-the-world airfare to suit your travel plans.

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