

# FAMILY TRAVEL

## Fun Attractions To Keep Everyone Entertained

(NAPSA)—Parents want to make family vacations fun bonding experiences that create lifelong memories for themselves and their children, but trips can be a challenge to plan. In addition to deciding where to go, what to pack, and how much it will cost, parents need to consider the rising prices of fuel and air travel when choosing a destination. And, above all, parents are faced with choosing a destination that the whole family—from the littlest toddler to teenagers—will enjoy.

Parents can avoid feeling overwhelmed when planning their vacations by using a number of online travel resources. Some provide destination suggestions—whether it's a weekend camping trip or a summer getaway to a beach resort—as well as fun activities and attractions to see once you're there.

Sites like Disney Family.com, a new online resource for parents, are aimed to help parents in this area. With the site's recently released recommendations for top family vacation spots, parents can now find dozens of kid-friendly destinations that are sure to create special moments with family and friends. Whether traveling to a new location or checking out fun attractions near your hometown, there is plenty to keep families entertained throughout the summer and all year long.

The following vacation destinations are some of the top suggestions from Disney Family.com that your kids will love:

• **Alcatraz Island—San Francisco, Calif.**

Preteens and teens love the



**Hard to resist are vacation ideas that are fun for the entire family.**

audio tour narrated by tough-guy ex-cons. Little ones enjoy the scenic ferry ride across the Bay.

• **Ducks Boat Tour—Seattle, Wash.**

This amphibious World War II vehicle carries you through downtown, Pike Place Market, historic Pioneer Square and funky Fremont before splashing into Lake Union for a beautiful view of the city skyline.

• **Navy Pier—Chicago, Ill.**

Stroll the pier, extending some 3,000 feet into Lake Michigan from downtown Chicago, where kids will want to ride the ferris wheel and watch the performers.

• **Dinosaur Ridge—Denver, Colo.**

You'll first spot them in your car from the highway: genuine dino footprints left behind by the giants who once roamed here—stegosaurus, brontosaurus and others. Kids can't resist seeing how their feet match up at this outdoor museum every day.

• **Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique, Walt Disney World Resort—Orlando, Fla.**

Princesses of all ages flock to the popular salon for a little pampering and styling.

• **Thunder Hole—Bar Harbor, Maine**

Visit on a stormy day or during an incoming tide for the best show: Giant waves crash into the cliffs, drenching spectators with spray that shoots up to 40 feet in the air.

• **Grand Canyon Railway—Grand Canyon, Ariz.**

Hop aboard a restored Pullman, parlor car or the famous glass-roofed dome car for a journey kids love; younger ones will be entertained by the cowboy skits and a Wild West shootout. Everyone will find the gorgeous scenery along the way hard to resist.

• **Old Savannah Ghost Tour—Savannah, Ga.**

Older kids get a thrill from the guided ghost tours on nighttime trolley rides through the cobblestoned streets of Old Savannah. Spanish moss hanging from the trees on a moonlit night only adds to the beauty and creepiness.

• **Bahia Honda State Park—Bahia Honda Key, Fla.**

Little ones can wade and splash in calm waters at Calusa Beach; older kids will love snorkeling and kayaking at nearby Sandspur Beach.

"Parents are looking to make planning their family vacation as easy as possible," said Emily Smith, Disney Family.com vice president. "We strive to help them with everything from choosing age-appropriate destinations for their family to providing travel tips and experiences from other families."

For additional travel tips and hints, destination suggestions and travel deals for families, visit Disney Family.com Travel at [www.family.com/travel](http://www.family.com/travel).