



SENIOR NUGGET - SEPTEMBER 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - ATHOLTON SENIOR DAY - OCTOBER 25th

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS FOR OLDER TRAVELERS

There are a wide variety of travel discounts available to older travelers – usually starting at age 50. Be aware, some advertised “senior travel discounts” may not always be the best deal. For example, hotels, airlines, and cruise lines offer advanced bookings deals along with special fees and promotions from time to time and may be lower priced than a senior discount. Always ask about the lowest possible rate and best deal available.

CLUB MEMBERSHIPS: **AARP** has dozens of travel discounts. Annual membership is \$16 or less if you join for multiple years. For information: aarp.org/travel or 1-800-675-4318. Alternatives to AARP that offer discounts on hotels and rental cars are Senior Coalition and American Seniors Association.

AIRLINES: Southwest Airlines has best senior fare program in the U.S. Delta and United offer senior fares too, but they are very limited.

TRAINS: Amtrak provides 15% discount to travelers 62 years and older.

BUS TRAVEL: Greyhound offers 5% discount on unrestricted fares to seniors over 62.

CAR RENTALS: Most car rental companies offer 5 to 25% percent discount to customers who belong to AAA or AARP. Shop around for best deals by going on sites: orbitz.com or kayak.com.

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HOTELS: Most hotels in the U.S. offer senior discounts between 10 and 30% off.

CRUISES: Most cruise lines offer special deals to AARP and AAA members. A travel agent is the best source for checking out what discounts are available by cruise lines.

RESTAURANTS: Senior discounts are very common at mom-and-pop and family-style restaurants. Chains known for special senior discounts or specials include: Burger King, Chick-fil-A, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, IHOP, Subway, and Wendy's. Many restaurants include special senior menus. Always check the menu for Senior Specials.

ENTERTAINMENT: Most venues for museums, zoos, aquariums, golf courses, concert halls, and even sky resorts provide reduced admission to seniors over 60 or 65.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL SENIOR PASS: Provides a lifetime entry to 2,000 national parks and recreation sites. You may obtain a pass in person at one of the federal sites for \$10, or through the mail (see store.lusgs.gov/pass/.senior.html) for \$20.

OTHER SENIOR DISCOUNT SITES: Senior discounts.com ... you can search by location and category for free.

RETAIL STORES: Check with retailers to obtain the store's senior discount policy.

Examples:

- Walgreen provides 30% regular purchases the first Tuesday of each new month
- Ross's gives seniors a 10% discount every Tuesday
- Kohl's provides senior discounts on specific days

Happy Birthday to all having a September birthday

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