

FLIGHTS 101

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GENERAL STRATEGY

- 1. Check several sites for ticket prices twice a day for 5 days. (morning and evening)
- 2. Get a feel for how much prices to your location are.
- 3. Keep monitoring the price and check at least once a day.

- Protip: Never book the first flight unless you're absolutely sure and the price is super cheap.



SEARCH SITES



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MASS SEARCHES

DEN ↔ NBO | May 23 depart → Aug 2 return | Economy cabin | 1 traveler

KAYAK

Expedia

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Spanish 简体中文

DEN - NI
May 23 - Au

Select your departure

Prices are roundtrip per person, include all taxes and fees, but do not include baggage fees.

Watch Airline Fares

Filter Price (Lowest)

5:00a - 9:00p +1
British Airways
31h 0m DEN - NBO
2 stops DFW, LHR

3 left at \$1,240.68

Select

Priceline

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DEN ↔ NBO

Filter Steps Time Airlines Airports

EXPRESS DEAL

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Multiple Airlines \$1,193

5:00a DEN 9:00p NBO 2 stops
11:15p NBO 1:38p DEN 2 stops

Flight 5419 Operated by American Airlines
Flight 1505 Operated by American Airlines
Flight 1525 Operated by American Airlines

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REAL DEALS QUICK AND EASY

Denver
May 23

Get Denver

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JustAirTicket

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travel more, save more

Super Saver

TOTAL DEAL

\$1,207.84 Final

Per passenger

Denver (DEN) Nair
08:55 AM, 23 May, Tue 09:00

BA 1505 operated by American Airlines (A

Nairobi (NBO) Den
11:15 PM, 02 Aug, Wed 05:30

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Denver May 23 Nairobi Aug 02

Act fast: Only 2 tickets left at this price!

\$1,180.03

SELECT

Super Saver Fare

Departs between 4am - 6am May 23
Total Trip: Approx 32h

Select this

Super Saver Fare

Departs between 10pm - 12am Aug 02
Total Trip: Approx 28h

Select

Book with Confidence: If you're not sa



FLEXIBLE SEARCHES

Ticket Types

Student \$1,275	Youth \$1,275
Faculty \$1,348	Adult \$1,348

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		Return						
		Sun, Jul 30	Mon, Jul 31	Tue, Aug 1	Wed, Aug 2	Thu, Aug 3	Fri, Aug 4	Sat, Aug 5
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	Sun, May 21	\$1,556	\$1,499	\$1,499	\$1,499	\$1,556	\$1,648	\$1,661
	Mon, May 22	\$1,499	\$1,464	\$1,464	\$1,464	\$1,499	\$1,624	\$1,624
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	Wed, May 24	\$1,477	\$1,399	\$1,399	\$1,399	\$1,464	\$1,579	\$1,558
	Thu, May 25	\$1,547	\$1,497	\$1,497	\$1,497	\$1,497	\$1,695	\$1,685
	Fri, May 26	\$1,596	\$1,490	\$1,490	\$1,579	\$1,596	\$1,740	\$1,563



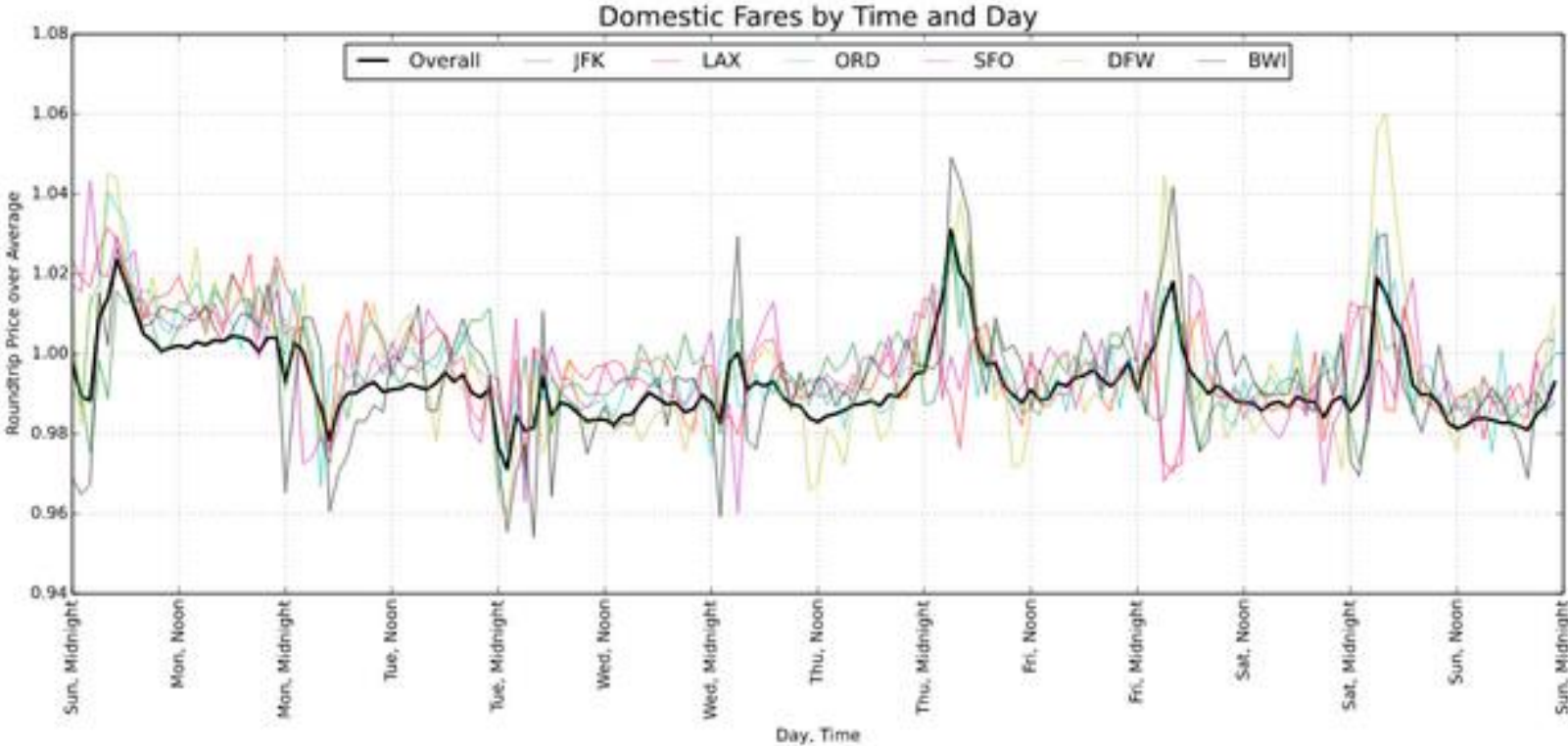
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- 2 months+: Don't buy yet unless good fare available
- 2 months-45 days: Good fares available
- 45 days- 2 weeks: Best fares on average
- 2 weeks-day of flight: May God help you

