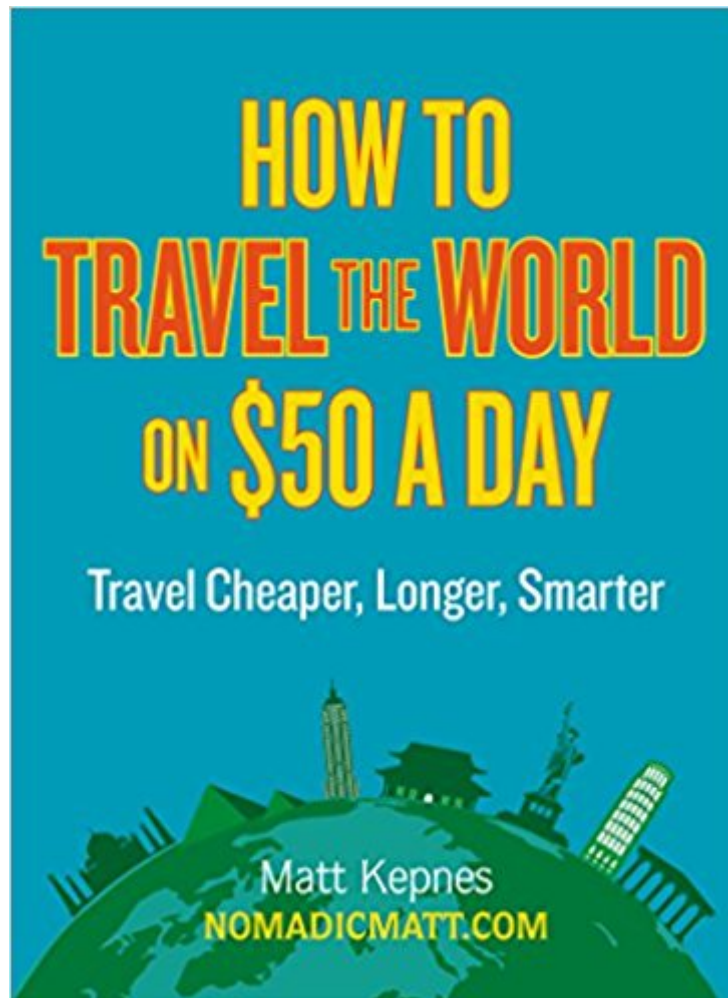




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# How To Travel The World On \$50 A Day: Travel Cheaper, Longer, Smarter



## Synopsis

For over half a decade, Matt Kepnes (aka Nomadic Matt) has used his massively popular travel blog to teach readers how to travel the world on the cheap. Arguing that traditional travel media lies, Matt cuts through the myth that travel is expensive. How to Travel the World on \$50 a Day reveals Matt's tips, tricks, and secrets to comfortable budget travel that you won't find anywhere else. Traditional media shows you expensive hotels, resorts, cruises, and packages because that's what makes them money. They make you believe you have to spend money on travel. This book will show you why that is a lie and how to use the system against itself to gain free flights, hotel rooms, find alternative accommodation, get into attractions for free, websites to find the best deals, and as well as detailed costs and saving tips for destinations around the world. Whether it's a two-week, two-month, or two-year trip, Nomadic Matt shows you how to stretch your money further so you can travel cheaper, smarter, and longer. If you want to stop dreaming of travel and start doing it, this book is for you.

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Praise for How to Travel the World on \$50 a Day "A bible for budget travellers." •BBC Travel "Whether you're a savvy backpacker or just dreaming of getting a passport and going overseas, Matt's collection of easy-to-employ money-saving strategies will open your eyes to the near-infinite ways of seeing the world without busting your budget." •Matt Gross, former New York Times Frugal Traveler "If you've longed to travel the world but figured it was just an unattainable pipe-dream, take that pipe out of your mouth and read this book. Matt Kepnes does the math and shows you how to make this dream a reality,

from how to save for an extended trip, which credit card to get, how to handle banking on the road, to a breakdown of how to save on accommodations, transportation, food, and activities. Matt proves that for most Americans, traveling is cheaper than staying home. •Marilyn Terrell, National Geographic Traveler “A celeb in the travel blogging world, Matt is your go-to guy for all things budget backpacker. This book is an awesome resource for any traveler looking to maximize their adventures without maxing out their credit cards. •Julia Dimon, Travel Writer, Outside TV “There are very few people in the world who have gathered as much first-hand knowledge about long-term world travel as Nomadic Matt. This book will guide you from the first exclamation of ‘I’m going traveling!’ through the planning, take-off, and navigation. Filled with insider strategies and resources, it’s a valuable primer for your upcoming adventures. •Tim Leffel, author of The World’s Cheapest Destinations

Matthew Kepnes runs the award winning budget travel site, Nomadic Matt. After a trip to Thailand in 2005, Matt decided to quit his job, finish his MBA and head off into the world. His original trip was supposed to last a year. His writings and advice have been featured in The New York Times, CNN, The Guardian UK, Lifehacker, Budget Travel, BBC, Time, Yahoo! Finance and countless other publications. He is also a regular speaker at travel trade and consumer shows.

