

# Easy ways to save money on train travel

There are a number of ways to reduce train travel costs without compromising on convenience:

- Using single fares rather than return tickets
- Booking “advance” tickets
- Travelling “off-peak”

Another way of saving money on fares is to divide each journey into stages. For example, if travelling to London, you could consider purchasing a single fare ticket to Swindon, and then a separate ticket from Swindon to London. This can be reversed for the return journey. We undertook this exercise in June 2014 and found that on a flexible “anytime” ticket from Swansea to London Paddington, this could save as much as £66 per journey (including transaction fees) compared with an “anytime” return ticket on the same train. The traveller can reserve a seat for the entire journey so there is no disruption