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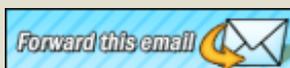
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Unless you're terrified of soaring the friendly skies, you may choose flying over driving any day. Since you can arrive at your destination



faster and you don't have to deal with a tiresome drive, flying is often a no-brainer.

However, even if flying is your preferred way to travel, below is a list of 5 times when driving makes more sense:

1) No rush

If you don't have to be at your destination by a specific date or time, driving might be the lesser of two evils. You can take your time, travel at your own pace, and perhaps break up the trip over one or two days to avoid travel fatigue.

2) Traveling with family

With the high cost of airline tickets, air travel simply isn't an option for many families. When you multiply the cost of a plane ticket times a family of four or five, it adds up quickly. However, if you pile your family or friends in the car and hit the road, you're going to save significant money.

3) Last minute

Booking an airline ticket months in advance is one way to land a low price. But life happens, and sometimes we have to travel last minute. Several factors influence the cost of airline tickets, such as oil prices, distance and the timing of flights. And unfortunately, if you're booking a flight within seven days of a departure date, you're going to pay a premium. So, if you have to travel last minute, you might be better off driving.

4) Heavy packer

If you're traveling with a family or if you're a heavy

packer, multiple bags are inevitable, and the more luggage you pack, the more you'll pay in airline fees. But if you drive a car, SUV, or van, there may be plenty of space for luggage and any other items you need to bring.

5) Bonus experience

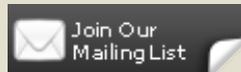
Driving has its headaches, to be sure. But if you want your entire trip to be an unforgettable experience, the fun can begin the moment you pull out of the driveway.

Select a scenic route on the way to your destination and take advantage of a few photo opportunities. Or, if there are popular attractions and landmarks along the way, spend a couple of hours exploring.

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