



# Navigating Summer Vacation Disruptions

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# **Airports**

Get ready to hurry up and wait. But our tips will help you navigate airport disruptions and not get hangry.

#### **Distruptions Ahead**

- Worker shortage
- CPG shortages



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#### What To Expect

The worker shortage is impacting every facet of the airport, which can make the entire experience painfully slow. From check-in, to the TSA checkpoints, to baggage claim, to airport shops and restaurants, fewer workers means long wait times for every part of the process. And the pilot shortage might cancel your trip altogether.

#### **How To Navigate**

- Arrive early. Many airlines have increased the required time to check in before a flight.
- Consider getting TSA <u>Pre-Check</u> or <u>Clear</u> status to help avoid longer-than-ever TSA lines.
- Download your airline's mobile app and allow notifications so you have up-to-date info on flight changes and cancellations.
- Bring your own snacks! Between inflation and CPG shortages, the snack selection is bare minimum.









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### Convenience Stores



Don't let inflation and gas prices make you hit the brakes on your summer road trip.

#### **Distruptions Ahead**

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- Gas prices
- CPG shortages



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#### What To Expect

Gas prices are through the roof, but that's not the hiccup you'll find at convenience stores, or c-stores. Record inflation has also had its effect on snacks, beverages, and all the consumer packaged goods (CPG). Add on the worker shortage and long lines, and your road trip just got longer. Are we there yet?

#### **How To Navigate**

- Try finding innovative, smarter c-stores. Their advanced technology will provide a better experience all around, from superior snacks to happier employees.
- Many smarter c-stores now offer fresh, quick-service food, so you might be able to save a little time and money by skipping an extra stop at a drive-thru.
- If you've got a picky eater in the car, you might want to stock up their preferred snacks at a wholesaler, like <u>Sam's Club</u>, <u>Costco</u> or <u>BJ's Wholesale Club</u>.









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What's Going On With Inflation of Consumer Goods in 2022? (blog)



## Vehicles



Whether you're road tripping or renting a car in a new city, summer disruptions are causing a bumpy ride.

#### **Distruptions Ahead**

- Worker shortage
- Semiconductor shortage



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#### What To Expect

The microchip, or semiconductor, shortage has taken its toll on the automotive industry. If you're road tripping, new cars are hard to find, so used cars are being sold at a premium. And if you're renting a vehicle, be prepared for hours-long waits, increased prices, and even cancelled rentals.

#### **How To Navigate**

- Get your tune-up scheduled right now if you plan on using your own vehicle for a summer trip. Mechanics and service shops have huge wait lines!
- If you want to use a traditional rental car service, book well in advance. Also, consider finding a rental car station that's not located at the airport to help reduce your wait time.
- Consider car-sharing apps like <u>Turo</u> or car-sharing companies like <u>Zipcar</u> that don't require you to wait in line.

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The Digital Car: Supercomputer on Wheels (blog)

Addressing Semiconductor Shortages: The Micron Technology Case Study (video)

## Entertainment



Disruptions are threatening your summer entertainment plans, even at the happiest places on earth.

#### **Distruptions Ahead**

- Worker shortage
- Hardline shortages
- Logistics delays



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#### What To Expect

Have you talked to anyone recently who has visited a popular attraction or theme park? If you have, then chances are you heard horror stories about longer-than-ever lines, limited food options, crying children, and prices that'll make you scream like you saw a mouse. Add on the blazing summer heat, and you might need a vacation from your vacation.

#### **How To Navigate**

- If you're set on visiting a popular tourist destination, see if your budget will allow for passes that let you skip the lines. Or visit the most important attractions in the off-times early in the morning or later in the evening.
- If you're traveling with picky eaters or those with dietary restrictions, be sure to check well in advance what food options are available and if outside snacks can be brought in.
- Consider more low-key entertainment, such as going to the movies, hiring a
  personal city guide from <u>Withlocals</u>, touring art and science museums,
  dining at food trucks, and exploring nature tours.









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## Places To Stay

Remember when staying at a hotel meant not lifting a finger? You might need new expectations.

#### **Distruptions Ahead**

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- Grocery inflation
- CPG shortages



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#### What To Expect

Hotels are truly a case study in supply chain disruptions and shortages. The worker shortage means longer lines at check-in, less frequent housekeeping visits, and reduced breakfast buffets and room service availability. The CPG shortages have caused hotels to have difficulty stocking everything from towels, toiletries, and even the mini-bar. And all of this comes at a new premium price.

#### **How To Navigate**

- Take your own toiletries and maybe even your own towels, since both might have limited availability.
- Don't rely on the hotel for food. Use an app like <u>Yelp</u> to scope out your choices ahead of time or hop on the <u>Uber Eats</u> or <u>DoorDash</u> apps to see which restaurants deliver to your hotel.
- Consider using a short-term rental app, like <u>Airbnb</u> or <u>Vrbo</u>, that doesn't rely on workers. You'll get extra space, won't have to wait in long lines, and can cook your own meals.

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