



# Spring Break

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## HOW TO BUDGET SO SPRING BREAK WON'T BREAK THE BANK:



The average family vacation, according to the family travel blogger, **The Stuffed Suitcase**, costs about \$4300. While this price fluctuates considerably, budgeting well can help you cut costs.

[www.stuffedsuitcase.com/average-vacation-cost](http://www.stuffedsuitcase.com/average-vacation-cost)



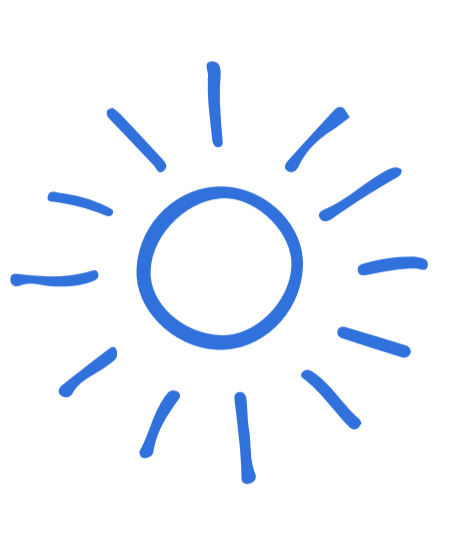
Check out **The Family Backpack's** Pinterest board, **Budget Basics for Traveling with Kids**, for lots of advice on how to save money when traveling with your family. From cheaper destinations to booking hacks, there's a little of everything.

[www.pinterest.com/thefamilybackpack/budget-basics-for-traveling-with-kids](http://www.pinterest.com/thefamilybackpack/budget-basics-for-traveling-with-kids)



Learn from experienced parents about how to save money when traveling with kids. While it doesn't apply only to spring break, they have some suggestions that will be helpful across the board.

[www.parents.com/fun/vacation/planning/ways-to-save-more-money-when-traveling-with-kids](http://www.parents.com/fun/vacation/planning/ways-to-save-more-money-when-traveling-with-kids)



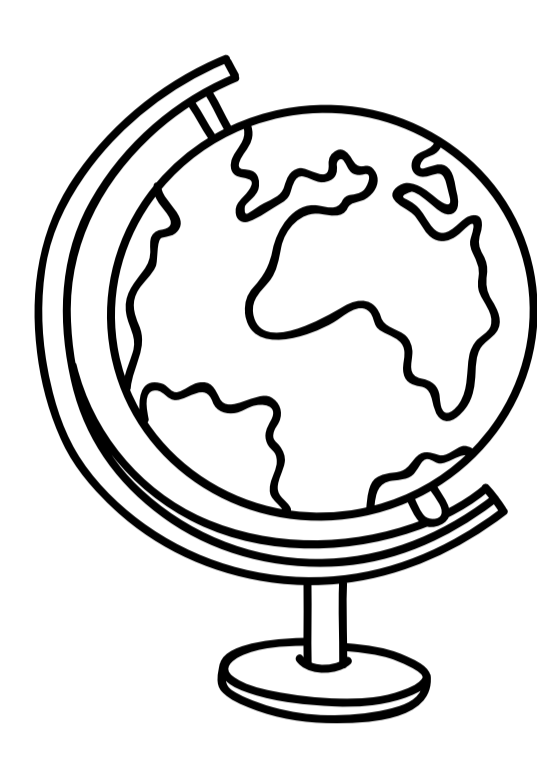
## GIVE ME A BREAK: FINDING THE PERFECT DESTINATION

Finding the right destination is important. Families looking to either beat the crowds or join them will want to make the most of the destination they select. To help with this, **The Family Backpack** has compiled a list of great destinations both on and off the beaten track.

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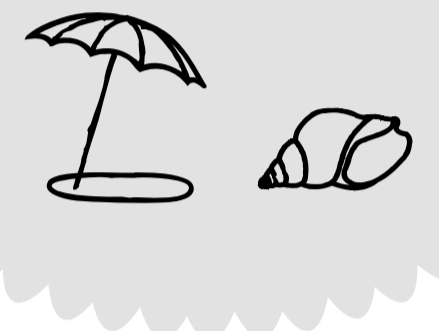
**Google Destinations** is one of our favorite resources to make family travel planning easier. Find out how to use it most effectively with this guide.

