



MundoTrip Highlights the Role of Flexible Deposits in Modern Vacation Planning

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As travel costs remain elevated and U.S. consumers become more deliberate about discretionary spending, the timing of payment is becoming part of the vacation-planning decision—not simply a checkout detail.

For many travelers, the question is no longer only where they want to go or what the trip costs. It is also how much needs to be paid today, when the remaining balance is due, and whether the payment structure fits the period between booking and departure. That distinction can become particularly important for higher-value vacation packages, where a traveler may be ready to commit to an itinerary while still hesitating to settle the entire balance immediately.

Recent research illustrates the environment. The U.S. Travel Association's June 2026 Travel Price Index reported travel prices 8.1% above June 2025, with fares 26.5% higher. Expedia Group's 2025 Traveler Value Index found that 58% of surveyed consumers across 11 markets, including the United States, expected to become more price-conscious over the following 12 months. Experian's June 2026 U.S. survey found that 67% of consumers felt travel was less affordable than a year earlier, while 70% were already traveling or planning to travel in 2026.

At the same time, travel intent remains resilient. Paysafe's 2026 summer-travel research, covering 4,500 consumers across seven markets, found that 91% were planning or considering a leisure trip and 37% had not yet booked key components of their journey. The study also found that 45% had abandoned a purchase while traveling because of payment difficulties.

These findings do not establish that flexible deposits increase conversion by a particular percentage. They do, however, point to a meaningful planning gap: wanting the trip and being ready to make the full financial commitment can be two different moments.

This is where flexible deposits can play a role. A deposit structure does not necessarily reduce the total price of a vacation; instead, it changes the timing of the commitment. For an eligible

package, the traveler may pay an upfront deposit and settle the remaining balance by a stated deadline or according to agreed terms.

MundoTrip's vacation-package materials state that some packages allow travelers to pay a deposit upfront and the remaining balance later, with availability and terms varying by booking. The company believes that making the total package price, amount due today and balance timing visible together can help travelers understand the financial commitment earlier in the planning process.

The distinction between a deposit arrangement and buy-now-pay-later financing is also important. A deposit normally represents partial payment toward a travel booking under the provider's terms, while financing can involve a third-party provider, eligibility requirements, interest, fees or other conditions.

Consumers increasingly expect clarity around these arrangements. An Affirm-commissioned 2025 survey of 2,000 U.S. adults found that 41% considered fixed, predictable payments important in the current economy, while 91% said transparent terms without hidden fees were important.

Payment flexibility also does not mean every traveler wants to defer payment. Flywire's 2026 Luxury Travel Report, based on more than 500 U.S. luxury travelers, found that 60% would be more likely to commit to a non-refundable accommodation rate when offered a 20% discount, while 91% linked easy payment experiences with loyalty. The broader lesson is that payment preference is part of the value equation: some travelers may prefer to pay in full, while others may value a deposit structure that allows them to secure the trip while managing the timing of the remaining balance.

The trend is visible beyond one company. KAYAK's 2026 U.S. research among Gen Z and Millennial travelers found that 35% of Gen Z and 31% of Millennials said credit or installment plans would affect how many trips they could take in 2026. JetBlue Vacations also introduced a 2026 checkout option allowing customers to choose among paying in full, paying a deposit or selecting monthly financing.

The products are not identical, but the merchandising direction is similar: payment timing is increasingly being presented alongside the vacation itself.

For MundoTrip, the opportunity is to make eligible deposit options visible early, explain them clearly, and allow travelers to choose the payment structure that fits their circumstances. Flexible deposits do not guarantee a booking and should not be presented as a universal solution. Their value is in giving eligible travelers another transparent choice between securing a trip and managing the timing of the full financial commitment.

MundoTrip is an online travel platform offering flights and vacation packages, with flexible

payment options available on selected products and bookings. Its vacation-package materials state that some packages allow a deposit to be paid upfront with the remaining balance paid later, subject to the applicable booking terms.

Sources: U.S. Travel Association Travel Price Index; Expedia Group Traveler Value Index; Paysafe Experience Economy Report 2026; Affirm; Flywire 2026 Luxury Travel Report; KAYAK What the Future Report 2026; Experian 2026 U.S. Summer Travel Survey; JetBlue Vacations; MundoTrip vacation-package information.

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