

## 8 Trips You Didn't Know You Could Afford in 2019

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Your next vacation might not be as expensive as you think. In some of the destinations below, the U.S. dollar will go further in 2019, with unexpectedly reasonable rates for lodging, activities, and dining; in others, I've unearthed hidden gems that are actually affordable. And while the cost of flights is never as low as most travelers want it to be, I've even found budget-friendly flights to many of these spots. Plan your next escape to one of these surprisingly cheap places to travel.

### Lake Como, Italy



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You don't need to bring home John Legend's and Chrissy Tiegen's paychecks to vacation in Lake Como. Save by staying in the historic city of Como, which offers reasonably priced lodging and is the area's transportation hub. "The Romans first identified Como as a holiday destination," explains Shelley Clark, spokesperson for Como-based [Lario Hotels](#). "Today, in addition to being the gateway to what many consider the world's most beautiful lake, Como remains a world-class destination loaded with quaint charm and an impressive array of historical, cultural, retail, and dining options."

Free and low-cost activities include exploring the nearby nature trails and fairy-tale villages that surround the lake and riding the inexpensive Como-Brunate funicular to the Brunate, the "balcony of the Alps." You can even enjoy a bit of luxury for less at the Lido di Cernobbio, which offers a glamorous poolside experience for less than \$25 per person.

**Where to stay:** You can find reasonable nightly rates at the hip [Posta Design Hotel](#), located in Como's medieval old town just a short stroll from the waterfront promenade.