[www.travelandleisure.com/articles/destinations-on-google-how-to-use](http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/destinations-on-google-how-to-use)



**Florida** is a great place to go for spring break with your family, see **YTravel Blog's** list:

[www.ytravelblog.com/places-to-visit-in-florida](http://www.ytravelblog.com/places-to-visit-in-florida)



**San Diego** is another beautiful place to go during the spring due to its steady climate and beautiful beaches. There are so many family friendly options and activities in this California city.

Check out **The Family Backpack's San Diego** section.

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Not interested in beaches and warm weather?

Check out **The Family Backpack's** section,  **Skiing with Kids** to find great tips and destinations for a spring break trip to the mountains.

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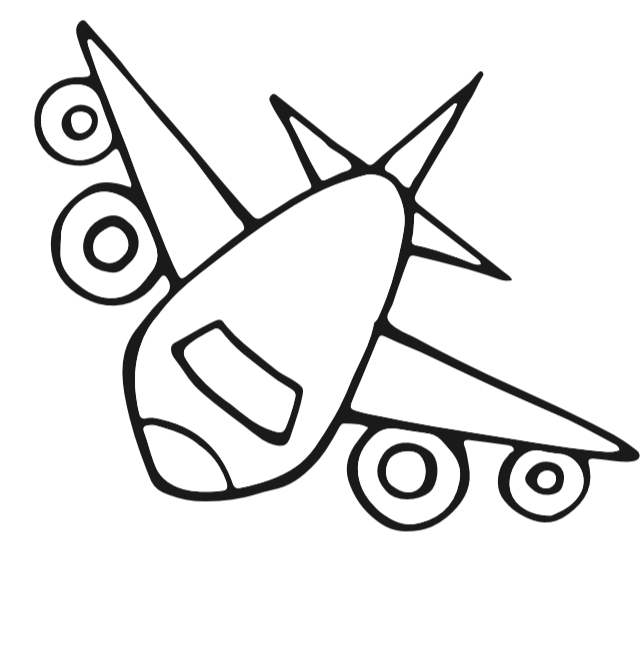
## TRANSPORTATION WITH FAMILY: HOW TO GET THERE

