

Tips For Happy Traveling

(NAPSA)—Look in the dictionary, and you'll find the definition of vacation to be "a time for rest and relaxation." But, let's face it, we all know that summer vacations can be downright stressful!

If you're looking for a way to take the stress out of your vacation, here are a few tips you may want to try on your next family trip.

First, make the most of your time. Travel to a location that offers an abundance of activities. This diminishes time spent moving from location to location, so your valuable vacation time is devoted more to enjoyment and less to driving.

For example, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, is filled with so many entertainment opportunities a family can stay busy for at least a week. Vacationers can enjoy shopping, action attractions, Dollywood, music and mountains all wrapped in one convenient destination. Have each family member pick a favorite activity and make sure each vacation wish is fulfilled.

But, as the saying goes, getting there is half the fun, right? So let's make the drive to Pigeon Forge less stressful and more enjoyable for everyone.

When kids are in the car, the overwhelmingly popular question is "Are we there yet?" A great way to cut down on the number of times that phrase is repeated takes just a bit of planning. Before the trip begins, get a small spiral notebook for each child, and write the names of the cities you'll be passing through or landmarks you'll see.

Once you're on the road, point out the cities and landmarks so the kids can check them off the lists. As towns are checked off,



children get an idea of how close they are to their destination.

Car travel is also a great time for games and songs. Remember the songs your parents sang to you on car trips? Remember the games? This is the perfect time to introduce these bits of nostalgia to your own kids.

And speaking of nostalgia, how about a family history lesson? While your kids are a captive audience, give them a sense of their heritage with stories about your parents and grandparents.

With all there is to see and do in Pigeon Forge, here's a way to help the kids remember their vacation. Purchase a postcard from each attraction you visit, and at the end of each day have the kids write their memories on the back.

If you're looking for the perfect family destination, follow these simple tips. You'll have a stress-free drive and a great Pigeon Forge vacation. For more information call 1-800-251-9100.