



SAVING HACKS FOR SPRING BREAK VACATION

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ANCHOR JOHN KOSICH: This morning's weather making a lot of us wish we were in a warmer climate.

ANCHOR DANITA HARRIS: Oh definitely, and that is the plan for many across the nation and here in Northeast Ohio as spring break season ramps up. So if you're looking to book that great getaway, our Mike Holden shows us the best ways to save and also the best times to hit the road.

MORGAN WILLIAMS: I am really happy and excited just to get away from the cold.

REPORTER MIKE HOLDEN: Morgan Williams is admittedly looking ahead and thinking to spring break naturally. After putting countless hours towards her nursing degree at CSU and spending weeks bundled up and walking around campus, she booked an eleven day trip to Miami, Florida, but found herself paying

more for her flight.

WILLIAMS: I want to go on the beach and hit the restaurants, that's what I really want to do.

REPORTER HOLDEN: You need to get away from Cleveland?

WILLIAMS: Yeah.

REPORTER HOLDEN: She's not alone. Trade group Airlines for America forecasts spring break travel to surge. An estimated 2.6 million people per day will fly on average during the months of March and April. AAA reports international travel is up by 30% from 2022. Prices across the board from flights to hotels...especially from tropical destinations are roughly 25% higher.

ANCHOR KOSICH: Well, experts also recommend booking your flight as early as possible. And for the worst time to fly back, Saturdays and Sundays are always more expensive and busier, so try booking a Tuesday

flight. Less people are trying to leave so early in the week.

ANCHOR DANITA HARRIS: Well John, those are some ways to save cash before you travel but what about when you're already on the trip? We spoke with a financial expert who suggests setting an amount you want to spend, carrying cash to help stick to that budget, and only using a credit card for emergencies. Another way to save money on your trip is fight the urge to always eat out.

JOHN GRAVES OF G&H FINANCIAL GROUP: Go to a grocery store right when you arrive. Often times food is one of the most expensive things for us and if we bring some snacks or take some stacks...if we really want to get creative, go shopping at your local store before you leave if you're going by car, and bring them with you. Little chips and little things like this are going to help you maintain your budget so you can spend more money on the things you enjoy.

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