



It all began with Ryanair in the UK and it has now spread across the globe - there are many budget airlines offering cheap flights. Have you ever booked a cheap flight on internet? If so you probably won't be surprised by this delightful sketch from the comedy trio, [Fascinating Aida](#) ... (be warned some of the language may be offensive)

Cheap Flights - by Fascinating Aida - [click here](#)

How do some airlines manage to sell such low fares?

Here's a few answers:

- Higher seat density - one estimate is around 148 seats to 128 seats on a regular airline.
- Fast turnaround - the planes are serviced and turned around more quickly than on regular airlines - this can mean lower waiting costs for the plane. You may even be asked to clean up your seat and remove any rubbish to facilitate turnaround.
- Direct flights - they fly mostly short routes point to point.
- Airport facilities are frequently smaller, cheaper and sometimes a distance from other airports
- Tickets sold on the internet - no commissions paid
- No frills - no in-seat entertainment, no free food or drink (apart from tap water), no creature comforts
- Only one type of aircraft.

- Many staff on lower wages than on regular airlines.

Suggestions found on some websites for further savings include - selling standing room - and charging to use the toilets!

And so we come back to - you get what you pay for!