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## 3/10: Going Green Blog: Tips on how students can travel green over break

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Students leave school for warmer, more exciting destinations on spring break. Cancun and Palm Springs are among the tourist hot spots for those students who want to party, relax and let loose of some school stress. While students are out having fun, they can help the environment with little effort. Here are some ways to accomplish this.

### 1. Be conservative with your fuel.

In order to get to your spring break destination, choose a nonstop flight. This is a great way to burn less fuel into the air. It also keeps dangerous chemicals, such as carbon dioxide, from going into the environment. Similarly, if you're going somewhere by car, consider renting a [hybrid car](#). They run on less fuel and save energy by shutting off their engine when stopped in traffic.

### 2. Use public transportation.

Wherever you're going for spring break, there might be transportation in the area for you to use. This is going to be cheaper than a rental car and is going to be cleaner for the environment. Most hotels have vans for their guests and there are usually attractions located within [walking distance](#).

### 3. Find a green hotel.

These are often hard to spot in a crowd, but the leading factor is if they are locally or family owned. They will be more inclined to have recycling programs installed in their facility and be more environmental-friendly. If you would like to find out if your hotel qualifies as a "green hotel," you can log on to the Green Hotels Association's [Web site](#).

### 4. Unplug appliances while not in use.

Before you leave home, unplug all your appliances that you may not use. This little step may also help your energy bill go down. Even the simple act of unplugging a phone charger from a wall can save energy because while it's plugged into the outlet, it's still using energy. In the hotel, be sure to leave the room with the lights and TV turned off. Close the curtains to trap the heat outside instead of letting it inside your room.

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**ELLEN BLAKE Says:**  
[March 23rd, 2010 at 4:47 am](#)

WOW, thank you. I always wanted to write in my site something like that. Can I take part of your post to my blog?

**Anonymous Says:**  
[March 26th, 2010 at 12:40 am](#)

go figure lol!

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