

## Traveling and Online Shopping

Sometimes, it is more convenient and cost efficient to shop online while you are traveling. After all, you have lots of things to see and do besides shopping in your new location.

Have you ever tried buying something on [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)? Ebay makes the process easy and fun. You can make a bid on something you like and monitor how the sale is going. You can often get items (even new items) cheaper than you can find anywhere else. You can also find unique items that would be difficult to find elsewhere. Make sure to look at how much the shipping cost is before you make your bid though. Usually, the shipping costs are added onto the price of the item. Some sellers ship for a flat rate and others have the option of telling you the shipping cost after your purchase.

If you like to read books while you are traveling, you can find pretty much any book on [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). If you are at the book store and you see a book you are interested in, you can go home and find the same book on Amazon.com for half the price. Amazon also allows people to sell their used books on the site as well. The used books are often 1/3 price at the book store. This can add up to a considerable savings on books.

Finally, [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) is a website that is free to users. The format is very simple and completely free. Craigslist is available in larger cities. You can buy and sell in your local area. They also have sections where people in the local area barter their services. Some people even give away things for free. Areas also exist for finding out about certain topics or events in the area by posting on a local message board. This site is can be fabulous for travelers in a new area looking for good bargains.

Online shopping can save you lots of money and give you more time to be out and about hiking and camping or whatever your sport may be, especially during the holidays. You can order something and have it shipped directly to their house instead of having to mail it yourself.