

BUDGET HOTELS STARTING TO MIRROR BUDGET AIRLINES



When budget airlines first came onto the scene, most passengers were delighted to be able to travel more and for less. The original plan for companies such as EasyJet was to focus on quantity, not necessarily quality.

Let's face it, they achieved such original success as passengers were beginning to realise that they do not need to pay a huge amount for microscopic portions of food, nor is it a problem to take small pieces of litter with you. With these policies, passengers have been saving huge amounts for nothing and budget airlines have been very successful.

However, the attitude towards them is beginning to change as paying for extras are now the policy for generating cash. Paying for checking-in, tea, coffee, booking fees and charges for oversize baggage when it is not actually oversize are commonplace in the adventures of today's traveller. Unsurprisingly, so-called budget hotels are going down the same path.

Whereas it seems to be a great bargain to find an extremely cheap room on the Internet, the extra costs for things we mostly take for granted can make it just as expensive as a regular room, it just seems cheaper. Almost all "special" room rates refer to tiny box-style rooms with no window. Furthermore, there are undoubtedly extra charges for clean linen, clean towels, TV remote controls, soaps and coffee. These charges do not, or very rarely, exist for higher priced rooms. However, when the high-priced room rate is compared to the economy room rate with charges, the result seems to be the same. For example, it has been estimated that extra charges can double the price of a single stay.

Therefore, we put all of the information together; we can conclude that flying low cost to any destination and sleeping cheaply over a few days will actually cost the same as paying one lump sum at a higher cost in the first place. This is true; of course, as long as you have no luggage or do not use the hotel room the same ways dogs use their booth.

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