



10 Places With Great Exchange Rates for 2018

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A great exchange rate is a huge advantage as you plan a budget trip.

If the currency in your destination country is falling against your home currency, prices for your hotel, meals, transportation, and even souvenirs will be discounted before the merchants offer any additional savings.

When practical, it makes sense to add these money-saving countries to your itinerary. Just keep in mind that the savings you pocket this year might not exist in those same destinations next year or five years from now. The list of places with great exchange rates will change, sometimes rapidly.

In choosing 10 places where the exchange rates are favorable against the U.S. dollar, we consulted xe.com and its helpful historical archive of rates. The countries listed here have a three-year history of falling currencies against the U.S. dollar. This pattern represents sustained savings rather than just a momentary blip that is likely to vanish before you can buy non-refundable airline tickets.

Some of these countries are on the U.S. State Department's list of warnings and alerts. Destinations with pending notices are noted.

Savvy readers will find countries not on this list that have experienced even greater drops against the USD. The intent is not necessarily to identify this week's best exchange bargains, but rather to introduce new places that offer not only favorable exchange rates, but sometimes undiscovered beauty.

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The Canadian dollar has lost nearly five percent against the USD in the past three years, but the bigger gains for Americans are seen in a ten-year span. In the past decade, the U.S. dollar has gained 19.2 percent against its Canadian counterpart.

Canada offers some of the world's most spectacular scenery, and world-class cities such as [Toronto](#), [Montreal](#), and [Vancouver](#). Free admission to Canadian national parks was a one-year offer (2017), but those modest rates are well worth paying in that they provide access to world-famous places such as [Banff](#) and Bay of Fundy. [Some outstanding Canadian national parks](#) are within relatively short drives of major U.S. cities.

Another great place to visit is [Quebec City](#), the provincial capital along the shores of the St. Lawrence. Its narrow streets and historic architecture have led to promotions such as “visit Europe without the jet lag.” The city features a [nice selection of small hotels](#) that are both economical and centrally located.