

Planning a Family Vacation?

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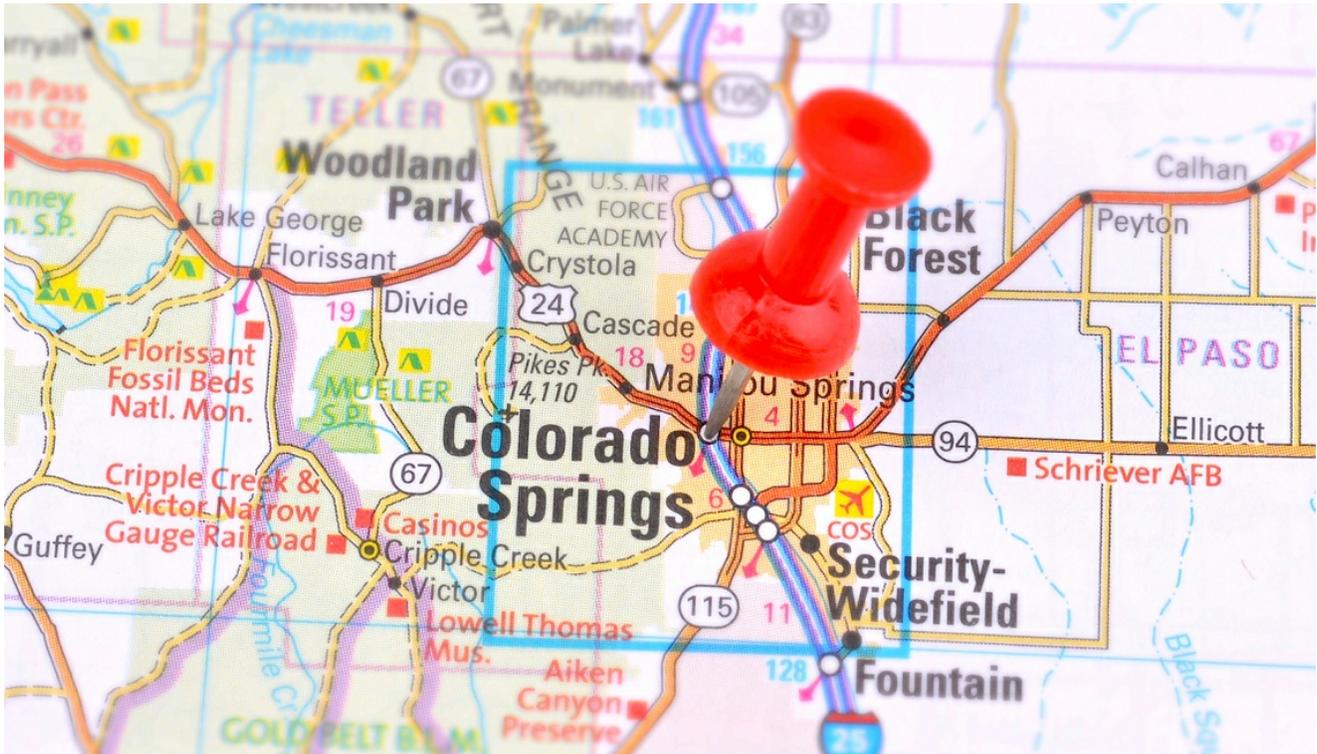
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Get away from the day-to-day, embark on a family adventure.

Creating lasting memories is an integral part of living life well, and family vacations can play a big role in that. Whether your family is into outdoor activities, trying new foods and beverages, checking out museums and historic sites or all of the above, here are five trips that have something for everyone's tastes.



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Colorado Springs, Colorado

Located at the eastern foot of the Rocky Mountains, Colorado Springs boasts beautiful views and plenty of activities. One can't-miss area attraction is Royal Gorge Bridge and Park, which contains the nation's highest suspension bridge and zip line, a playland for kids, a skycoaster and aerial gondolas for breathtaking views. For a rare visual treat, check out Michael Garman's Magic Town, a 3,000-square-foot work of art filled with sculptures, holograms and illusions. A local favorite is The Winery at Holy Cross Abbey, 45 miles southwest of Colorado Springs, founded by Benedictine monks. The tasting room, which features award-winning wines, is open daily. Garden of the Gods Park has something for everyone; a visitor and nature center, museum, the historic Rock Ledge Ranch, rock climbing and hiking, horseback riding, bike tours and free guided walks.



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Atlanta, Georgia

Georgia's Capitol is brimming with history, culture, art, shopping and new memories in the making. See where the 1996 Olympic Games were hosted at Centennial Olympic Park. Visit the 33-acre Atlanta History Center's museum, historic houses, gardens and trails. Take a personalized test drive at the Porsche Experience Center. View the nation's only giant panda twins at Zoo Atlanta. Head to the LEGOLAND Discovery Center with the kids to see an exclusive new LEGO movie. And for foodies and outdoor enthusiasts alike, the walkable and bikeable Atlanta BeltLine has miles of unique restaurants, shops and neighborhoods.



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Kalispell, Montana

Kalispell's abundance of outdoor activities means year-round family-friendly adventures. Just 32 scenic miles away is Glacier National Park. Take a beautiful drive to the west entrance with tons of photo opportunities along the way. Then enjoy a vast array of attractions once inside the park. Spend a day driving around Flathead Lake where you can stop at multiple restaurants, museums, breweries, galleries and state parks. Take a stroll down historic Main Street, which features a saloon, soda fountain, various shops and restaurants and Kalispell Brewing Company, where you can catch live music in the summer. Visit Kalispell founder Charles Conrad's 13,000-square-foot mansion and museum, located just a half-mile off Main Street.



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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

You might not think of Milwaukee as a travel destination, but with its iconic museums, quirky areas and year-round seasonal events, it's a unique place to take the whole family. Walk through downtown Milwaukee along the Milwaukee River. And don't miss the eclectic Brady Street, home of unique restaurants, bars and shops. Stop at Usinger's, a Milwaukee culinary staple for over 100 years, for old-world sausage. Then explore the learning labs at Discovery World Science and Technology Center. Take the grandkids to see interactive exhibits at Betty Brinn Children's Museum. Browse the Historic Third Ward, known as "Milwaukee's Arts and Fashion District." Don't forget the spectacular Milwaukee Art Museum, which is home to more than 30,000 pieces of art.



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Dallas, Texas

From The Sixth Floor Museum commemorating JFK's assassination to historical parks and award-winning eateries, there's something for every member of your family to explore in Dallas. Zero Gravity Thrill Amusement Park is perfect for the thrill-seekers in your group. For kids, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science has animations, simulations, games and interactive experiences. Check out the Dallas Museum of Art – General Admission is free. Walk through the unique Bishop Arts District with its restaurants, coffee shops, galleries and boutiques. The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture was originally a courthouse, but now contains unique artifacts like a mammoth tusk, sports-figure memorabilia and Lee Harvey Oswald's handcuffs.

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