Cheap stag do ideas: low-cost UK plans that still work

Pick a format first: local day, one night, or a self-catered weekend. Book one modest paid activity if you want a headline, then fill the rest with a pub walk, park sport, home cooking and games. Set the per-head number before you book, and cover the groom's share in that number. Prices below are examples from public UK activity listings — always re-check before you pay.

Checklist

- [ ] Prefer UK over flights when money is tight.
- [ ] One night beats two if travel is the cost.
- [ ] Avoid peak football, race and bank holiday weekends where rooms jump.
- [ ] Cook some meals; do not buy every round as a group surprise.
- [ ] Park football, cricket or rounders, then a reserved pub table.
- [ ] Home or garden BBQ with a simple cook rota.
- [ ] Coast or reservoir day with a shared picnic.
- [ ] Five-a-side hire for an hour, then board games at someone's flat.
- [ ] DIY tasting at home: each person brings one bottle and a note.
- [ ] Paintball or airsoft off-peak.
- [ ] Escape room + supermarket lunch.
- [ ] Axe throwing daytime slots.
- [ ] Bowling or crazy golf before the evening.
- [ ] Self-led pub crawl with three stops and a walking route, not a party bus.
- [ ] Shared house or apartment with a kitchen instead of separate hotel rooms, if the listing allows stag groups — message hosts first.
- [ ] Poker night with a low buy-in and a silly trophy.

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