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## Strategies to Save Big on Travel Accommodations

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Hotel costs have long deterred travelers from taking long vacations. At hundreds per night in some locations just to sleep and store your suitcase, a big hotel bill might mean you can't afford as many nice meals out or souvenirs.

If you're loyal to one hotel brand and get perks like early check-in, that's great. But in general, there's no need to stick with one type of hotel anymore.

Consider these options to have a great vacation away, whether you're open to avoiding a regular hotel or prefer to just save some cash while keeping your hotel comfort.

Avoid a Regular Hotel

### ***Look Beyond the Famous Brands***

Do you love the comfort of a hotel, but the prices make you think twice before booking? It's worth looking into the many new hotel brands popping up that focus on a trendy experience but at a lower price point than some of the bigger names.

Some new brands are connected to globally respected hotel empires. That provides some assurance of a base level of quality. It also means you can earn points and receive rewards you're a member of the loyalty programs for the bigger chains, and score additional program points and perks if you use a credit card that's branded to the chain.

Some of the most buzzed-about mid-level hotels that are under well-known umbrellas:

- **Tru by Hilton**, opening its first location in Oklahoma City this month, with more coming in 2017 to Tennessee, Georgia and Pennsylvania
- Moxy by Marriott, with 10 locations from New Orleans to Milan, and dozens more in the works
- Park Inn by Radisson, with locations worldwide
- Aloft Hotels, a Starwood brand with 250 locations worldwide and fun innovations like emoji room service