

Top Tips For Reducing Rail Travel Costs

1. *Buy In Advance*

You can save on average 43% if you buy your tickets in advance, rather than on the day of departure. Simply, the further ahead you book the lower the rail ticket price should be.

2. *Travel Off Peak*

Avoid the busier, more expensive times of day. If you can, travel after 9am weekdays and try to avoid the evening rush hour (between 5pm – 7pm). Not only will it be cheaper it will also be quieter.

Example

Bristol To London Return

Standard Class Anytime return fare	= £153.00
Standard Class Off Peak return fare	= £ 49.00

Saving = £104.00 or 68%

3. *Buy Single Tickets*

Two single tickets are often cheaper than a return. Flightlines booking tool, displays a single fare page, which allows you to “mix and match,” single fares for the best journey combinations.

Example

Bristol To London Return

Standard Class Anytime return fare	= £153.00
Standard Advance Single one way £17.50 each way	= £ 35.00

Saving = £118.00 or 77%

4. *Need a flexible ticket as your unsure when your meeting will finish?*

Rather than buy a Standard Open return ticket, which restricts you to the full fare, why not stipulate the train time you require going out and buy a flexible one-way ticket on the way back.

Example

Bristol To London Return

Standard Class Anytime Return fare	= £153.00
Standard Advanced single plus Anytime Single	= £ 99.00

Saving = £ 54.00 or 35%



5. *Travel First Class for less than the price of a Standard Class Anytime ticket.*

By booking in Advance you can obtain promotional First class one way fares at a lower rate than a Standard class anytime ticket, train times have to be stipulated at time of booking and restriction may apply.

Example

Bristol To London Return

Standard Class Anytime Return fare	= £153.00
First Class Advance Single £24.50 out plus £24.50 back	= £ 49.00

Saving = £104.00 or 68%

6. *Environmental impact of rail travel versus driving or taking the plane*

Rail is a greener travel solution offering significant savings versus air and road travel.

Example

Bristol To London return

Rail	21.65 Co2 (kg)
Plane	68.73 Co2 (kg)
Car petrol	74.45 Co2 (kg)

As you can ascertain from the figures above the train utilises far less Co2 emissions than taking the plane or the car.

Please note:

- The price of a ticket for the same journey can vary depending on the ticket type. Train fares fall into three categories; Advanced, Anytime and Off Peak fares. These three fare types all have varying rules and regulations and are capacity controlled.
- Train fares are correct as of 11th May 2009 but are subject to fluctuation due to market conditions and fare availability.