

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

Mapping Out Affordable Road Trips

(NAPSA)—Rising fuel costs don't have to mean putting the brakes on family road trips.

Instead, experts suggest simple tips, such as keeping tires well inflated and your car well maintained, as well as cutting down on heavy luggage in the vehicle and driving the speed limit to help you save fuel.

It's also a good idea to plan your trip out ahead of time to help you take more direct routes to destinations—and to help ensure you see all the sites an area offers. Families can even find Web sites dedicated to planning memorable—but fuel-efficient—road trips all across the country.

For instance, Goin6.com, from Motel 6, helps vacation seekers plan a one-tank trip and use their hard-earned dollars toward fun activities and gasoline, rather than on accommodations.

Following on the heels of the recently announced Jazz Journey, the site's newest series of trips takes travelers through historic American sites along the Eastern Seaboard, California wine country and theme parks, and some of America's best-known national parks.

The site helps road trippers and other travelers plan a great trip by organizing the information included on the site into helpful "Eat," "Sleep" and "Do" feature tabs. Each featured journey includes Motel 6 locations along the way that provide comfortable and affordable accommodations that offer savings of \$40 to \$60 a night when compared to mid-scale hotels.

The screenshot shows the Goin6.com website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Goin6 logo and several photo thumbnails. Below that, a section titled "Top Goin 6 Trip:" features a large image for "The Motel 6 Jazz Journey" with a play button overlay. To the right of this image is a text block titled "Jazz Journey: The New Orleans/Chicago Loop" with a sub-heading "Follow the Jazz Journey". The text describes the historical significance of jazz in New Orleans and Chicago, mentioning famous musicians like Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. Below the main image, there are two smaller sections: "What's Goin 6?" which explains the "Goin 6" concept (staying at Motel 6 to save on travel expenses) and "Discover:" which includes a search bar for "Search a Goin 6 Trip" and a small photo gallery. At the bottom of the page, there are links for "About Us", "Motel 6", "Help", "Privacy", "Press", and "Contact Us".

The Web can help people plan affordable road trips that are fuel efficient and fun.

Terrific Trips

The site's highlighted national park trips include tours through Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park and more. Travelers are guided through canyons, lakes, trails and mountain peaks and directed toward highlights and activities in and around each of these parks, including hiking, rock climbing and whitewater rafting.

Other trips include stops in Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland; an exploration of Southern California's theme parks with stops at Magic Mountain, Universal Studios, Disneyland, SeaWorld and many more.

For more information, visit www.goin6.com.