

FINANCIAL FITNESS: **LEVEL UP**

LAND THE BEST HOLIDAY DEAL



Holidays are fun, unforgettable, but also expensive...

By comparing holiday packages you could bag yourself a great deal. But when using comparison websites, make sure it isn't too good to be true by following these steps...

STEP 1

GO INCOGNITO

Use a private browser or delete your cookies - websites may up their prices when they can see you keep looking at the same holiday package or flights.

STEP 2

IT'S ALL IN THE DETAIL

Double check all your search details are correct - sometimes comparison sites assume you're flying from the airport closest to you or they offer different airports for your outbound and inbound flights.

STEP 3

IT'S A DATE!

Try different departure and return dates and check all the flight times available - these can make a big difference to the cost of your holiday, especially if you're willing to travel early or late in the day.

STEP 4

IT'S GOT TO ADD UP

Have you put in the right number of travellers, as well as the right number of rooms you'll need? You can contact the hotel direct to see if they offer larger rooms for 3 or 4 people.

STEP 5

CHECK THE SMALL PRINT

Look out for any hidden costs. Double check:

- ▶ Your room(s) - have you got the right number of beds?
- ▶ The cancellation policy - you might need to pay extra to make your holiday refundable.
- ▶ Your package - what's included & what would be an optional extra?

STEP 6

SHOP AROUND

Make sure your holiday isn't cheaper elsewhere. Before you buy...

- ▶ Check other comparison sites.
- ▶ Try a flight & accommodation bundle or try buying them separately.
- ▶ Go directly to the airline or hotel to see what they're charging on their own sites.