



A to Z

*of Family Trip*

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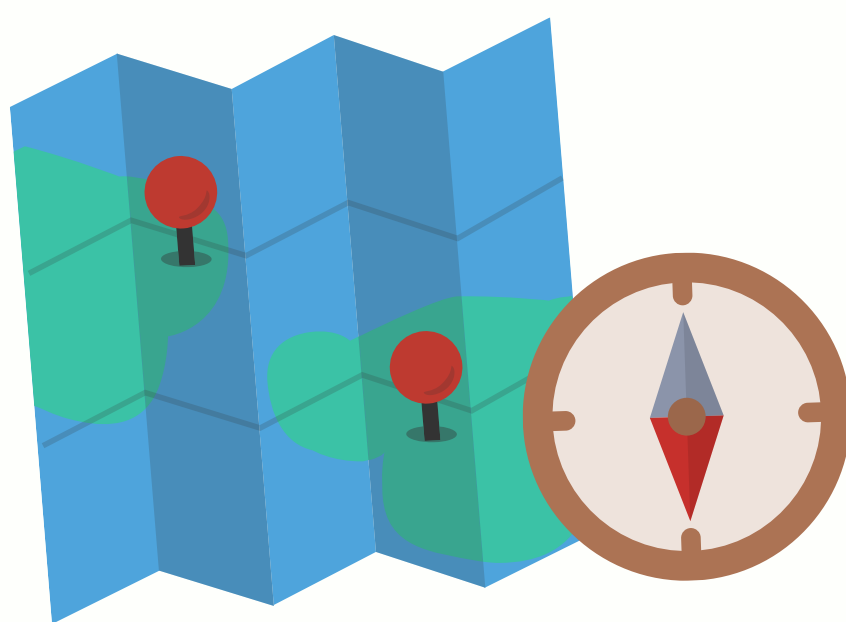






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# *Introduction*

Thinking twice on bringing your kids along when you travel? Traveling with children need not be stressful. Its no secret that family road trips can be incredibly stressful - Especially if you have multiple children, and many, many miles to go.

We have all seen the same blog repeated a thousand times with a myriad of activities to keep children occupied during family road trips, and yes, in a perfect world, all children are content to color and play with pipe cleaners and quietly keep to themselves for hours on end...

Outback here, in the real world, children have to use the bathroom, (always at the WORST time), they get bored (understandably so), and this boredom and frustration over the inability to get up and use some of the endless energy they can't help but have, often ends with tearful tantrums on their part, and equally frustrated parents.

A major problem for many parents is how to occupy their child when they travel. It can be great to be on a family vacation, but it can be a nightmare getting to wherever it is you're going on that vacation. You can finally overcome all these issues during your trip by utilizing our kid's travel tray. This product has been designed to create a small entertainment station for your children.



Our tray is the most compact and versatile in the market today. It offers 3 different ways in which it can be used:



One side of the tray is an open space for kids to have snacks and to play. We also created an attachable screen pocket for iPad/Tablet (it is a simply fabulous solution).

Parents are in control of the screen time since they only have to slide the iPad/tablet inside the pocket and hand it over to the kids.

The kid can easily attach it to the tray and Voilà! they can watch the show while their hands are free and because the screen is supported by the tray, they won't have to stress themselves with head and shoulders down to watch something in their lap.

The pocket is touch sensitive, with a zipper and 100% waterproof as well, so, you don't have to worry if the kids spill a drink while using the iPad/Tablet.



The tray can be flipped and *Voilà again!*



A new station is created. On this side, the kid has a whiteboard, by using any washable marker or whiteboard pen, they can color and create whatever they want. In the end with any tissue, cloth or wipe, kids can erase and start all over again.