**Google Flights** is a great tool to help you find flights at the best prices.

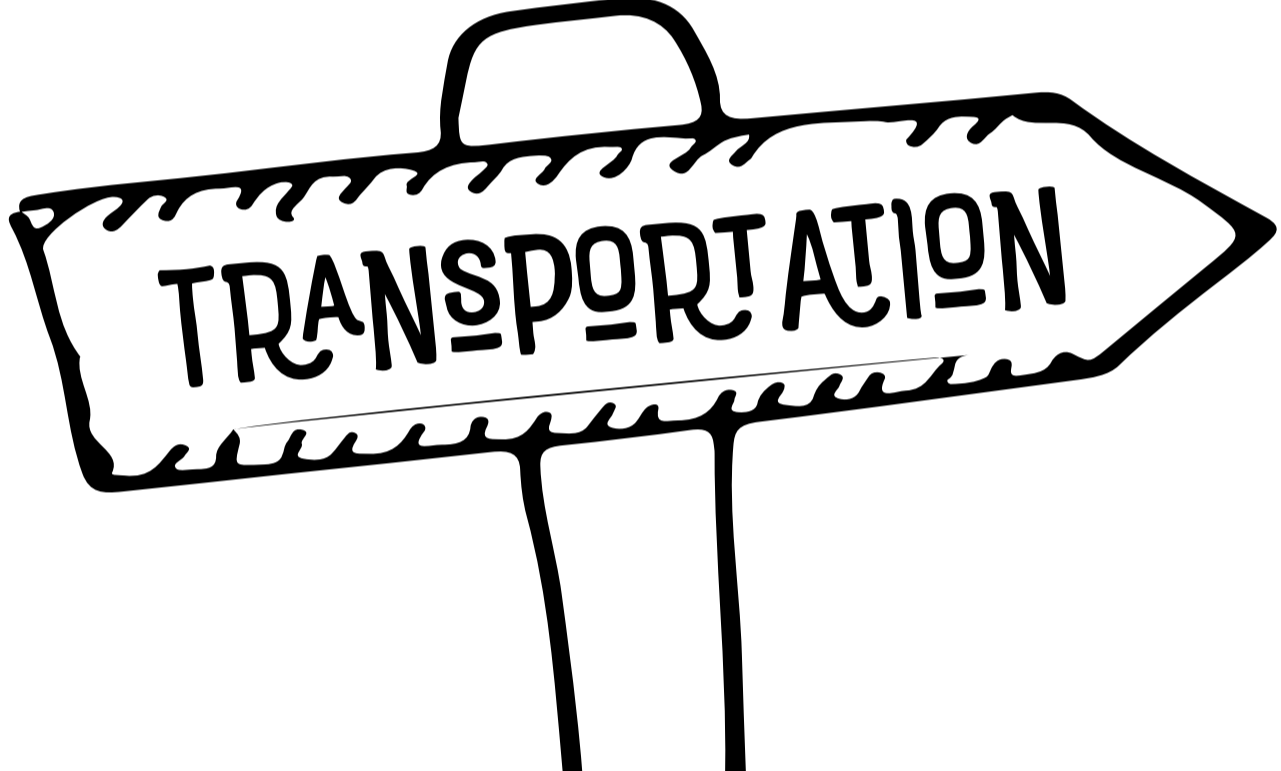
For many family travelers, flying seems like a more time-efficient way to travel. It is not always more expensive than driving. Doing the math to calculate the pros and cons of each is time consuming, but thankfully tools like the **widget** on **Cheap Air** and the **calculator** on **Be Frugal** allow you to input your travel dates and destinations to determine which option is least expensive.

[www.cheapair.com/when-to-buy-flights](http://www.cheapair.com/when-to-buy-flights)

[www.befrugal.com/tools/fly-or-drive-calculator](http://www.befrugal.com/tools/fly-or-drive-calculator)



**Did you know...**  
On average, the most expensive day to fly is Sunday. The cheapest days are Tuesday and Wednesday.



## WHERE TO STAY: CHOOSING BETWEEN HOTELS OR RENTALS

**Oyster.com** is a great resource to use when deciding where to stay. Remember, though, to take everything with a grain of salt as we all travel differently.

[www.Oyster.com](http://www.Oyster.com)



**Kid & Coe** is a vacation planning site that specifically caters to family-focused services and hand-picked vacation rentals. Each property they suggest has been visited by a member of their team.

[www.kidandcoe.com](http://www.kidandcoe.com)



**27% A FAMILY OF FOUR COULD SAVE AN AVERAGE OF ON THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS BY BOOKING AN AIRBNB LISTING**

**Airbnb** or **VRBO** are awesome options for families looking for spacious lodging at lower costs. **The Family Backpack** shares why this is a great resource.

<http://bit.ly/2yNL1TI>

**Did you know...** renting a whole house on Airbnb reportedly costs as much as the average single hotel room.

<http://bit.ly/2zhG95k>

Try one of these unique kid-friendly accommodations in the U.S. or check out this **AirBnB** in Barbados for the ultimate family island experience.



A great way to plan activities is to get the whole family involved. Some great ways to involve your kids in the planning process include budgeting, giving them the "gift" of a trip or special activity instead of presents, or having them research and plan for part of your upcoming trip.

## WHAT TO DO: FUN WITH THE FAM

So you've purchased your plane tickets, planned your destination, but what are you going to do once you're there? Use these helpful guides so you don't have to plan all of your activities after you've arrived. You'll leave out the stress of planning when you're on vacation, making more time to spend with your loved ones.

**The beaches of 30A** along the Florida panhandle are one of our favorite spring break destinations full of family-friendly adventures. Or head out West, rent an RV and visit some of our country's magnificent **National Parks!** Don't forget about the Eastern National Parks too - they are amazing to explore with your kids!

