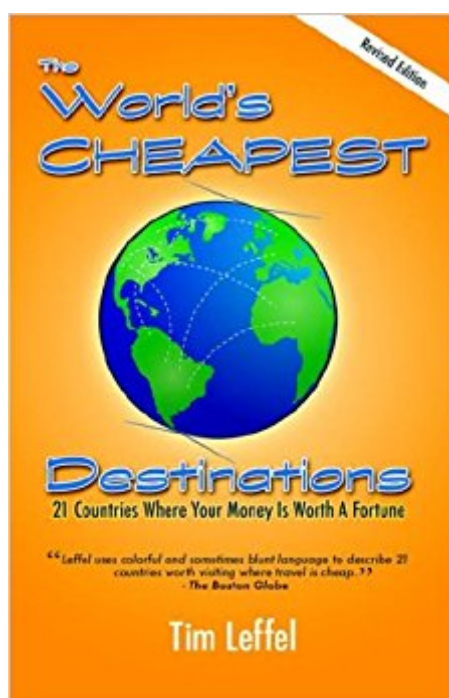


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The World's Cheapest Destinations: 21 Countries Where Your Money Is Worth A Fortune, Second Edition



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The World's Cheapest Destinations is a guide to the best travel values on the planet. It provides an overview for 21 countries, with activity descriptions and actual prices. Revised second edition.

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Customer Reviews

We used the 3rd edition of this book as planning for an around-the-world trip and we went to the following countries reviewed in the book: Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, India, Egypt and Turkey. Later we went to Hungary and the Czech Republic. So it was with much interest that I read through his fourth edition to see how our experiences stacked up. And I would say his guidelines and suggestions are spot-on! Use this book as a guide to where to go and you'll save a ton of money and have a great time. He doesn't mention this a ton, but the choice of when you go is also a big consideration for saving money. We traveled during "shoulder season" (i.e., Monsoon) in Malaysia and found deserted resort areas for \$10 a night, in our own little bugalow with A/C, TV and breakfast included. We lucked out in that the weather was just perfect. The deals he talks about do indeed exist. I'd also like to reiterate that India is an amazing bargain. He's exactly right that it's a "love it or hate it" country, but we loved it. Kerala and Goa are just amazing - yes the beaches have cows and Indian tourists in saris playing in the waves but it just adds to the flavor. And the food just cannot be beat. The only quibbles I have are on his Egypt and Vietnam chapters. He somewhat downplays the tourist/local price disparity in train fare and other expenses. We found Egypt to be infuriating in trying to get a good deal, things like charging us to use a backgammon set at a cafe, or telling us we must buy first class tickets to ride. However, I took a little exception to his comment

about Egyptian food; we found the food in Egypt to be some of the best of the entire trip. Of course, we lived on fuul, falafel and fresh pita. But the variety of fresh produce is amazing for a desert country. I hope to someday use the advice in this book for a Central/South America trip, that was one continent we didn't make it to on our trip, and I'm sure his advice there is just as good as the rest of the other countries.

This is a great book for putting together a cheap, fun, and exciting vacation to a far away place! It gives you the basic details about each country so that you can figure out if the country is right for you. This is NOT a comprehensive guide. It does not go into too much detail but it gives you a feeling for what you can expect when traveling to the different places. I have already shared this book with all of my family and friends. The author has a wealth of knowledge and an immense amount of experience with world travel. He also has a great sense of humor and keeps the book fun to read. The only problem I find with this book is that every time I read a chapter, I am overwhelmed with wanderlust!!

If you got *A Better Life for Half the Price*, you made the right choice. You don't need them both and *Better* is better. This book is really for a total beginner thinking about an overseas life.

Tim is a great guide and this book has lots of useful and practical information.

Tim does an incredibly effective job in this book via his informative and no nonsense style. He is a credentialed and experienced traveler and writer. If you are a budget traveler or backpacker do not hesitate for one second to spend a few bucks on this book. I am so grateful that I came across this and am hoping for frequent updates. This will be my "go to" budget travel resource for years to come. Thank you Tim. What a blessing to find this book!

A real good travel book, If you want to travel to cheap destination, this book has many good suggestions all over the world. highly recommend!!

Good book for use in planning for journeys. I have read everything Tim Leffel has published on travel and find his writings to be insightful, balanced, and positive in spirit. He tells the truth without launching into (Fox News type) horror stories about the countries he covers.

This book is meant for those who are in the planning process of a long trip. Budgeting is important when planning. It is going to be most helpful for those backpackers planning on doing Southeast Asia, but its a good way to come up with ideas for other unique destinations as well. Even if you want to do very little planning, this is a good marker. I personally liked that he put a lot of things in terms of couples, b/c that is the way we will be traveling. He has a lot of experience and I valued his opinions, making me rethink how much time I would spend in some countries. Also, it is a light read, and the author makes it easy to skip sections and get just the info that applies to you.

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