Trip timing checklist

Compare the dates that suit your trip. There is no universally cheap weekday, and a low price is less useful if the place is shut.

Destination / possible dates

Demand and conditions

- ☐ I checked local school holidays, public holidays and major events.
- ☐ I compared nearby dates using the full trip price.
- ☐ I checked likely weather and seasonal closures.
- ☐ I know which weather or daylight trade-offs I am accepting.

Price and flexibility

- ☐ I compared feasible airports and transfer costs.
- ☐ I checked baggage, accommodation fees and cancellation terms.
- ☐ I priced the activities that matter on the days I will be there.
- ☐ I know how much changing the dates would cost.

Option	All-in estimate	Main compromise
Dates A		
Dates B		
Dates C		

My preferred dates and why

Check whether a price spike is an event, limited availability or simply a more expensive part of the week. Investigate before assuming a bargain is hiding elsewhere.