

Planning The Family Vacation Online

(NAPSA)—The Internet can make vacation planning fun and easy for the whole family. Together, families can use travel Web sites to research, plan and book their vacation.

First, get the family's input on where to go, then run an online search to gather more information. Remember—the best family vacations are those that offer activities for adults and children, so researching locations is well worth the time.



Second, for added savings, consider whether you can vacation during the area's "off" season. Length and dates of stay can also mean the difference between paying more or less. Mid-week stays tend to be less expensive than those for weekend stays.

Next, decide how to get there. If driving is an option, use the Internet to find scenic routes where your family can make fun stops along the way.

When deciding where to stay, check hotel Web sites for amenities and online discounts. Many hotel sites provide interactive property maps, weather reports, live beach cams, an online travel planner with tips, and descriptions of the activities available to prepare an itinerary before arriving. A family-friendly site to check out that has these features is www.sandestin.com/pr.asp.

Nestled on 7.5 miles of sugary-white sand beaches on Northwest Florida's Emerald Coast, Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort offers a 10 percent discount on stays booked online. Guests will enjoy the new 28-acre Village of Baytowne Wharf, featuring more than two-dozen restaurants and shops. Visitors who register on Sandestin's Surf Club for free can also reap a long list of perks.

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