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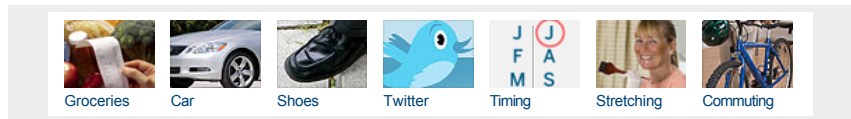


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Note: Assumes family of four taking two trips a year spends \$325 a night on lodging, \$175 a day on food; home swap is free, \$400 a week on food.

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