



## How to Enjoy a Budget-Friendly Staycation During the Pandemic

The pandemic has made it impossible to do a lot of things, like hopping on a plane and traveling to faraway destinations. Although you may be stuck at home, you can still reap the benefits of a vacation! This year, consider staying in town and enjoying a staycation. The best part? A staycation is a lot more affordable than an overseas adventure or a cross-country road trip! Here are some tips to help make your staycation memorable—and keep it budget-friendly too!

### **Stay Close to Home**

As the pandemic continues, authorities are recommending that people stay in their communities to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. But this doesn't mean you can't leave your house. Consider booking a vacation rental in your city so you can get a taste of vacation life without traveling out of town. Many local businesses, including [Songbird Prairie Bed & Breakfast](#), have put special precautions in place to keep guests safe and healthy!

## Unwind with Budget-Friendly Retail Therapy

One of the best parts of vacation is shopping. If you're staying home, consider indulging in a little [retail therapy](#)! Buying new things is a great way to cheer yourself up, mitigate stress, or celebrate a job well done at work. But your shopping spree doesn't have to be expensive! You can still get that retail rush while keeping your spending under budget. For example, if you want to shop for new beauty essentials from stores like [Dillard's](#) or Belk, keep your shopping spree affordable with the help of some online Dillard's or [Belk coupons](#).

## Save on Your Staycation Wardrobe

Buying new outfits is a common way to prepare for a vacation. While you may be staying home, you can still improve your wardrobe! A few new staycation outfits can really enhance your home-bound holiday. The only difference is that you'll be buying comfortable clothes for lounging around the house instead of airy sundresses and strappy sandals. For example, consider investing in a few [soft and wireless](#) bras, super-soft T-shirts, stretchy leggings, fuzzy socks, and a pair of [cozy slippers](#).

## Find Affordable Things to Do in Town

Filling your staycation with fun activities shouldn't be hard. There are lots of things [to do](#) in your own town! Grab a camera and explore your city like a tourist, check out the local sights, or grab some takeout from a great restaurant you haven't had a chance to try yet. You could even have some fun writing your own city guide or following the footsteps of a travel blogger! The beauty of a staycation is that you can tailor your [activities](#) for any budget without feeling like you're missing out.

## Spend Time in Nature

Getting lost—figuratively, of course—in the great outdoors is a fantastic way to unwind on your staycation without spending any money. Plus, spending time in nature is completely okay during the pandemic! Verywell Mind explains that being in [nature](#) can improve your emotional well-being during this difficult time, and experts suggest that getting outdoors could be a great way to find relief from stress and anxiety. Take a hike on a mountain trail, do some [forest bathing](#) in a nearby park, or sit in your backyard and watch the local wildlife. There are so many ways to connect with nature during your staycation!

## Plan Free Activities at Home

You don't even have to leave your home to enjoy your staycation. If the weather outside is frightful, plan some at-home activities for you and your family. Bake some tasty treats, watch a favorite movie or put together a DIY spa day. If you enjoy cooking, explore new cuisines from different regions of the world and have some fun learning new skills in the kitchen. The Food Network recommends plenty of [international recipes](#) that you can recreate at home, including

tikka masala, fried rice, pad Thai, and Vietnamese noodle soup. Cooking at home is a great budget-friendly alternative to takeout!

Now that staycations are the only option for holiday fun, more and more people are realizing the budget-friendly benefits of vacationing at home. That said, you may benefit from a change of scenery. Consider booking a stay at [Songbird Prairie Bed and Breakfast](#) to get out of your house for a couple of days. Head to our website to check our availability and make a reservation!