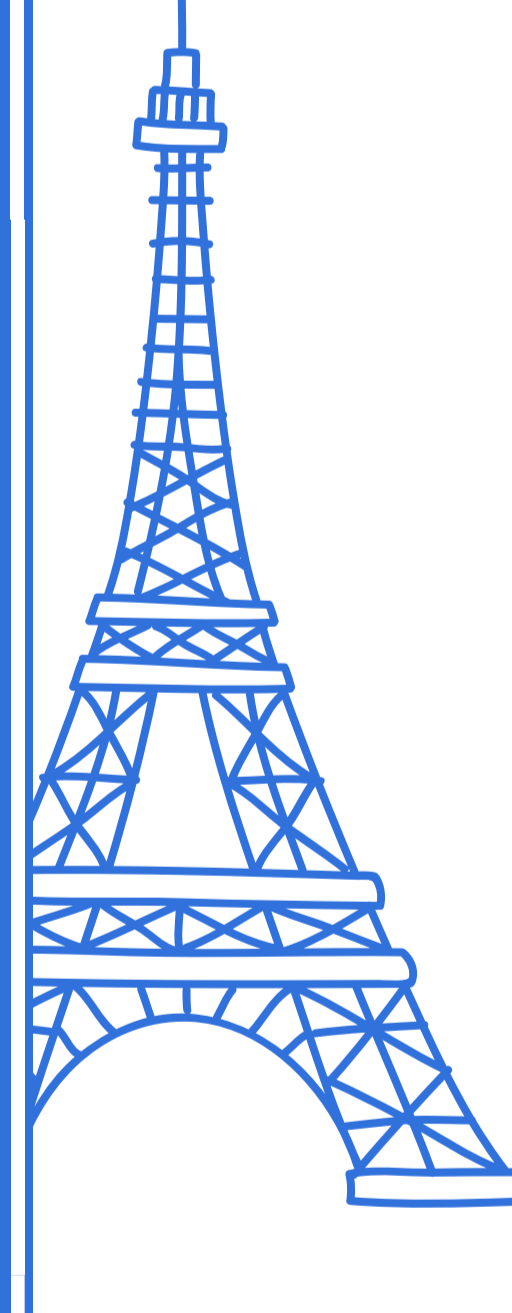
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ShoreTrips has some bucket list family-friendly experiences that are perfect for spring break with your kids:

- Ride an electric car in Key West <http://bit.ly/2RTgZEK>
- Have a Dolphin Encounter in Puerto Vallarta <http://bit.ly/2P0OPc0>
- Scuba with your kids in the Caribbean <http://bit.ly/2OusSmh>
- Or sail on the San Diego coast <http://bit.ly/2P0OUFO>

- Or go big this spring break and book:
  - A private family-friendly Rome tour <http://bit.ly/2RSK0Qx>
  - A Paris fashion house tour <http://bit.ly/2AeDixj>
  - Or explore Florence with kids — and devour some gelato! <http://bit.ly/2Or82Eh>



## A PERFECT PLAN: THE ITINERARY WITHOUT THE WORK

Even with all of these helpful tips for planning your family's trip, it still takes a lot of time and effort to organize a vacation. If you're not up for that, check out these sites that take your information and make an itinerary just for your family.

**Family Twist** creates luxury, family-friendly plans for a variety of European destinations. Input your family needs and let them do the rest.

[www.family-twist.com/family-friendly-destinations](http://www.family-twist.com/family-friendly-destinations)

**Ciao Bambino** is a family travel booking and planning agency. They help book your hotels directly through them and they help select the best places to stay based on your destination, no guesswork needed.

[www.ciaobambino.com/our-story](http://www.ciaobambino.com/our-story)

**Momaboard** is an excellent family travel planning site that has reportedly saved 2280 parent hours and built over 280 individualized itineraries.

<https://momaboard.com>

Lastly, here is a list from **The Family Backpack** pinterest board.

<http://pin.it/Rwjm9Su>



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The Family Backpack is an online guide that enables busy parents to plan and research vacations must faster and easier. Road tripping across the US? Heading to California for Spring Break? Our resources will alleviate all that pre-vacation stress you know you're already worried about.

