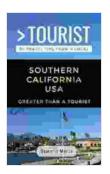
# 50 Travel Tips from Local Greater Than Tourist United States

The United States is a vast and diverse country, with something to offer everyone. But if you want to experience the best of what the US has to offer, it's important to get off the beaten path and explore like a local. Here are 50 travel tips from locals that will help you save money, avoid crowds, and experience the real America.

#### 1. Get a local's perspective

One of the best ways to learn about a new place is to talk to the people who live there. Ask your hotel concierge, tour guide, or even the person next to you on the bus for their recommendations on where to eat, shop, and explore. You'll be surprised at how much you can learn from a local's perspective.



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#### 2. Visit during the off-season

If you want to avoid the crowds, try visiting the United States during the offseason. This is typically from September to May, when the weather is still mild in most parts of the country. You'll be able to enjoy popular tourist destinations without the long lines and high prices.

#### 3. Take advantage of free activities

There are plenty of free things to do in the United States. Visit national parks, hike in the mountains, or explore a local museum. You can also find free concerts, festivals, and events in most cities.

#### 4. Eat where the locals eat

One of the best ways to experience a new culture is through its food. Skip the tourist traps and head to the local restaurants where the locals eat. You'll get a more authentic experience and save money at the same time.

#### 5. Be prepared for the weather

The United States is a large country with a variety of climates. Be sure to pack for the weather conditions you'll be experiencing. If you're visiting during the summer, bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat. If you're visiting during the winter, bring a warm coat, hat, and gloves.

#### 6. Learn a few basic phrases in the local language

Learning a few basic phrases in the local language will help you get around and communicate with locals. Even if you don't speak the language fluently, locals will appreciate your effort to learn their language.

#### 7. Be respectful of local customs

When you're traveling in a new country, it's important to be respectful of local customs. This includes respecting the local dress code, customs, and traditions. For example, in some cultures it's considered rude to speak loudly in public.

#### 8. Stay safe

The United States is a safe country to travel in, but it's always important to be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to protect yourself from crime. Be sure to lock your doors and windows, and avoid walking alone at night. If you're feeling unsafe, don't hesitate to call the police.

#### 9. Have fun!

Most importantly, don't forget to have fun! The United States is a beautiful and diverse country with something to offer everyone. So relax, enjoy your travels, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

### Here are some specific travel tips for some of the most popular tourist destinations in the United States:

#### **New York City**

- Take advantage of the free Staten Island Ferry for stunning views of the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline.
- Visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a pay-what-you-wish basis.
- Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge for free.
- Visit Central Park for free concerts, events, and activities.
- Take a free walking tour of Greenwich Village.

#### Washington, D.C.

- Visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History for free.
- See the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument for free.
- Take a free tour of the U.S. Capitol.
- Visit the National Zoo for free.
- Attend a free concert at the National Mall.

#### **Los Angeles**

- Visit the Griffith Observatory for free.
- Hike to the Hollywood Sign for free.
- Take a free walking tour of Hollywood Boulevard.
- Visit the Santa Monica Pier for free.
- Attend a free concert at the Hollywood Bowl.

#### San Francisco

- Take a free ferry to Alcatraz Island.
- Walk across the Golden Gate Bridge for free.
- Visit Fisherman's Wharf for free.
- Take a free cable car ride.
- Attend a free concert at the Stern Grove Festival.

#### **Orlando**

- Visit the Kennedy Space Center for a discount if you book online.
- Take advantage of the free shuttle buses to get around the Walt Disney World Resort.

- Bring your own food and drinks into the theme parks to save money.
- Use the FastPass+ system to avoid long lines.
- Attend a free fireworks show at the Magic Kingdom.

#### Las Vegas

- Take advantage of the free casino buffets.
- Walk along the Las Vegas Strip for free.
- Visit the Bellagio Conservatory & Botanical Garden for free.
- Attend a free concert at the Fremont Street Experience.
- Take a free shuttle bus to the Grand Canyon.

#### Hawaii

- Visit the Pearl Harbor National Memorial for free.
- Hike to the top of Diamond Head for free.
- Take a free surfing lesson.
- Attend a free luau.
- Visit the Mauna Kea Observatories for free.

#### Alaska

- Visit Denali National Park for free.
- Take a free ferry to Mendenhall Glacier.
- Hike to the base of Exit Glacier for free.
- Attend a free whale watching tour in Seward.
- Visit the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Museum for free.

#### **National Parks**

- Visit national parks for free on certain days of the year.
- Hike to remote areas of national parks to avoid the crowds.
- Take advantage of free ranger-led programs.
- Bring your own food and water to save money.
- Be prepared for the weather and wildlife.

These are just a few of the many travel tips that can help you save money, avoid crowds, and experience the real United States. So get out there and explore!



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