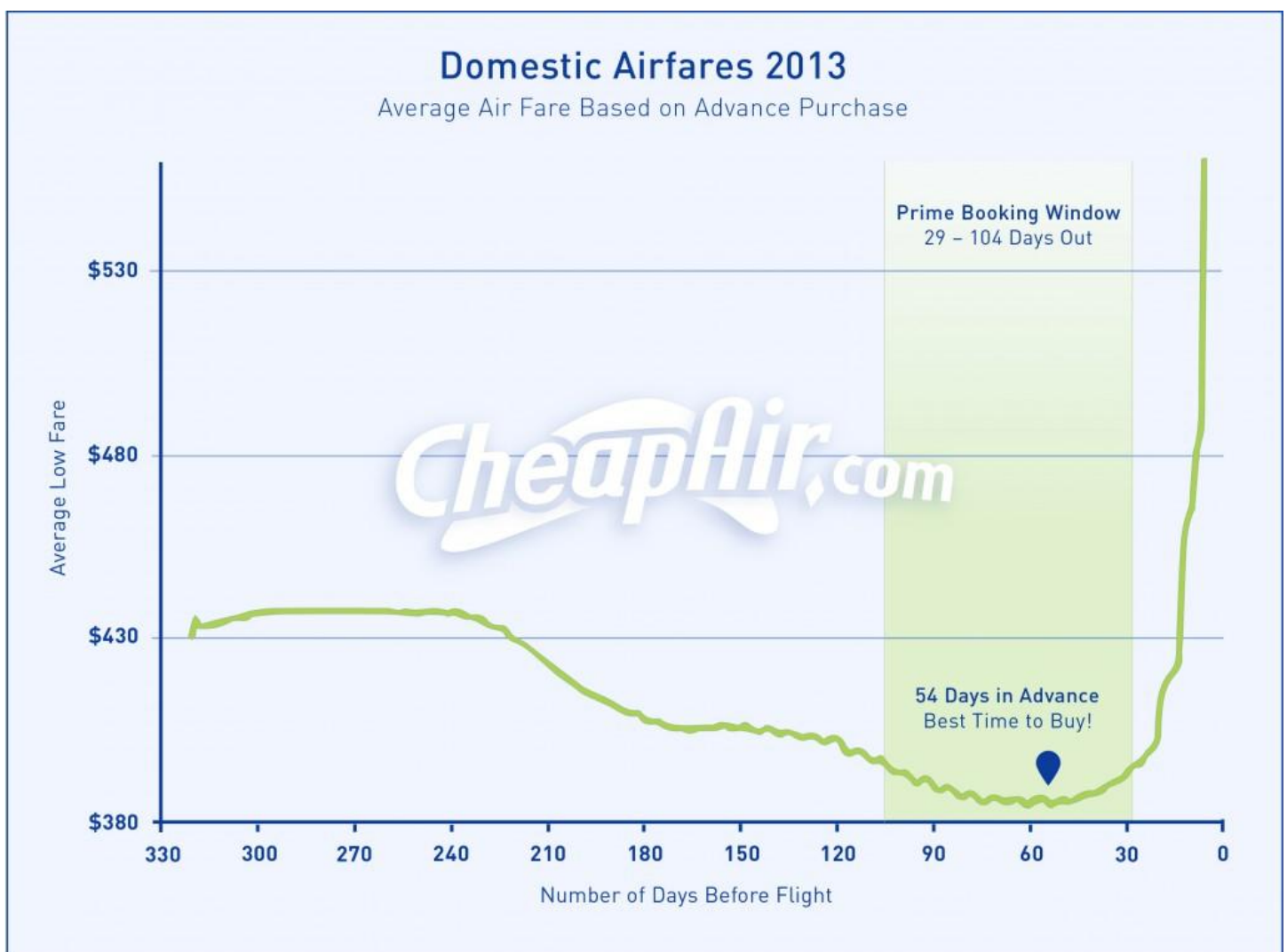


Travel Myths

Fact or Fake: Find out the answers to many different travel myths in this Transportation Museum exhibit

Myth: Airlines don't offer any special discounts based on when you book tickets



The best time to book a flight is **54 days in advance**, and from there, the price increases (airlines do not give out cheap last-minute seats).

Myth: There are no “cheapest” days to fly

For domestic flights, the:

Least expensive days to fly on are Tuesday, Wednesday

Days that are in the middle are Monday, Thursday, Saturday

Most expensive days to fly on are Friday, Sunday

Myth: Hotel prices don't ever lower based on when you stay

Traveling on weekends? Make sure to check business hotels (Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton, etc...) because these hotels often have rooms available and sell them at a lower price because business travelers (who can pay more for a room) aren't usually traveling on Friday nights, Saturday nights, and Sunday nights.

Myth: Airfare, month-by-month, doesn't usually change

There are a two times throughout the year when airfare is usually cheapest:

- First two weeks of December
- Most of January (after New Year's travel period)

To fly from Los Angeles to New York, round-trip, it costs:

- \$249 for the first two weeks of December
- \$440 for the last two weeks of December
- \$249 for most of January

Also, consider visiting destinations when they're not as popular: Hawaii in the fall, ski resorts in the summer, Orlando in the fall, and Europe in the winter.

Myth: All car-rental companies are independent

Ever noticed how many car-rental companies charge the same price for the same vehicle? Well, that's because **three large companies** own 94% of the car rental industry in America.

Avis owns Budget and Zipcar

Hertz owns Advantage, Dollar, and Thrifty

Enterprise owns Alamo and National

Some independent companies, though, are **ACE, Europcar** (they are in the U.S., too), **Fox**, and **Payless**.