



A good road trip starts with three things: A good plan. Good Snacks. Good people.

I'll help you with planning and snack ideas. The choice in people is up to you, :-).

Here's to a great journey for you and your family, Towanda

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Let's Plan An Epic Trip

Here are my top 7 tips and tools for planning a road trip that everyone can enjoy:

Pack light and choose luggage that's easy to load. I like to use a mix of hard luggage and soft bags (backpacks, weekender bags, etc.) This makes it easier to pack the vehicle.

Need motivation to pack light? A lighter vehicle uses less gas. Plus, you'll need room for souvenirs.

Plan stops. Restroom breaks, the need to move and eating are good reasons to take a break from the road. Are you going to pass any landmarks or tourist areas? Build some time into your journey to stop. Roadtrippers and Roadside America are both good sites for finding interesting places along your route. Find landmarks, interesting sites and more.

If your family enjoys food channels, check out <u>TV Food Maps</u>. It will show you places to eat along your route, based on TV features!

Pack great snacks. There's a list on page 7.

Discuss logistics with everyone so they'll know what to expect (distance, time, interesting places you'll see or visit, dining options, etc.).

Start with a well-rested driver. Nothing can make up for a driver that's not ready for the adventure.

Get car serviced and ready for the road.

Give each passenger ample room to get comfortable. Feeling like sardines in a can does not make for happy travel companions.

Comfy Tip

Wear comfortable clothes!

I love dresses, athleisure wear, or roomy shirts and leggings. My girls love them, too.

Road Trip Checklist

Prep the Car

Get car serviced. Check emergency kit, spare tire and flashlight batteries	•
Make sure all paperwork in car - vehicle registration, insurance cards, roadside assistance information, car manual	1
Put route plan, complete with suggested stops, in easy to find place	
First aid kit	1
<u>Let's Get Comfy</u>	
Travel pillows and blankets	V
Water bottles, snacks	1
Sanitizer and baby wipes	1
Sunglasses	Y
Cooler, small trash bags	Y
<u>Entertainment</u>	
Entertainment kits for each kid including paper, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, etc Pack in small bag or laptop sleeve.	
Surprise treats. I love pulling out new toys and fun snacks around the halfway point.	1
DVD player, tablet or other electronics your kids will love	V

Road Trip-Approved Snacks

Frozen GoGo squeez. Freeze applesauce packs overnight and store in a small cooler. They make awesome slushies with no mess!

Tip: Cut corner to enjoy.

Frozen grapes. If you've never done this, trust me. They are SO. GOOD!

Boiled eggs (peel before packing)

Chewy granola bars

Cheese and crackers

Twizzlers (no-mess candy)

Sandwiches. I typically stick with meat, cheese and bread to avoid soggy bread.

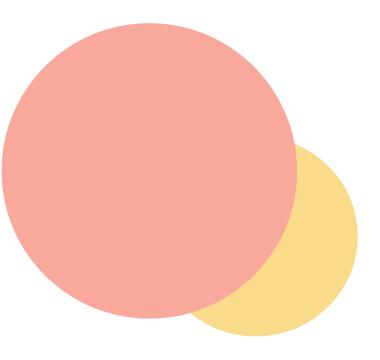
Travel Games

This <u>list of games</u> says "for adults" but many of these will work for families, especially if you have tweens/teens.

It includes everything from 21 Questions to "While You Were Sleeping."



You're Almost Done!



A joy of reading mini guides, aside from the information, is that you don't have to wait until a big chunk of time appears in your schedule.

Because how often does that happen?!

Now that you have tips and tools for planning your road trip, check out our other mini guides. Topics range from education to spirituality.

If you do social media, we'd love to connect there, too. We're on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Pinterest!</u>

I look forward to staying in touch, Towanda

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We can't wait to have you!



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