- April 15th, prices go up on average:
 - Tax returns
 - Demand spikes since people finalize plans



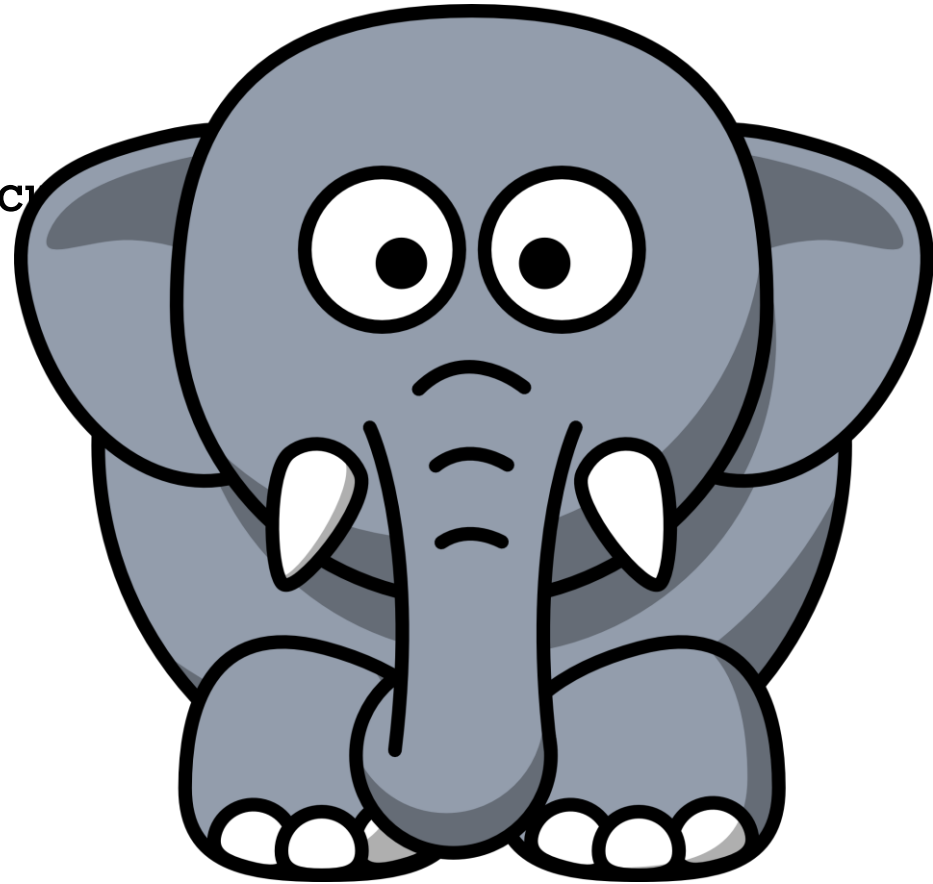
BUDGET AIRLINES

- Budget airlines generally don't want to pay search engines
- Generally fly to remote airports
- One-way tickets may be cheaper
- Pay per service
- Always get paper boarding pass



BUYING 2 SEPARATE TICKETS

- You are liable for delays!
- You have to re-check through security



ERROR FARES

- Prices are calculated according to algorithms
- ...algorithms mess up.



SAFETY

- Don't book more than 3 layovers.
- Check for airports that track luggage



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FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAMS



- No matter what airline you fly with, look up their frequent flyer program
- It's free miles stored on your account. Make one!



STAR ALLIANCE



ADDITIONAL TIP FROM MATT BENTLEY

- Check ITA matrix site – it's the software behind the search engines!
 - <https://matrix.itasoftware.com/>

