

Here's how I watch movies on budget flights without paying extra

Description

The airlines business is a competitive one, especially with travel deals and budget fares promotions ongoing all the time.

So when I travel, I never believe in paying more than I absolutely have to. And given that most of my flights are to short-haul locations (under 7 hours), I'm a huge fan of always going with budget airlines whenever I have to fly.

I've shared previously about [tips on how to pay less for budget flights here](#) and that I typically avoid all the frills that budget airlines try to charge for, in order to earn an extra buck.

- Travel insurance? No thanks, [I'll buy my own](#) or [claim it for free via my credit card](#).
- Food? No thanks, I'll eat before the flight (or pack my own snacks discreetly)
- Drinks? No thanks, I'll bring a water bottle and fill it at the airport's water coolers.
- Internet? No thanks, I can survive without it for a few hours.
- Eye mask, blanket or neck cushion? No thanks, I'll bring my own.
- In-flight entertainment? No thanks, **I have my own.**

It doesn't make sense for me to purchase in-flight entertainment because it costs that much for just a few hours, or until my flight lands. If I pay for it on each of my budget flights, those costs will very quickly add up!



In the past, I used to either bring my Kindle or download movies from my laptop onto my phone to watch them while up in the air. Yet, nowadays when we're always rushing to pack for a flight, I really just don't have the luxury of time to find, download to my laptop and finally transfer it to my phone -.-

However, a few months ago I was introduced to **Viu Premium**, compliments of my friend (whom I've known for over a decade) who works there. This app has made a huge difference in my life!

I was already familiar with Viu because I used them to watch *Descendants of the Sun* back in 2016 when they first launched, but never really considered upgrading to a paid subscription to Viu Premium back then.

But ever since Viu included the unlimited movie downloads for Premium, I was sold!

How I use Viu to save on entertainment costs

Considering how I'm used to watching movies at least 2 – 3 times every month in the cinemas, that's \$20+ every month. In addition, I sometimes watch Youtube shows while commuting to work, and that causes me to easily exceed my monthly data limit, so it easily costs me \$10 – \$30 extra every month if I'm not careful.

And here's how Viu stacks up against the other entertainment options that I could go for:

The image shows a comparison of three streaming services. On the left is the Netflix website interface for the Standard plan, which costs \$13.98 per month. It lists features like HD and Ultra HD availability, the number of simultaneous screens (2), and device compatibility. In the center is a purple Toggle Prime card offering a \$9.90 per month subscription with no contract and recurring monthly payments. On the right is a 3D rendering of a yellow Viu Premium eGift Card box, valued at \$71.76 for 12 months. Below the box, a list of features for Viu Premium is provided, including unlimited downloads, priority viewing, access to Asian entertainment, full HD, and seamless streaming across devices.

Service	Price	Key Features
Netflix (Standard)	\$13.98 / month	HD available, Ultra HD available, 2 screens at once, watch on laptop, TV, phone, and tablet, unlimited films and TV programmes, cancel at any time, first month free
Toggle Prime	\$9.90 / month	No contract, recurring monthly payment
Viu Premium eGift Card	\$71.76 (12 months)	Unlimited download of favourite shows, priority viewing (8 hours after telecast), all-access to Asian entertainment, full HD, seamless streaming from mobile to TV

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Toggle Prime costs \$9.90 / month

All 3 options come with unlimited films and TV programmes in HD, but Viu Premium is the most affordable at only \$5.98 a month.

What's more, here's another cool hack I recently discovered. Each Viu Premium account can be logged onto 3 mobile devices and 1 computer concurrently, so if you're sharing your account with family or friends and splitting the cost, that could work out to be just \$1.50 per person every month!

I can **save on data by pre-downloading shows via my home WiFi and watch them offline** while I'm on the go. I use this method mainly to save money while keeping myself thoroughly entertained on a budget flight (even though my phone is on airplane mode), but you can do this on your morning / evening train commute as well!

Check out all the movies I downloaded for one of my flights.

