

# TIPS ON TRIPS

## Planning A Family-Friendly Trip

(NAPSA)—Mapping out fun family travels can be easier than vacationers might expect.

The key is to plan trips around what your whole family enjoys. While that may sound easier said than done—especially with teenagers and small children—travel agents say there are a variety of travel options and tips that can help.

For instance, simply blocking out time for teens to sleep in while on vacation can help keep them happy, and give adults some much needed alone time. You might also want to plan for lots of bathroom breaks and always have snacks in the car if you're traveling with small children.

These additional tips might help, too. They come from the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA):

### Keep It Fun

- Be adventurous and visit a national park or take a safari. Keep the activities interesting for kids as well as the adults. From glaciers and geysers to canyons and deserts, there is something that will wow every age group.

- Cruise ships can be a family vacation planner's best friend. Picture a floating megaresort with tons for everyone to do—all in a confined space where you know your kids are supervised and safe.

### Keep Them Happy

- Give teenagers space by having your travel agent select accommodations that offer more than just one room, such as a suite. Or book adjacent rooms if



**A little research can help you plan a vacation that's fun for the whole family.**

the budget permits.

- Keep the kids involved by putting them in charge of at least one aspect of the trip. If they're good with maps, make them the navigator.

### Keep It Affordable

- Money is a big part of any travel experience, and the more value you feel you're getting, the more you're likely to enjoy yourself. Travel agents can help you plan a trip within your budget and expectations to produce a better vacation experience.

- You might also set a budget with your teens for their incidental spending—and stick with it.

### Keep It Simple

You can visit an ASTA travel agent to help plan your next trip and to get help saving time and money.

Go to [www.TravelSense.org](http://www.TravelSense.org) to find an agent in the area. The site also features tips on family travel.