

TIPS ON TRIPS

Spring Break Kicks With Streets & Trips 2003: Plan a Better Trip and See More Places Along the Way

(NAPSA)—Due to the slow economy, air travel decreased in the past year, while road travel increased. As a result, people looking forward to a fun-filled spring break may jump in the car or RV for a good old-fashioned American road trip. Inexpensive trip-planning software such as Microsoft Streets & Trips 2003 can help you plan a better trip more efficiently, without the frustrations of large paper maps or a slow Internet connection.

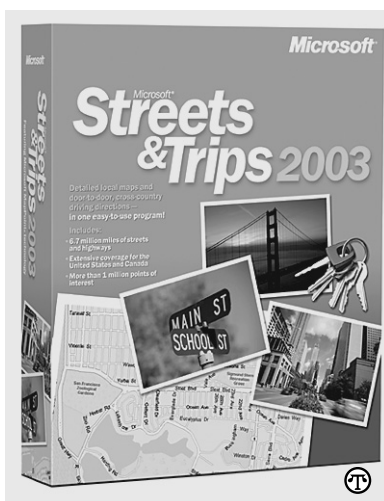
Streets & Trips offers a handy Route Planner that enables vacationers to map multiple stops and estimate gas expenses. It even updates road construction alerts when connected to the Internet, so you can be aware of possible delays and change your route.

With more than 1 million points of interest included in the maps, Streets & Trips makes it easy to find addresses and places. The Find Nearby Places feature will help you locate useful destinations along the way, including landmarks, campgrounds and parks, in addition to hotels, restaurants, gas stations and even ATMs. The program, which can be loaded onto a home PC or laptop, also comes with Pocket Streets, which offers convenient access to maps and points of interest on a Pocket PC.

So, where do you want to go? Whether it's somewhere close to home or across the country, you've got your choice of plenty of fun spots for spring break:

- Need to get back to nature? What about the California Redwood National Forest, Montana's Glacier Park or Arizona's Grand Canyon?

- Are you a ski bum at heart? What about Whistler, Canada; Lake Tahoe, Nev.; or Aspen, Colo.?



Planning your spring break may be almost as much fun as going on it, with the help of some intriguing software.

- Are you really a beach bum? What about South Padre Island, Texas; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; San Diego, Calif.; or Myrtle Beach, S.C.?

- Boldly go where you've never gone before! What about a trip to a great American city like Nashville, Washington, D.C., New Orleans or San Francisco?

- Need some amusement? What about Islands of Adventure at Universal Studios in Orlando, Disneyland, SeaWorld or Busch Gardens Williamsburg?

After you decide where you want to go, use Streets & Trips to help you plan your perfect trip to these or other destinations. With Streets & Trips 2003 you will be ready to make this spring break one you will never forget.

For more information about Streets & Trips 2003, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/streets/>.