Missed catching Soong Joong Ki in cinemas? His movies are on Viu Premium too! There's also plenty of Asian movies on Viu Premium, even if you aren't the biggest fan of Korean films. In fact, some of the movies that Viu has brought in were box office hits in their native countries, but never made it to Singapore shores, such as "My Annoying Brother" and "A Man and A Woman". And much like Netflix and Toggle, Viu also has its own original productions which can't be found elsewhere.

Key benefits of Viu Premium:

- Unlimited Downloads – For offline viewing
- Priority Viewing – As fast as 8 hours after Korea
- Full HD Resolution – Watch your favourite shows in full HD
- Casting from mobile to TV – via Chromecast & AirPlay

I'm absolutely OBSESSED with this K-drama and have been raving about it non-stop.
If you haven't watched it yet, you're missing out!

If you need some recommendations on what to watch, here are my personal favourites:

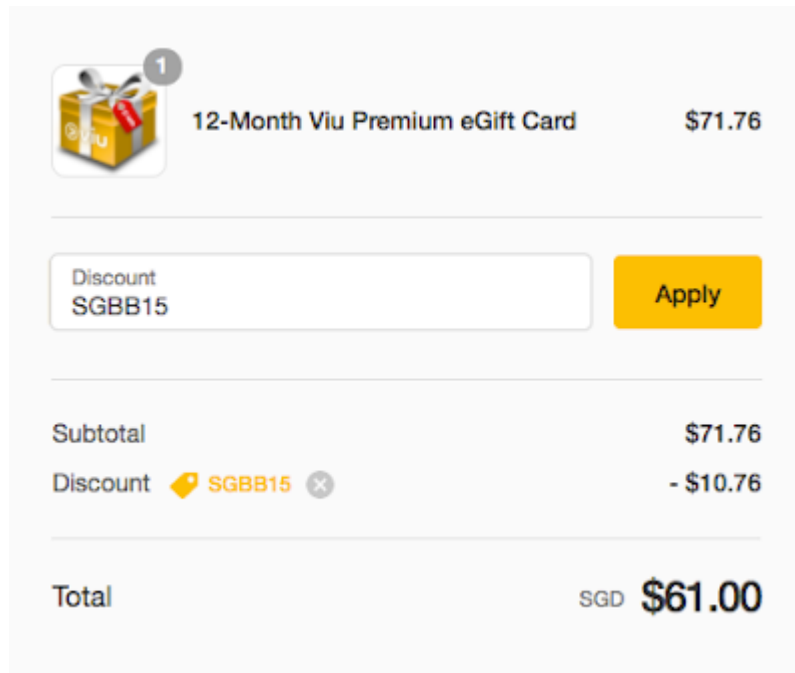
- Movies:

- The Last Princess
- Likes for Likes
- Miss Granny (has been remade multiple times in other countries)
- Il Mare (the original Korean movie which was later remade by Hollywood into The Lake House)
- A Wedding Invitation
- 200 Pounds of Beauty
- The Truth About Beauty
- Penny Pinchers

- Drama series:

- While You Were Sleeping
- Goblin
- Descendants of the Sun
- Love in the Moonlight
- Innocent Defendant
- Black

The best part? The kind folks at Viu are offering Budget Babe readers a further \$10.76 off, so it'll only cost you \$61 for an entire year's worth of access!



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 12-Month Viu Premium eGift Card \$71.76

Discount SGBB15 Apply

Subtotal \$71.76

Discount  SGBB15  - \$10.76

Total SGD **\$61.00**

Simply enter “**SGBB15**” to get a 12-month subscription to Viu Premium or [click here](#) for my affiliate link.
(Note: Promo code valid till 15 March 2018, 23:59 hours)

Now you know my secret as to how I get to watch movies on budget flights without having to fork out anything extra!

Disclosure: This post is a sponsored collaboration between Viu Premium and SG Budget Babe, where the kind folks gave me an entire year worth of free access to try it out a few months ago and I fell in love! I've also previously shared about them (not paid, but yes sponsored through a free 1-year subscription) [here](#). They offered such a compelling reader's promotion this time that I couldn't help but share! All words and opinions here are of my own.

With love,
Budget Babe



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