



The Amnesty International USA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at the Renaissance Madison Hotel, April 19–21, 2002 in Seattle, Washington

Traveling to Seattle by air can be much less expensive than what most people may believe. With a little effort on your part, you can often find exceptional travel bargains. There are two options you can investigate in order to find the best-priced ticket to Seattle.

1. Call **STRATTON TRAVEL MANAGEMENT** (toll free 888.387.5438) and identify yourself as an Amnesty International member for specially negotiated low conference fares.
2. Search for bargains yourself on the internet, where there is an abundance of low fares.



For updated information regarding AGM speakers, programming, preparatory documents and logistics, visit our web site at <http://www.amnestyusa.org/events/aggm2002/>

## TRAVELING BY AIR ON A BUDGET

Before trying either of the suggested options, there are a couple of points you should keep in mind in order to get the best-priced ticket. First give yourself as much flexibility as possible when you are booking your ticket. The prices of airline tickets vary depending on the date and time of travel you chose. Moving your departure or return time even a few hours can sometime make a substantial difference in price. Second book your ticket early. By airline standards, this means 21-14 days before you depart. The price of tickets generally being increasing the closer you get to your travel date. As a rule, the price of a ticket will increase significantly if you book less than two weeks before you depart.

Nearly all-major full service airlines offer flights to the Seattle Tacoma International Airport (airport code SEA). In addition, several low fare airlines offer service to SEA and are worth paying close attention too on your search for the least expensive ticket. A few examples of low fare airlines that fly to SEA include Southwest Airlines, American West Airlines, American Trans Air, and Blue Jet Airlines.

### USING THE INTERNET TO SAVE MONEY

With a little time and persistence using the internet to book an airline ticket can often save you a substantial amount of money. This is because airlines run specials on their websites and negotiate deals with many online booking companies that they do not offer to travel agents or at their reservation centers.

Every airline has their own website that periodically offers exclusive specials. These range from weekly travel bargains to slicing 10-20% off a published fare for booking your ticket online. Further, many airlines contract with online booking companies to sale tickets at discounts. Below are examples of companies where you can find travel specials.

[www.priceline.com](http://www.priceline.com)

Priceline can save travelers up to 40% off published fares, although many restrictions apply.

[www.flycheap.com](http://www.flycheap.com)

Fly Cheap negotiates special reduced prices with a variety of airlines.

[www.cheaptickets.com](http://www.cheaptickets.com)

Cheap Tickets has been serving customers for almost 15 years, offering discounted airfares and low fare travel options with 1 million non-published discount airfares are offered on 40 airlines.

In addition to the above online booking companies, there are many others that will search airfares for all major airlines and find the least expensive ticket for the route you chose. Travelocity ([www.travelocity.com](http://www.travelocity.com)) is such a company. Travelocity also offers "Fare Watcher," a service that you can sign up for which will alert you via email when specific routes you chose drop or rise in cost by the amount you set. This is an extremely helpful service if you do not have time to monitor ticket prices every few days because it does that for you.

Look for special fare postings on the AGM 2002 web site.