

Tips For Smooth Summer Traveling

(NAPSA)—Traveling with the family can be a happy and rewarding experience for moms, dads, and kids alike. You say your family vacations are just the opposite? Well, here are a few simple tips you can follow that will help you turn your vacation experience around without having to turn the car around and head back home!

First and most importantly, set your charts for Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. With dozens of attractions and entertainment options, Pigeon Forge is similar to one-stop shopping—all of your vacation requirements can be met in one location, greatly simplifying your travel plans.

If you're traveling with young children, remember that they may not have a concept of time. Compare your travel time to something to which they can relate. For example, if you'll arrive at your destination in one day, tell them that the time spent traveling will be the same as one day at school. For longer drives, show them a calendar and mark departure and arrival dates. As they check off the passing days, their anticipation and excitement will grow.

Keep a well-supplied first-aid kit in your car. Band-Aids, ointments for cuts, scrapes or bee stings, pain relievers, and tweezers are musts for a traveling family. And don't forget the sunscreen for those sunny summer days.

If your drive will last several days plan to stop early, no later than 5 p.m. each afternoon. This will give you and the kids plenty of time to burn off your pent-up energy. It may also eliminate the chance of seeing those "no vacancy" signs at hotels and motels along the way.

Here's an unpleasant but important thought: Keep a log of your expenses while traveling. There's no need to get in too deep and end



up paying off your vacation for the next six months.

And when scheduling your vacation, don't over plan. Leave some time to explore the surprises you'll discover once you reach your destination.

There are dozens of surprises awaiting families in Pigeon Forge. The city is lined with entertainment and activities for all ages. Kids and parents alike will be thrilled with the go-kart tracks, water slides and miniature golf courses. Looking for more adventure? How about an exhilarating bungee jump or soaring indoor skydiving experience!

Pigeon Forge is also where you'll find Dollywood, a charming entertainment park where families can enjoy rides, shows and crafts in a beautiful mountain setting.

By following a few simple tips and heading in the right direction, towards Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, you will have a happy summer vacation! For more information about action-packed Pigeon Forge, call 1-800-251-9100 or visit www.mypigeonforge.com.