I was all set to go on a 32-day trip to Iceland, Greece and Rome next month and was about to book my flights through Google Travel. I got a great price from Manila to Reykjavik but was puzzled about how to get the best (read cheapest) flights within Europe. Then I encountered this book. I was skeptical about buying this book because I’m a well, "veteran" cheapo traveller. But I saved several hundred dollars instantly when I read about the various websites that Mr. Kepnes talked about in his book (specifically the ones that consolidate the low-cost airlines - not found in google travel). And over the next few days of booking accommodations, I continued saving. Well to be fair, the several hundred dollars savings was for me and four other friends - but still! What a great book - excellent tips, well written and easily digested. I wish I had written such a useful book. The cost of the book is insignificant compared to what you would save even if you are a solo traveller so don’t hesitate to get this book. Full disclosure: I’m not related to Mr. Kepnes and paid full price for the kindle edition of the book.

My wife and I read this book in preparation for a year long backpacking trip and it helped us plan and

save and accumulate travel points so that we are able to complete a life long dream to travel the world. We have been on the road 5 months and have been averaged \$95 per day. We eat well and mostly stay in private hostels for our comfort. We are having an amazing time and we owe it to the advice in this book. We have felt like experienced travelers from day one despite having very little experience. I am very grateful for this book. You can apply this knowledge to short and long term travel. It will help you rethink what travel has to be like as we tend to be sold (as Americans) that travel is only for the wealthy. I assure you using this knowledge travel is accessible for nearly everyone as long as you make the sacrifices or make it a priority. Good reading!

I would rather have chosen 2.5 stars, but it is not an option. Most of this stuff is common knowledge for travel on the cheap. One thing that the author didn't seem to take into consideration is that a lot of people who are looking to travel inexpensively don't have perfect credit scores, so tips like opening a high yield checking account with Charles Schwab or getting a great airline rewards credit card to earn free flights aren't an option. I also found the writing to be at about a 6th grade level. For a published reference book, this isn't acceptable. The material, while it still may be valid, loses some of its credibility because of this. I didn't hate it, but I didn't like it, either.

I'm not a book lover but the way this book is written I was absorbed by it. Good tips that are simple and efficient. I just arrive from a 4 months trip in california and I discovered that I could have save a lot of money and time. Really useful book for traveler. A most if you are planning a short or long term trip. Easy to read even if my first language is french...everyone should read it.

Matt did a really good job with this book. He explains with a lo of details how to cut out your expenses while on the road. He is very honest by explaining that he and many other people can travel with budget but it will always depend if we are a ninja travel and not being lazy by researching a little bit more about good deals. He provides a lot of website with information about booking trips and things to do depending of the country and also a lot websites from other blogger and travelers with a lot of good articles. I just wish you would have included more tips on how to make money on the road other than just teaching english in order to take a year off and travel the world. Thanks for this book Matt. Very good job.

I borrowed the book through the library first before I bought it. I can only recommend the book. It is well written and has well organized chapters where I could find the needed information easily. It

wetted my appetite for future travel and gave me ideas what country to explore next.

I hadn't traveled before college so I was scared for my safety and for my bank account. I bought a copy of How to Travel the World on \$50 a Day in college and would read a few pages every night. And every night Matt removed some fear I had and gave me advice on saving money while I was a student and for when I started traveling. Two years after being introduced to Matt's book, I spent 5 months traveling the world on a college student's budget. The experiences I had, the friendships I made, and the self-discoveries I made forever changed my life. Having Matt as a resource made this possible. If you are willing to do the work, Matt will tell you what you need to do. The book is a general overview for traveling cheap so I recommend complementing this book with a specific guide to where you want to do (I paired this with Rough Guide's Southeast Asia on a Budget).

Matt's book is ideal for someone ready to embark on a journey traveling. I bought the E-version before I traveled for three months last summer. I read it in a day; it's an easy read. I found the content very interesting, given that it was my first huge travel and I had no idea what to expect. He gives any novice the perspective that one should have before beginning travel - and even before planning the travel. I wish it was the first travel book I read, but I had already read Rick Stevens and Lonely Planet books, filling my head with what's "possible" rather than what's likely, given my conservative budget. For example, Matt will tell you about hostels and enjoying yourself, while the other books I read were more catered towards a crowd with money to blow and touristy sites on their minds. After a few weeks of traveling, I found myself referring back to this book for pointers (I had downloaded it on my iPad). He's helpful too. I had emailed him a travel question and he promptly and personally wrote me back. I'll be buying the paperback simply to have it in my hands, so I can be old-school like that. Lol.

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