

# Tips On Trips

## Inspiration For Your Next Vacation

(NAPSA)—Dreaming about a getaway can seem easier than planning one. From choosing a destination to narrowing down lodging and transportation, getting a vacation on the calendar takes some legwork. But once it's booked, you immediately reap the benefits. Experts say vacationers actually feel most happy before their trips thanks to the anticipation, according to a study in the journal *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. To help you enjoy the happy effects of travel planning, try these tools that can streamline the process.

• **Inspiring media:** If you're up in the air about where to go and what to do, get inspired. Use magazines and informational websites to find ideas on destinations, activities and attractions. Websites such as [VacationDifferently.com](#) from Wyndham Vacation Rentals can offer both inspiration and expert advice. From hot dining spots to free local sights and the best places to hit the beach, slopes or trails, you'll get an insider's look at some top vacation destinations. You'll also get valuable tips on things like making the most of your vacation budget, traveling with kids, cooking on vacation or planning a multi-generational getaway.

• **Travel apps:** Right at your fingertips, travel apps can be a helpful resource before and during your trip. For example, RCI's *Endless Vacation*® magazine app can be a great first stop. Features on trendy destinations and itinerary ideas might point you in a certain direction. When you're ready to go, many airlines offer apps to make the boarding process easier. If you're considering a road trip instead, check out *Roadtrippers*, which suggests great roadside attractions, restaurants and services along your route. During your stay,



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apps such as the Glad to Have You® vacation rental app can streamline check-in and service requests while serving up local venue recommendations and opportunities to leave feedback.

• **Recommendations and reviews:** Opinions from other travelers can be very valuable. For tailored advice, ask people with similar vacation styles about their best vacations, whether it's your sister's rave reviews of Northwest Florida or your best friend's memorable hikes in Colorado. Once you decide on a destination, turn to lodging providers' websites and travel review sites such as [TripAdvisor](#) for feedback from past vacationers.

• **Social chatter:** Don't forget social media. Check the feeds of lodging providers and destinations you're considering. Travelers often head to social media to share comments about their experiences and such platforms as Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest can offer additional photos and videos. They're also a great way to build up that anticipation once you've booked your trip.

To start your planning, you can head to [VacationDifferently.com](#) for vacation tips and ideas or find the *Endless Vacation* magazine app and others on the Google and Apple stores.