



Top 10 vacation-savers

- 1.** Choose destinations that have something to offer both parents and children according to their interests – for instance, cultural attractions as well as beaches.
- 2.** Consider travelling with another family that has children the same ages as yours. The children will entertain each other, and parents can exchange childcare to enjoy occasional child-free outings.
- 3.** Give your children a daily allowance and encourage them to think about how best to spend it – whether on treats, extra activities or souvenirs.
- 4.** Research the health risks of the destination you're considering – everything from sunburn to malaria to altitude sickness.
- 5.** Consider bringing a stocked first-aid kit, especially for a winter getaway when cold and flu can make an appearance at any time.
- 6.** Buy your children disposable cameras and scrapbooks, and get them busy collecting souvenirs, taking photos and writing down observations so they'll have memories to keep.
- 7.** Save money and sanity by flying at night, since the children may sleep for much of the flight.
- 8.** Entertain smaller children on long flights by bringing along gift-wrapped new toys that will have enough novelty appeal to keep little hands busy. Ask for a bulk-head seat location on the plane – it will offer more space for extra gear and allow children to move around more easily.
- 9.** Weigh the appeal of all-inclusive packages carefully – you're not always saving money if you don't eat or drink a lot, so consider a daily rate package instead if that's the case.
- 10.** Remember that buying trips online can be significantly less expensive, especially for last-minute travel. But check first to see if the holiday provider is governed by provincial regulation, such as that provided by Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO).





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