# *Using our products*

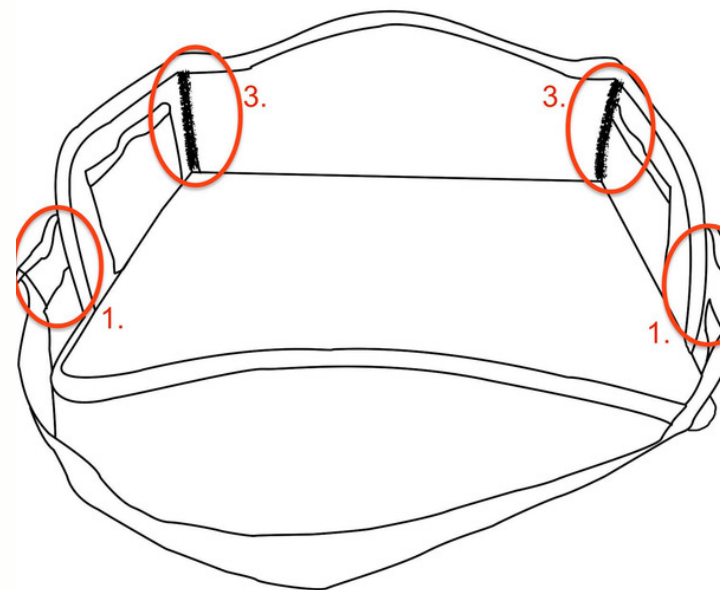
The product is easy to use with a scavenger hunt game as there are well-explained instructions clearly stated as some parts of the game are applicable to an age bracket such as 3+ years, 6+ years and for adults as well depending on the stage of the game.

The tray is perfect for your kids as it is designed to meet the needs of children to keep them busy and occupied rather than being bored during a long car ride.

There are no small parts to it, keeping it to be safe to be used for children of any age. The fabric used on the tray is mainly of polyester, PVC and vegan leather.

Before flip the tray:

1. Detach the buckle from both side
2. Remove the side pockets
3. Detach the corner of the boarders where is the velcro.



Now, flip the tray, connecting first the velcro (press it firmly), then reattaching the buckles and the pockets.

For a long last usage of the tray, keep it resting flat away from the sun and humid. Do not put it to dry on direct sunlight, rather in an airy place.

Use washable markers or whiteboard marks on the white side of the tray. Use a dry tissue or wipe to keep it clean when the tray is not in usage.

Care: Do not wash, bleach or iron.   



# *Safety on the road*

By adhering to a few safety rules, you can ensure not only your own safety, but that of your family too, you'll find the highways and roads chock-a-block with vacationers and merrymakers driving to various destinations.

More traffic on the road means more accidents and these figures become alarming. Below is a comprehensive list of safety rules and guides to stay safe on the road.

## 1. Maintain the speed limit on the road.

The maximum speed allowed on major highways and roads should not be exceeded. You should be careful while driving and not be in a haste to get to your destination, hence the need to adhere strictly to the speed limits on each route.

Obeying the speed limit will ensure proper traffic flow.

## 2. Lighten the load.

You should ensure that you pack only things you will need on the trip to avoid too much weight on the tires.

3. Stay calm behind the wheel. You should keep your eyes on the road and always be a courteous driver. Remember you have your kids on board, you should set a good example as you know children are more observant at this age.



4. Use the front and back seat belts. On wearing of seatbelts for children, a driver is given the responsibility of ensuring that those under 16 years old are secured inside the vehicle. Infants and toddlers, including that pre-school children, must also be provided with their own car seats or booster seats. Pre-teens and teen-agers is most safe when seated at the back and far from the central point of impact. Those age 16 and above are responsible enough to fasten their own belts, so most likely they don't need further supervision.

These steps will absolutely take the risk of high-impact accident away from your children.

5. Keep those tires properly inflated. Doing so both increases fuel economy and prevents blow-outs, which should hopefully put an end to afternoons stranded on the side of the highway after a blow-out.





# *Must have on the car*

Travelling with little ones can be one of the most joyous events of all, it can also be one of the most stressful. While seeing the wonder in your children's eyes as they gaze upon some historic or natural wonder may make your heart swell with pride, you must realize they'll eventually get bored or tired, and you'll have to revert back to your roles of referee, peace keeper, and entertainment chairperson.

My mother-in-law used to tell the story of traveling in the car with five children under the age of five.

Someone was always asking "How much longer?" to which her husband routinely answered "Only 10 more minutes."

When she protested, he responded, "They just want a answer - any answer will do!"

