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5 steps

budget a summer vacation

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Step 1

Choose a template

- Templates are easy to find online, and using a budget template can help you assess your current financial situation
- Identify total allotment, budget categories, itemized limits, and brainstorm for unexpected expenses

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Step 2

Plan ahead

- Planning ahead can help reduce costs
- Take time to find better pricing and options
- Ensure your budget is realistic and can withstand unexpected overages

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Step 3

Seek out savings

- Consider lower-cost travel options, airfare with multiple stops, ride shares, off-season travel, lodging within walking-distance, staying with family or friends, etc.
- Maintain your budget throughout the trip to remain aware of your status

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Step 4

Be flexible

- Flexibility can help you find better deals and also adjust for unexpected expenses
- Adjusting your plans before and during your travel can lead to overall cost reduction

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Step 5

Stay within your means

- Focus on what fits in your budget
- A vacation should not create financial stress during travel or after your return home

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