

2019 FAMILY TRAVEL SURVEY

TIPS TO MAKE
FAMILY VACATIONS
MORE AFFORDABLE



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"Leave free time for unscheduled activities like self-guided walks or biking. Pack healthy local snacks, like fresh fruit, veggies, pastry treats. Besides awakening your adventurous spirit & saving money, you will also travel more sustainably."

JENNIFER SMALL

WWW.PADI.COM

"Make the most of your time and budget by prioritizing one or two transformational activities that help form deeper bonds and fully explore a destination -- like learning to scuba dive!"

GARRICK BUSS

WWW.ALONGFORTHETRIP.COM

"Don't ignore those credit card points you've been accruing. Our family has saved thousands of dollars in travel expenses over the years."

NICCI O'MARA

WWW.TRIPCHIEFS.COM

"Save on lodging by staying longer in each place and doing day trips to see the sites. To save even more, look to stay outside the city centre, in a place where you can do your own washing and cooking."

AIDAN MULLAN

WWW.NAMUTRAVEL.COM

"Travel to Central America in the U.S. summer -- our shoulder season. Rates are FAR cheaper than spring break. Yes, it rains more often, but that brings more adventure and there's still enough beautiful sunshine that you'll head home with a tan!"

JAMISON BACHRACH

WWW.WANDERINGPUFFIN.COM

"Work with a professional travel advisor. They can get the best value and have access to many options the average person doesn't. They also have YOUR best interest in mind."

KAREN AKPAN

WWW.THEMOMTROTTER.COM

"Staying at a family-friendly all-inclusive resort is the ultimate relaxing family vacation. You don't have to worry about where to go for breakfast, lunch or dinner because food is available and served all day. Also, the kids' club is a perfect addition, allowing adults to have some alone time giving you a much needed break."

ERIC STOEN

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"Remain fairly loyal to one airline or one alliance when you fly. We've earned and redeemed several million miles over the years, helping us show our kids much of the world (largely) for free."

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BECKY GILLESPIE

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"Pick an airline credit card or hotel credit card that you can use for regular monthly expenses, such as utilities, gas, & groceries. Points can quickly add up to free airline tickets or hotel stays."

LAUREN GOLDENBERG

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"Trust in your travel agent! We know where to find the best values and how to meet a budget. Our suppliers are offering us rates that are not available to the public"

KATHRYN DICKSON

WWW.KATHRYNANYWHERE.COM

"Some exchange rates give you more buying power! In Portugal your dollar goes further than say Spain. It takes a bit of research, but could help you to either extend your family vacation or level up on options."

LISA NEL

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"look for lodging options and special promos where children can stay free with adults."

SUSAN WHITEHEAD

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"Many pet owners avoid longer trips, especially those involving air travel, because they don't want the expense or added stress of putting their pets in a kennel or traveling with them. We had pet sitters watch our home and our dog while we lived in the United Arab Emirates for 6 months. Traveling with him was cost-prohibitive, so having someone take care of him in our home saved us thousands of dollars."

PATTY MONAHAN

WWW.OURWHOLEVILLAGE.COM

"Plan ahead and budget accordingly! Having a travel bucket list based on your children's ages will keep you motivated and on track to reach your family travel goals.."

MARY ELLEN NUNES

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"Once you decide the where for your family adventure, plan the top activities/excursions your family would enjoy and which are in your vacation budget. Even if you like to be spontaneous, having this list prepared will help you resist the spur of the moment \$750 helicopter ride when you've already all agreed on the \$200 horseback ride."

LUCEE SANTINI

WWW.MOMJUNKY.COM

"Look for a full kitchen and a grocery store where you're going, so you can cook most of your meals - timeshares, Airbnb and short-term condo rentals are good for this."

JANICE BRADY

WWW.ANOPENSUITCASE.COM

"There are usually 8 of us traveling together, and 4 generations. So we need a certain amount of privacy and quiet space. It's better and much cheaper for us to rent a vacation home or villa rather than 2 or 3 hotel rooms."