As a mother of five grown children, I've had better luck telling the truth, and then finding something creative to do.

In order to keep your sanity and actually enjoy some of the travel spots, you take your children to, follow some simple pre-planning and travel organizing tips. Before you know it, you'll be looking forward to family travel--no matter how many children tag along.

1. Go to age appropriate locations.

If you want your children to enjoy their travel experience, make sure you take them to places suited to their age.

This doesn't mean every trip has to involve a theme park or sports event; it simply means keep the trip's educational value at a level they can comprehend and appreciate.



If your children's' ages span a wide range, have at least one activity geared to each child.

Picking a hotel with a pool can make a big difference!

## 2. Lay the ground rules early.

Before you even leave the house, make sure your children know what is and isn't acceptable behavior on the road. As elementary as this may seem, if you don't tell your children what you expect, how can they oblige?

## 3. Let the children pack their own travel bag.

Make sure the children's bag is small enough that they can carry it. If they can read, a parent can make a packing list.

Include things they can do on the road or in the air such as comic books, play dough, Rubik's Cube, slinky, iPad/tablet with their favorite shows and games downloaded etc. Decide ahead of time about seating arrangements and make contingency plans in case requested seats are not available.

## 4. Establish a meeting place. Nothing could be worse than having a child get lost in an unfamiliar environment. Whenever you visit a location, identify a spot the family can meet at if you happen to get separated.

Equally important, have some current photos of your children available. That way others can help you locate your lost child. If your child can tell time, make sure they take a watch!

## 5. Make the children a part of the trip by letting them help plan. Your children will enjoy the trip more if they feel they have some say on the agenda.





Get books from the library, or do an Internet search, on the area you plan to visit. Give them some options of what to do while away and actually use some of their suggestions. Who knows, you may enjoy their suggestions more than you think.

6. Keep a running list of everything your children need on the trip. (Don't worry we have got your back, your checklist is already here)

If more than two children will be traveling with you; keep a separate list for each child's belongings otherwise the items begin to run together, and it's difficult to determine if you really have enough supplies for each child.

It's amazing how many people forget to pack basic necessities for their children like toothbrushes, socks, and shoes.

7. Bring a first-aid kit and emergency medication.

When traveling with children, always keep a first aid kit handy. It'll help get rid of the tears and bring back the smiles and fun times.

8. Check for children travel specials.

It's amazing how many people spend more time planning what they're going to have for breakfast than how they're going to spend a week or two on the road.

A fun, well-planned travel experience will create memories that can last a lifetime. Plus, pre-planning can save you lots of money. Many airlines, restaurants, and hotels offer discounts for children, whether it's a "kids stay or eat free" deal or a "half off children's rate." If you're a do-it-yourself-er, surf the Internet for travel websites.



You can usually find some great deals if you're willing to take the time and look for them. Most important, bring the right attitude. Traveling with children will always present some challenges.

Spend more time enjoying the precious memories you'll be creating and less time fretting over what could go wrong. Keep your sense of humor in full swing and happy traveling. You should make sure the kids use the bathroom before leaving the house.





# *What to bring when travel with kids*

Any parent who has small kids often dreads the prospects of family road trip. Actually, it can be said that the worst bit of vacation is during the family travel to and from the vacation destination. I was like that, too.

As much as I like to travel with kids, With two very young kids in tow, it is almost a guarantee that I have to move around in the car from time to time to attend to their needs, notably during feeding time.

Not to mention that I have to endure their boredom and the endless utterance of this phrase, "Are we there yet ?"

Fortunately, there are ways to make the family road trip more enjoyable and stress-free.

Here is the list of things which can dramatically reduce the boredom your child is experiencing during the family car ride and saves you from having to always attending to your child's needs while in the trip:

1. Get Adorablue travel tray. You can attach the travel tray to either your child's car seat or use it in the plane. This gadget will save you from having to keep on attending your child. You can use this gear to hold your child's cup, meal and toys.

2. Rest stop regularly during the family trip. This way, your children will have time to stretch their legs and run around, hence quenching the boredom.

