

FREE GUIDE FROM TRAVEL SMARTER WITH RAV

The 7 Ways UK Families **Overpay** for Holidays

And the simple fixes that put hundreds of pounds back in your pocket — every single trip.

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Booking at the wrong time

For flexible trips, the cheap fare "buckets" sell first and prices climb as departure nears — so leaving it late usually costs more, not less. But for fixed **school-holiday** dates it's the opposite: everyone needs the same weeks, so booking **early** is where the saving is.



Fix: Book flexible trips 1–3 months out; book peak family dates as early as you can. Never "wait for a last-minute deal" on school holidays.

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Missing free child places

Free and reduced child places are real — but they're limited in number, tied to specific dates and hotels, and they vanish months before departure.



Fix: Ask specifically about free child places and be flexible on dates/resort. They're often gone by January for the following summer.

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Flying on the most expensive day

The first Saturday of the summer holidays is statistically one of the priciest travel days of the year. Weekends and Fridays cost more than midweek.



Fix: Shift a few days. Tuesday/Wednesday departures and late August often cost noticeably less.

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Paying for extras at the last minute

Airport parking booked on the day can be 3–4× the pre-booked price. Same story for transfers, lounge passes and fast-track.

 **Fix:** Pre-book parking and transfers weeks ahead. It's the easiest few-hundred-pounds saving there is.

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Terrible currency rates & card fees

Airport bureaux and non-sterling card fees quietly skim 3–6% off your spending money.

 **Fix:** Use a fee-free travel card, order currency in advance, and always pay in the local currency (not GBP) on card machines abroad.

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Assuming DIY is always cheaper

Booking flights, hotel and transfers separately *feels* savvy, but once you add luggage, transfers and protection it often costs more than a package — and you lose ATOL protection.

 **Fix:** Always price the package version too. Sometimes it's cheaper AND better protected.

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Never seeing the commission

Every holiday you book already has commission built into the price — often up to 23%. Book through a website and it goes to them. You never see it; you just pay it.

 **Fix:** This is the big one. When you're your own travel agent, that commission can come back to **you** — on your own trips and others'.

Want to stop giving your commission away?

I'm Rav — a dad of three who learned to travel smarter and never looked back. If you love travel, I'll show you exactly how it works.

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