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You've got passions, dreams and a sense of adventure that only travel can satisfy. From planning to going, make your next trip a reality with these savings tips.

1. Time It Right. You've got the time to be flexible. When planning your trip, try to avoid peak travel season in your destination's area and investigate traveling at different times of the week when prices may be more in your favor.

2. Know Before You Go. As an AARP member, you have exclusive discounts on hotels, airfare, car rental and dining. Together, these can help you save hundreds of dollars.

3. Get Rewarded. Take a few extra steps to sign-up for loyalty programs, especially for those services you know you’ll use again and again, like your hotel. AARP members can now access new member benefits for Radisson Rewards. Rewards can add up to discounts on food, early check-in/checkout, complimentary upgrades, free nights and more — it’s a big savings opportunity for your current and future trips.

4. Book the Right Room. You may want to get a room with a microwave and refrigerator or even a kitchenette area. This gives you the flexibility to prepare and eat meals in your room, or store and warm up leftovers from that amazing restaurant.

5. Consider Driving. It can be cheaper to take to the open road than it is to fly to your destination, especially with multiple people. Plus, you get to take in all that scenery along the way — you can’t put a price tag on that!

6. Stay Organized. Use a mobile app to keep all your travel information in one place. When you’re organized, you’re less likely to make last-minute spending decisions without the benefit of doing your research.

7. Pack Light. Many airlines charge for luggage, so check your options before leaving the house. Pack light to avoid extra weight charges or additional baggage fees.

8. Dive With the Intention to Save. Consider eating a late lunch or during happy hour to save money. Stop at the local farmer’s market or grocery for fresh produce and healthy snacks, which can keep you going and round out your dining out expenses.

9. Get Off the Beaten Path. Talk to the locals and avoid the often-over-priced tourist spots. Discover the city’s unique charm. Get some exercise by walking to explore parks, libraries and museums, which are often free.

10. Look Into Travel Insurance. Planning for the unexpected is wise. Travel insurance can ultimately protect you from losing money if your vacation plans change suddenly.

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Planning a Family Vacation?

5 trips guaranteed to please everyone

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Get away from the day-to-day, embark on a family adventure.

Creating lasting memories is an integral part of family life, and family vacations can play a big role in that. Whether your family is into outdoor activities, trying new foods and beverages, checking out museums and historic sites or all of the above, here are five trips that have something for everyone’s tastes.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Located in the eastern foot of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Springs boasts beautiful views and plenty of activities. One can’t-miss spot is the Royal George Bridge and Park, which contain the nation’s highest suspension bridge and park line. A playground for kids, a waterpark and aerial for braving uses. For a more scenic view, check out Michael Garr’s Magna Town, a 2,500-square-foot work of art filled with sculptures, holograms and illusions. A local favorite is the library at Holy Cross Abbey, 45 miles southwest of Colorado Springs, founded by Benedictine monks. The library, which features a traveling nature center, is open daily. Garden of the Gods Park has something for everyone: a visitor and nature center, museum, the historic Rock Ledge Ranch, rock climbing and hiking, horseback riding, bike tours and free guided walks.

Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia’s Capital is brimming with history, culture, art, shopping and near memories in the making. See where the 1996 Olympic games were held at Centennial Olympic Park. Visit the 30-acre Atlanta History Center’s museum, historic houses, gardens and trails. Take a personalized test drive at the Porsche Experience Center. View the nation’s only giant panda twins at Zoo Atlanta. Head to the LEGOLAND Discovery Center with the kids to see an exclusive new LEGO movie. And for foodies and outdoor enthusiasts alike, the walkable and bikeable Atlanta Beltline has miles of unique restaurants, shops and neighborhoods.
Kalispell, Montana

Kalispell’s abundance of outdoor activities means year-round family-friendly adventures. Just 22 scenic miles are Glacier National Park. Take a beautiful drive to the west entrance with tons of photo opportunities along the way. Then enjoy a vast array of attractions once inside the park. Spend a day skiing around Flathead Lake where you can shop, stroll, and relax. Museum, music venues, wineries, breweries, galleries, and state parks. Take a stroll down historic Main Street, which features a selection of unique boutiques, shops, and restaurants and Kalispell Brewing Company, where you can catch live music in the summer. Visit Kalispell founder Charles Connelly’s 15,000-square-foot mansion and museum, located just a half-mile off Main Street.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

If the city of Milwaukee is not the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a travel destination, but with its unique museums, outdoor art and year-round activities, it’s a slice of the whole family. Walk through downtown Milwaukee along the Milwaukee River. And don’t miss the eclectic Brady Street, home of unique restaurants, bars, and shops. Stay at Unger’s, a Milwaukee culinary standard for over 100 years. Visit the free Discovery World, a museum of science and technology. Then explore the century-old Discovery World Science and Technology Center. Take the grand tour to see interactive exhibits at Betty Brinn Children’s Museum. Browse the Historic Third Ward, known as “Milwaukee’s Arts and Fashion District.” Don’t forget the spectacular Milwaukee Art Museum, which is home to more than 30,000 pieces of art.

Dallas, Texas

From The Sixth Floor Museum commemorating JFK’s assassination to historical parks and award-winning museums, there’s something for every member of your family to explore in Dallas. Zilker Park is perfect for the thrill-seekers in your group. Plan a day at the zoo. The Dallas Museum of Art is home to more than 30,000 pieces of art. Check out the Dallas Museum of Art - General Admission is free. Walk through the unique Dallas Arts District with its restaurants, coffee shops, galleries and boutiques. The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture was originally a courthouse, but now contains unique artifacts like a mammoth fossil, sports figure memorabilia and Lee Harvey Oswald’s handcuffs. When you’re on the road, you’ll discover all the comforts of home at Country Inn & Suites by Radisson.