3. Bring lots of snacks and cold drink, and put them within your child's reach.



4. Involve your children in the map or road guide reading. That way, they understand where they are at a point and how close they are to the destination.
5. Bring paper towel, wet wipes, spare clothes outside of the suitcase, extra water for rinsing and a small trash bin.
6. Bring your child's favorite books and play your child's favorite music.
7. If you want to stop at a restaurant, try to find restaurant with the play area.
8. If weather permits, consider to have a picnic rather than just eating at a restaurant with no play. I guarantee your child will be happier running around in a picnic ground.
9. If you travel with young kids, bring along a potty trainer for emergency relief.
10. Important items such as shoes, a toothbrush, toothpaste, diapers, noise machine, a hairbrush, and shampoo should be included.
11. Play word games such as our scavenger hunt game, license plate games, I-spy games, and other games of that nature.





12. Children like to know what comes next, to help your child create a perspective of long the trip can be, with your kid create a schedule for the car ride or the flight, for example:

- »»»→ Get in the car & buckle up
- »»»→ Play favorite songs
- »»»→ Play AdoraBlue Scavenger Hunter game
- »»»→ Snack time
- »»»→ 30mins watching the favorite show
- »»»→ Drawing time with AdoraBlue educational pages, etc.

But of course, keep it flexible.

Kids can get bored easily, plus it hard for active children be sitting strapped for a long period of time.

Time to time bring your child attention to the next activity that you have lined up or to what is outside, it can be something on the landscape, talk about Christmas's or Summer's plans, a friend's birthdays that are coming up. Children love to hear these stories.



## *Conclusion*

The most important thing is to get some kinds of entertainment in the car during the family road trip. Many parents prefer just using an iPad or tablet.

However, if this is not your cup of tea, bring along with Adorablue travel tray others travel toys and games, so that your children can amuse themselves with these.

And remember, enjoy the journey and have fun. Kids will cry or fight over small things, don't get stress over it, everything will be okay.

You have the opportunity now to create one of the best memories with your family. Enjoy it.





# Practical Travel Checklist

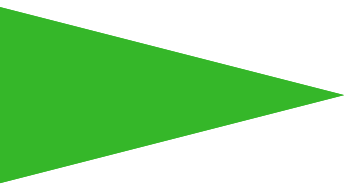
*For a best use of this list, print it and check every item that you are packing. Highlight the ones you only can pack right before leaving the house. Check it again before leave.*

## From the bedroom

- ☐ Clothing (indoor and outdoor)
- ☐ Pj's /socks / slippers)
- ☐ Blankets / pillow
- ☐ Favorite stuff animal to sleep
- ☐ Diapers or undies
- ☐ Diapers rash cream
- ☐ Extra pacifiers or security blankets
- ☐ Noise machine/ sleep light
- ☐ Favorite books
- ☐ Shoes

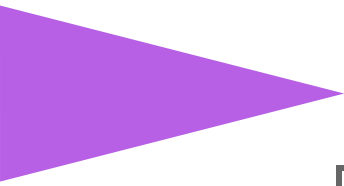
## From the bathroom

- ☐ Toothbrush/ toothpaste
- ☐ Hairbrush/ hair elastics & bows
- ☐ Hair spray/ shampoo & conditioner/ soap
- ☐ Wipes and tissues
- ☐ Bath toys
- ☐ Sunscreen/ body lotion
- ☐ Medicines/ thermometer/ band-aids



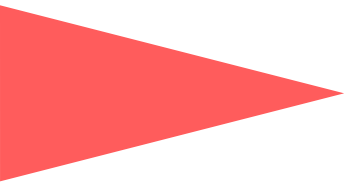
**From the live room**

- ☐ Favorite toys & games
- ☐ CD's/ DVD's
- ☐ iPad/ tablet/ iPod
- ☐ Headphones



**From the kitchen**

- ☐ Snacks/ food
- ☐ Sippy cups/ water bottle (filed for the car)
- ☐ Bibs
- ☐ Bottles/ bottle brush/ formula
- ☐ Bottle warmer
- ☐ Plates/ silverwares
- ☐ Cooler
- ☐ Paper towels/ plastic bags



**Extras**

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