



MULTIGENERATIONAL TRAVEL MADE EASY

YOUR GUIDE TO HAVING A MEMORABLE, SUPERSIZED FAMILY VACATION

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Exploring new destinations with parents, siblings, children and other family members can offer opportunities to share enriching new experiences and create shared stories and memories that will last forever. With these tips, along with the expertise of your trusted travel advisor, you'll be on your way to a memorable, multigenerational trip of a lifetime.

EVERYONE HAS A SAY

Interview all family members who will be traveling to find out what they want to get out of the vacation and involve them in the planning. This includes even young children. What do they want to see and do? What are must-haves and simply wish items? Each person should get one thing they really want to do or see. By getting everyone involved, each family member will feel like they are a part of making the trip fun and successful.

BE CLEAR ON FINANCES, AND NEVER ASSUME ANYTHING

When planning a multigenerational vacation, consider everyone's budget. Talk about who is paying up-front to avoid awkwardness or surprises. Sometimes grandparents offer to pay, while other times it may be the second generation that pays for their own families or for everyone. Budgeting for the trip is important. How much do you want to spend? Be sure to discuss possible additional expenses, such as meals, drinks, babysitting, excursions, tips, transportation, etc. Once a budget is determined, stick to it.

ACTIVITIES

Choose a destination with a wide appeal, including a good mix of activities; some scenic, some mild, moderate or extreme to cater to different ages and physical fitness levels. Look for opportunities for local cultural immersion, such as learning a language or how to cook local cuisine. This is where the expertise of a travel professional can come in handy, by helping you discover creative tours, excursions, off-the-beaten-path attractions and connections that allow you to experience what the locals do. Make sure there are enjoyable activities that everyone can do together, and some that can be done in separate groups. The wider the age range in

your extended family, the more options you'll want to consider. Don't expect everyone to participate in every activity. Be flexible, but reconvene as a group throughout the day so no one will feel left out of the fun.

BUILD IN SOME DOWNTIME

Avoid overscheduling, and don't attempt to see and do everything your destination offers. Otherwise you'll be dealing with some cranky kids - and adults, too! Balance a morning of activities with a few hours to relax in the afternoon. Also, schedule some time apart. Taking time to have a little space is healthy and helps prevent family members from getting on each other's nerves.

CAPTURE SPECIAL MOMENTS

Multigenerational trips are unique and special, as busy schedules often prevent groups from getting away together often. So, take photos and videos. Be sure you get photos of the entire group. And last, but not least, remember to laugh! There's bound to be a misstep or two when traveling with a multigenerational family, but at the end of the day, don't sweat the small stuff. Keeping a sense of humor will keep everyone happy.

NOT SURE WHERE TO START? A travel expert can create a multigenerational travel experience that will create memories your family will forever cherish.

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