

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN



Tips To Help You Enjoy Your Family Vacation

(NAPSA)—Traveling with children can be both educational and fun.

If you are looking for a place to take your youngsters where they can enjoy themselves as well as learn something new, travel experts recommend smaller cities less than a day's drive away, with a variety of entertainment options and attractions.

The value of your vacation is increased when its purpose is to entertain and educate, allowing you and your family to enjoy time together as well as learn about new and different interests.

Cities such as East Tennessee's Pigeon Forge are popular family vacation spots because of the variety of activities they offer as well as their all-ages appeal. In this city, nestled at the foothills of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, there is plenty for everyone in your family to learn from and enjoy.

For example, at the new Helicopter Headquarters in Pigeon Forge, your whole family can have fun while learning about the history of helicopter aviation. There are interactive displays and special exhibits such as an account of the advancements in helicopter technology through military efforts and a helicopter flight simulator.

Additionally, children tend to be more content and compliant on trips when they have a choice in the activities. Don't overplan for your vacation: Explore your vacation destination as a family and leave things open to suggestion and chance, and encourage your children to look for things that would seem fun to them.

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WonderWorks' upside-down building, you'll want to make time to check it out. WonderWorks is an amusement park for the mind, with more than 150 interactive exhibits.

You can experience what it feels like to be in an earthquake in the Disaster Zone, watch a 3-D film about outer space in the Space Zone and then design and take a virtual ride on your own roller coaster. And stay to enjoy Hoot 'n' Holler, a fun-filled dinner show reminiscent of a traveling vaudeville production.

When you involve your kids in the planning and engage them in educational activities, you're sure to have an unforgettable vacation. Remember, the perfect family getaway begins with the perfect family destination, and you'll find everything you need in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee!

More information about Pigeon Forge can be found by calling (800) 251-9100, or on the Web at www.MyPigeonForge.com.