

VOGARD'S TIMEZONER WATCH

1 FORMULA 1 STAINLESS STEEL TIMEZONER WATCH BY VOGARD, £3,750. AT MARCUS. 020-7290 6500



THERE'S LOTS TO LIKE ABOUT THIS WORLD-TIMER WATCH: ITS SPORTY, RUGGED GOOD LOOKS, AND THE FACT IT ALLOWS ADJUSTMENT OF THE SECOND TIME ZONE HAND VIA THE BEZEL (A WORLD FIRST). BUT WHAT REALLY TOOK OUR FANCY WERE THE CITIES ENGRAVED ON THE BEZEL ITSELF. YOU CAN CHOOSE WHETHER THEY FLAG UP F1 CIRCUITS (AS PICTURED), OR YOUR FAVOURITE AIRPORTS (USEFUL IF YOU'RE A PILOT). BEST OF ALL, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VOGARD'S BESPOKE SERVICE AND YOU COULD, AS ONE CUSTOMER DID, ADD THE NAMES OF ALL THOSE GIRLS YOU SEE ON YOUR TRAVELS.

# FLIGHT ADVANTAGE

GET YOUR FILL ON NO-FRILLS AIRLINES. BY ROBERT ELMS

There's no doubt that no-frills airlines have changed the way we travel. Yes, they're cheap, but how come you're never the one to get flights for a fiver? You need to play the no-frills lottery. Here's how...

## 1 KEEP CHECKING THE WEBSITE

The airlines operate a first-come, cheapest-served system, so if you spot a bargain don't prevaricate, snap it up. But if you've missed the cheap flights there may be some salvation. When seats to popular destinations in season sell out quickly – you can spot this if the price is high well in advance – the airline may add a second flight. If it does, the process starts again and you could just luck out by being first on board a later schedule. So even if you think you've missed your chance, keep looking.

## 2 AVOID FAMILIES

Granted, it sounds like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised how often those unencumbered with kids ignore the first rule of low-cost flying and forget about the school holidays. No matter how far in advance you book, there are no cheap seats as this is when the airlines make their dough. So ring your Local Education Authority and keep a diary of school breaks. If you must travel out of term time, then go midweek to midweek. You'll save a fortune.

## 3 FIND A FAMILY

By law, children have to sit with guardians, so families have to be allowed on first to avoid the scrabble for seats. By adopting a family you can jump the queue. Just ask a couple with kids if they mind you tagging along, carry their pushchairs or something, and stroll on board.

## 4 BUY AN ATLAS

With so many local airports used it is worth knowing your geography. If, for example, you want to travel to the Costa de la Luz in southern Spain, the nearest airport is La Perra in Jerez. But if this is coming in at big bucks, try Seville's San Pablo Airport which is only 45 minutes away. Plus, don't forget you can travel to one airport and out of another at no extra cost.

## 5 FACTOR IN EXTRA TRAVEL COSTS

There's no point saving on a ticket if it's going to cost you a fortune to get to the airport. If you live near Gatwick Airport and the flight is from Stansted it may well be cheaper to fly a conventional airline.

## 6 BOOK IT ANYWAY

If you travel regularly to a particular destination and you see cheap tickets, snap them up, even if you are not sure you can make that date. You can change the date and destination of tickets for a small fee and even if you write off a few tickets it will balance out in your favour.

## 7 TRAVEL LIGHT

Now airlines are tough on luggage allowances, with Ryanair and Flybe charging for anything in the hold, get good at travelling light. Choose a bag that fits the maximum amount in the minimum size, and stuff your pockets. But if you do need to take lots of gear but want to fly unencumbered, check out [www.firstluggage.com](http://www.firstluggage.com). It'll carry your cases for you while you swan about. ►