Stress-Free Group Travel Planning

(NAPS)—Most people would agree that there are few things better than taking a trip with friends or family members, dropping the distractions of everyday life and simply being together. Staying in vacation rentals is a popular option for families and groups of friends because these accommodations offer ample space and privacy, many have unique amenities such as a backyard or pool, and guests can split the cost several ways.

Eighty-six percent of travelers say they involve others in the decision-making process when planning a vacation. The more people you have in your travel party, the more complicated the planning can be.

If you’ve ever planned a family reunion or girls’ getaway, you can relate to how time consuming it can be to find a place to stay that suits everyone’s needs. There are a lot of logistics, communications streams, and preferences involved when planning a group trip.

Tools for Planning Trips

To simplify this process, there are now online group planning tools from Vrbo, including Trip Boards, that let travelers save (or “heart”) their favorite vacation homes, cabins and condos in one place with a simple click. You can compare listings you may want to book and invite fellow travelers to vote and leave comments on which rentals they like best (or least).

Share Trip Boards on social media to inspire your followers. You can use the “invite collaborators” link to allow friends and family to help you choose your next stay by voting and commenting on their favorite properties.

“Planning a trip with family and friends shouldn’t be stressful or time consuming,” said Melanie Fish, Vrbo Family Travel Expert. “Our new features were designed to make the process easier and more fun, because planning a group vacation should feel as effortless and enjoyable as being on one.”

With the Vrbo mobile app, you can choose to be updated with push notifications whenever a friend or family member joins your Trip Board, votes or comments on a property, making the decision-making process quicker. When it’s time to pick a house, you can rest assured that you found the perfect place for everyone.

These group planning features are available on desktop, mobile Web and the Vrbo mobile app, available for iOS and Android devices and free to download.

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