

Green Transportation Travel Tips

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Holiday travel, sales “kick-off” meetings and conferences are in full force this time of the year. Whether you are traveling for business or pleasure the effects on the environment are the same. During this time of the year we are faced with the tough decisions of picking which form of transportation to use, which is offering the best deals and what and how to pack. The transportation sector is the fastest growing source of greenhouse gases with approximately one-third of the CO2 emissions coming from it. If businesses and individuals use green alternatives for transportation the environment will be the beneficiary.

Which form of transportation produces the least amount of green gas emissions? Traveling by train produces 10 times less CO2 emissions. If rail is an unlikely alternative then finding airlines that retain green practices is another way to go green during this busy [travel](#) season.

The best airlines for operating using [green practices](#) are: Continental because of their use of winglets to increase fuel efficiency, Virgin Atlantic, for cutting back on their CO2 emissions with their “starting grids”, Jet Blue for instituting a carbon offsetting program, and lastly Southwest, the world’s most efficient airlines, because of their paperless tickets and eco-friendly upgrades.



Luggage can be substituted for an eco-friendly lightweight [roller bag](#) made from post-consumer recycled materials. The [Recycled](#) Utility Kit is also a great alternative. Made from 100% post-consumer recycled material you can put all of your belongings in a bag you know is good for the environment. Regular luggage tags can be substituted for eco-friendly ones. Opt for a U.S.A. made [corn plastic luggage](#) tag or a U.S.A. made [recycled luggage tag](#) with a die-cut window. And just as important, consider taking less with you. Weight equals fuel consumption.

Companies promoting recycled luggage and tags are going in the right direction but can only go further by taking a second and third look at their real need to travel. And when travel is required, first consideration should be given to traveling by train, not air. Companies need to start making green travel a reality for their employees. It’s what’s needed for the environment.

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