



Atlantis Flight Tips

Finding great international flights doesn't have to be tough. We've compiled some tips that previous students have found helpful.

Flights can cost less than you might expect. In fact, Atlantis students who search smartly can usually find flights for under \$800 total. That might not be the first price you see on the first search you do, and it depends on where you're flying to and from, but our following tips should be helpful.

1. Search creatively for flights

- We recommend starting your search on Google.com/Flights, StudentUniverse.com, SkyScanner.com, Momondo.com, or Kayak.com, to see comparative pricing, instead of searching with specific airlines directly.
- Use an “incognito” window in your search engine to prevent your cookies from being tracked (and potentially leading you to higher). You can go “incognito” by pressing CTRL (or Command) + Shift + N in Google Chrome and many other browsers.

2. Plan to arrive on your program start date between noon & 5pm

- You are responsible for coordinating all your travel - both flights and ground transportation - so that you arrive at your host city ON your program start date.
- Arrive at your host city by 5pm local time on the day your program starts, and allot at least an hour to retrieve your luggage and clear customs. If you arrive after 5pm you might miss the housing orientation, any group meetings/events, local staff assistance at the airport, and public transit availability.
- Because most flights to Europe from the United States are overnight, you should be looking for flights that depart from the US the day BEFORE your program starts.

3. Plan to depart on your program end date

- You can depart on the final day of your program at any time that’s convenient for you. We keep the last day of your program reserved for travel.
- You might have to check out of your housing in the morning (generally by 10am) If you plan to extend your travels, please inform your Site Manager on your group calls so they can help make sure you have everything you need.
- Atlantis cannot provide housing for additional nights, and your travel health insurance through iNext only covers your program dates.

4. Purchase your flight in advance (90+ days)

- The exact deadline by which you must submit your flight details will be provided to you. We recommend starting your flight search early as it takes time to research all the travel options. Statistically, flights to Europe are generally cheapest around 90 days before your flight’s departure date.
- Consider using the apps Hopper or Google Flight Tracker to help you determine the best time to buy your flights, or consider booking your flight through a travel agent.



5. Search for various departure cities

- Some of the cheaper USA airports to depart from are JFK in New York, DCA or IAD in Washington, D.C., ORD in Orlando, and MIA in Miami. Consider booking a flight that connects through one of these major international airports.
- Be sure that your arrival airport is the same as your suggested arrival airport provided in your pre-departure materials.

6. Remember to coordinate your ground transportation in advance

- In the weeks leading up to your program, you’ll have group calls with your local Site manager. They will be able to give you additional tips on using local ground transportation. Your housing should be relatively near the city center and generally accessible by public transit.
- Some helpful sites for finding reputable ground transportation are GetTransfer.com, Rome2rio.com, FlixBus.com, and Trenitalia.com.
- Please remember that you might not have cell or data coverage when you arrive in your program’s host country. You should download an offline map in Google Maps in advance and save transportation details + key contact information to your phone before departing.

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