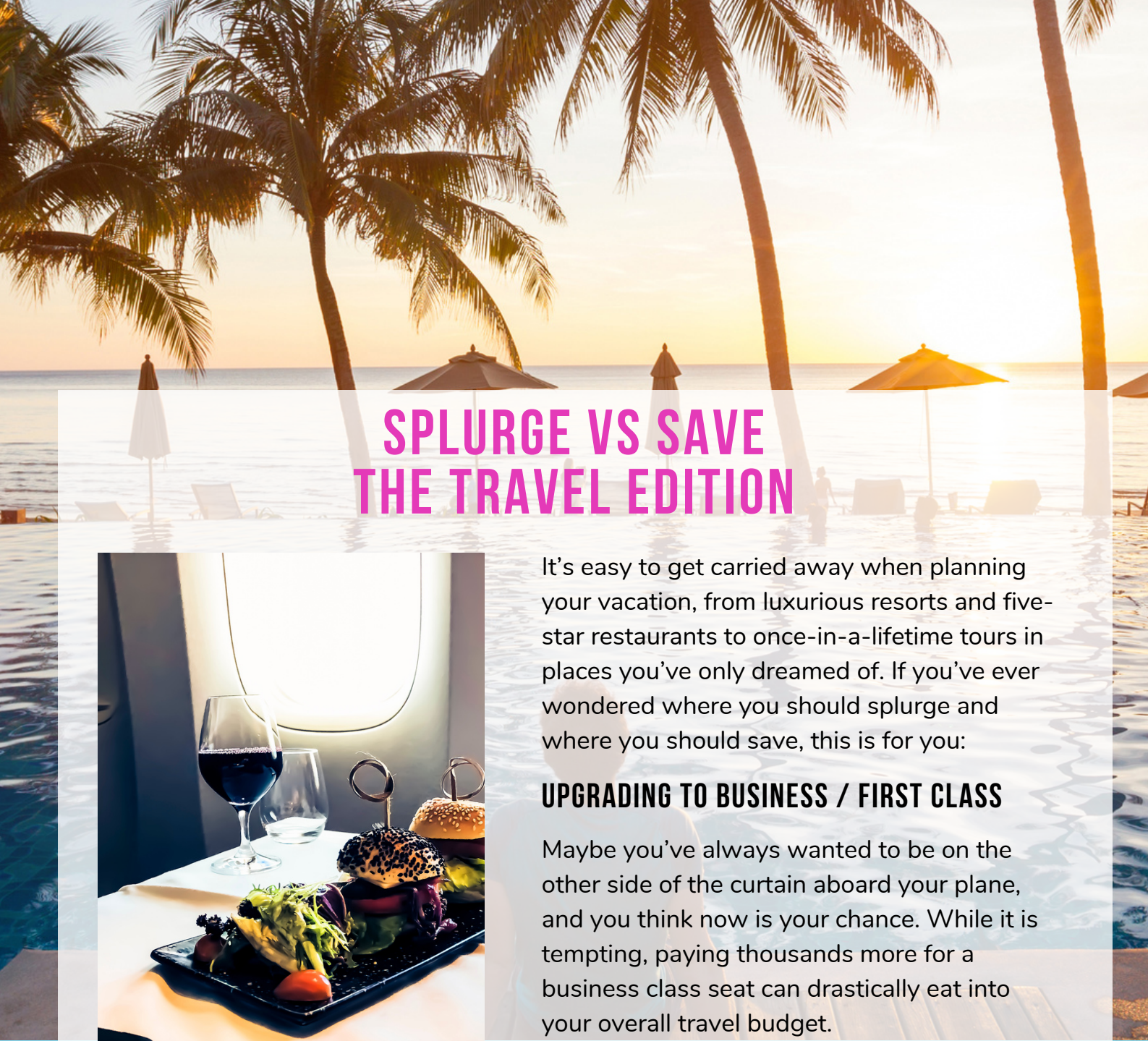




The World is Waiting for You!

# NEVER STOP PACKING TRAVEL

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## SPLURGE VS SAVE THE TRAVEL EDITION



It's easy to get carried away when planning your vacation, from luxurious resorts and five-star restaurants to once-in-a-lifetime tours in places you've only dreamed of. If you've ever wondered where you should splurge and where you should save, this is for you:

### **UPGRADING TO BUSINESS / FIRST CLASS**

Maybe you've always wanted to be on the other side of the curtain aboard your plane, and you think now is your chance. While it is tempting, paying thousands more for a business class seat can drastically eat into your overall travel budget.



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An option that straddles the line between splurging and saving (although leans heavily towards a splurge) is checking last minute at the gate if there are any seats available in business class at the time of departure. If there are empty seats, some airlines will sell them off for less than what they sell them for online – although it can still end up being a hefty sum. Instead of stretching your budget to reserve business class, consider asking your travel advisor to book you bulkhead seats with extra legroom, or in the premium economy section. VERDICT: **SAVE**

## DIRECT FLIGHTS

Unless you enjoy layovers and transfers and sitting on tarmacs for any length of time, splurge for the direct flights. A splurge can almost always be seen as worth it if it significantly reduces your hassle while traveling, or if it gives you back your time. VERDICT: **SPLURGE**

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Since COVID19, we've all heard horror stories of non-refundable trips gone wrong. Never before has travel insurance been so important, with rules and regulations changing rapidly from country to country. VERDICT: **SPLURGE**

## HIGH-END SOUVENIRS

It can be tempting to want to pick up beautiful ceramics, local pieces of art, or even tasty treats from your favorite destinations. But think again. The run-of-the-mill tourist shops that feature these goods get them in bulk from a fraction of what they're selling them to you for, without any real story behind them. Visit a local market for artisan-made goods, and snag local delicacies at-where else? The local grocery store! While the treats won't be as delicately packaged, they'll be extra authentic, after all – they're what the locals eat!

VERDICT: **SAVE**



## HOTEL

This is a tough one to call, and ultimately really comes down to your travel style. For some, a vacation includes 1,000 thread count Egyptian cotton sheets and prompt room service, while others simply want a place to rest their head after a day of explorations and adventure. Ultimately what matters most is location, location, location. Wherever you choose, make sure it's accessible to attractions you'd like to visit and activities you'd like to partake in.

VERDICT: **IT'S A TIE**

## BUCKET LIST EXPERIENCES

I'm talking about the stuff travel dreams are made of. A hot air balloon ride at sunset in Cappadocia, a private driver on the Amalfi Coast, a private safari experience in Kenya. Whatever is on your dream list, if your budget can allow – definitely make it happen. Life is short, you'll never regret a once-in-a-lifetime travel experience.

VERDICT: **SPLURGE**

Whether you're splurging or saving, I'd love to help make your travel dreams come true! Get in touch with me [here](#).

