

Plan Your Next Family Reunion Vacation With Confidence

(NAPSA)—Family reunion vacations can provide unforgettable memories and unique opportunities to grow closer to loved ones. For the planners of these events, however, they can also present a challenge when it comes to balancing the family's needs. When it's time for your next trip, consider these expert tips designed to guide the coordination process and even make it as stress-free as the vacation itself:



Planning travel around a destination's prominent events is becoming an increasingly popular trend in family reunion vacations.

Choose a destination—Determine the destination based on how far you are willing to travel and the types of activities and attractions you are interested in. Families with smaller budgets looking for relaxation can take a road trip to a nearby beach or lake region while families with a larger budget searching for adventure might fly to Europe. Planning around prominent events, such as food and wine festivals, is also becoming an increasingly popular trend.

Determine “must-haves” and “nice-to-haves”—Work from your list of “must-haves” first, then add amenities as much as your budget will allow. Ocean views and access come with a bigger price tag but aren't necessarily as critical to your vacation as accessibility for family members who may have trouble climbing stairs.

Select a type of lodging—Select the lodging type based on your family makeup. Rental homes such as those on Wyndham Rentals.com suit larger reunions well, especially ones with children, as they offer space for play, washer/dryer access, and kitchens to help cut down on the cost of food—some even come with hotel-like amenities.

Prepare for travel abroad—

Remember to notify credit card companies, exchange money and come prepared with an emergency contact list. Be sure to also check your passport's expiration date at least one month before traveling in case it's time for it to be renewed.

Streamline packing—Coordinate with family members to lighten the load of packing by assigning items like toiletries and staple food items ahead of your trip. Creating a master schedule of meals is also very helpful for knowing who is making what and when.

Have fun—All planning aside, don't forget to enjoy this time with your family and capture the special moments. Bring your camera, videotape your trip, plan a fun family portrait and make an online album to share the memories when you get home.

For a chance to make your next trip an “Ultimate Family Reunion” or to win one of 101 vacations courtesy of Wyndham Vacation Rentals, visit www.WyndhamRentals.com/Contest. The grand prize includes a one-week stay for 10 family members, worth an estimated value of \$28,000.