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What’s Your Vacation Style?
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Laid Back and Easy
Most of us love the idea of getting away for a little rest and relaxation near water, whether it’s to be on ocean or a lake. It you enjoy sunbathing, swimming, reading and strolling with little stress while waging your toes in the sand, or you’re just looking for a chance to unwind and recharge for a bit, a beach vacation is the perfect choice for you.
- **Hotel Booking Tip**: Consider booking a resort or beachfront hotel with an on-site restaurant so you don’t have to venture very far—unless you want to.

Curious and Cultural
If museums, historical sites, local cuisine, breweries, wineries and spending time with the locals are your thing, exploring other countries is sure to help quench your thirst. That said, there’s plenty of nature and history to be found in the vastness of America too. Books like The 100 Best Small-Town and America or 1,000 Places to See Before You Die can help you plan your next journey.
- **Hotel Booking Tip**: When choosing your hotel, consider locations that are in the heart of your destination. These tend to be in areas that allow you to take in the local culture.

Carefree and Adventurous
While there’s no doubt lying on the beach is the quintessential vacation, you may be looking for something with a bit more action. You’re always moving, staying fit and love a new challenge. Head out to the national parks for some hiking and biking or attend one of the many hot air balloon festivals and experience the thrill of watching the world pass by from above.
- **Hotel Booking Tip**: Choose a hotel with amenities like complimentary breakfast and a fitness center so you can stay energized throughout your stay.

Shared With Family
Maybe your favorite vacations include your whole family. You like destinations with activities for all ages, you love making new memories and you find joy watching your grandkids have fun. Big cities are great for family vacations because they offer such a wide array of attractions, from museums to parks, themed festivals and walking tours - everyone is guaranteed to have a good time.
- **Hotel Booking Tip**: To get the most value for your dollar, book a hotel that offers local discounts as part of their loyalty program - choose one that has a pool so the kids can swim during downtime.

Explorer and Conqueror
If you enjoy hitting the road and stopping wherever strikes your fancy, finding secluded, little-known places and striking up conversations with locals about their town’s best-kept secrets, plan a trip as unique as you are. Discover your destination’s hidden gems beforehand with a little online research. Or consider going somewhere off the beaten path to explore, like Garden of the Gods in Colorado where amazing 1,5-million-year-old red rock formations meet the canyons towering.
- **Hotel Booking Tip**: Look for hotels with free WiFi so you won’t rack up extra charges when you’re researching what to explore next.

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Answer the call to the open road this fall.

America has it all—mountains, grasslands, beaches and deserts. There’s no end to the picturesque gorgeousness that stretches across approximately 2,000 miles from east coast to west coast. Not only is America beautiful, it’s full of fun and educational historic sites—some off the beaten path, and some you’ve heard about. Here’s a look at why you should add these historically significant destinations to your list.

Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

For a slice of authentic American history, the 18th-century city of Colonial Williamsburg is a must-see. As the world’s largest living history museum, this historic town features historic museums, four taverns, hands-on activities and guided tours. History suddenly seems more real when you take a carriage ride, visit with actual tradespeople working with 18th-century tools and methods in the town’s shops, stroll a marketplace and stroll around original buildings. Stay in the historic Williamsburg area to make the most of your visit.

Shanghai Tunnels, Portland, Oregon

Underneath Portland’s Old Town lies the stuff of legends. The Shanghai Tunnels, passages that stories say once stretched for miles underneath the city, are dubbed thus for the common mid-19th-century practice of shipbuilding and selling able-bodied men to ship captains. You can decide for yourself whether the stories are true by taking a tour and listening to the captivating oral history of the tunnels. Earn Radisson Rewards points in downtown Portland so you can maximize that unique local vibe.

Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida

Though historically speaking space travel is relatively new, a visit to the Kennedy Space Center can give you a vast appreciation for the history and imagination behind it. The center’s attractions are organized chronologically, from space pioneers to current missions. You can also go to launch sites, see artifacts from more landings, view the Atlanta space shuttle and experience what a shuttle launch is like. Book a hotel on Cape Canaveral so you can also easily swing over to the renowned Cocoa Beach.

Historic Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Established in the early 1800s, this National Historic Landmark hosts field trips, group tours, storytelling, military reenactments, exhibits and seasonal events. While there, you can also stop by Fort Snelling National Cemetery, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. Other landmarks in the area include St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center and LoSci and Dam, Mill City Museum, Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery, Hopkins History Museum and the Bell Museum. If you stay near the famed Mall of America, not only will you have outlets of shops and restaurants to choose from, Historic Fort Snelling is a quick 10-minute drive away.

Page, Arizona

There are quite a few breathtaking historical sites near this tiny town in northern Arizona. Among them are The Navajo Village Heritage Center, Lee’s Ferry and the Powell Museum. And while you’re at it, check out nearby Horseshoe Bend, the Rainbow Bridge National Monument, Glen Canyon, Lake Powell and Antelope Canyon. Traveling with your loved ones? Ask your hotel about romantic gateway packages for an unforgettable vacation.

Whether you’re road-tripping or checking these destinations off the list once by one, when you join Radisson Rewards you can earn your way to Gold status in just four stays when you book using the AARP Member Rate.

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