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Consolidators=Cheap Flights!

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Summary:

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The best time to use consolidators is during high travel times of the year. Other than these peak travel times consolidators don't really offer much better rates than those offered in the lowest advertised fares. Yet, you can enjoy 20-30% off when you decide to travel during Christmas, for instance.

The other good time to turn to consolidators is if you are traveling on short notice. Unlike the airlines, they don't penalize you for traveling on the spur of the moment.

Always use a credit card with consolidators. Some consolidators can charge high fees if you change your plans and/or cancel your flight. So make sure you

understand what the policy on cancellations and refunds is.

In this article I'll give you a list of consolidators that are available to you directly or through your travel agent.

In addition I'd recommend you purchase a copy of Consumer Reports Travel Letter, which is available at most libraries or you can subscribe for \$39. Write to: Consumer Reports Travel Letter, 101 Truman Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703-1057.

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Fly Cheap has my favorite name among the known consolidators. They do a good job on all kinds of flights to all manner of destinations. 800-359-2432 and visit: <http://www.flycheap.com>