

Gas Prices: Planning your Trip

Gas prices are getting out of hand. Who ever dreamed the price of gas would be so high. What can you do as a traveler? Most of you have to drive to your next assignment to work right?

If you have to travel on the road, what are some online resources that can at least help you cope with the soaring prices?

You can find the cheapest gas prices in your area by going to www.gaspricewatch.com. This website allows you to put in your zip code or your nearest intersection and find the gas station nearest you with the best gas prices. Why not go to the cheapest gas station in the area? It's really nice to be able to go online and compare rather than drive around trying to remember what each gas station charges.

Also, AAA has a fuel cost calculator (<http://www.fuelcostcalculator.com/>) that allows you to put in your starting point, your destination and the type of car you drive and it will calculate your estimated cost of gas to get there. Unfortunately SUV's are one of the worst cars for fuel. You may want to consider what type of car you drive this year.

Triple A provides interesting information on the gas prices in different areas as well. For instance, did you know that the Midwest appears to have the best gas prices right now, while the pacific coast has the highest rates (as high as \$2.80 a gallon)? This information could help you in planning where you want to go for your next assignment.

While gas prices aren't going to rule your life, they are high enough that it is at least a need for consideration. Whereas, gas prices used to be seldom thought of when planning for a trip. Things change and we adapt. Travelers are masters at adapting. Gas prices will just be one of the many hurdles jumped in your journey.