

Messy Little Travel Planner

Make Family Adventures
Easier & More Educational!

LEARNING IS MESSY, EMBRACE IT!



**Messy Little
Homeschool**

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Trip Overview

Destination: _____

Travel Dates: From _____ To _____

Total Days: _____ **Travel Days:** _____ **Activity Days:** _____

Trip Purpose/Goals:

- Educational experience
- Family bonding
- Adventure/outdoor activities
- Cultural exploration
- Relaxation
- Visit family/friends
- Other: _____

BUDGET PLANNER

Total Trip Budget: \$ _____

CATEGORY	BUDGETED	ACTUAL	NOTES
TRANSPORATION	\$ _____	\$ _____	
ACCOMODATION	\$ _____	\$ _____	
FOOD/DINING	\$ _____	\$ _____	
ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS	\$ _____	\$ _____	
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS	\$ _____	\$ _____	
SOUVINIERS/SHOPPING	\$ _____	\$ _____	
EMERGENCY FUND (10%)	\$ _____	\$ _____	
TOTAL	\$ _____	\$ _____	

Money-Saving Tips Checklist:

- Book accommodations with kitchen facilities
- Pack snacks and refillable water bottles
- Look for free local activities and parks
- Check for family discounts at attractions
- Visit during off-peak seasons
- Use apps like GasBuddy for cheapest fuel stops



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DAILY ITINERARY PLANNER

Day __: _____ (Date)

Location: _____

Morning (8 AM - 12 PM):

- _____
- _____

Afternoon (12 PM - 5 PM):

- _____
- _____

Evening (5 PM - 8 PM):

- _____
- _____

Educational Focus: _____

Day __: _____ (Date)

Location: _____

Morning (8 AM - 12 PM):

- _____
- _____

Afternoon (12 PM - 5 PM):

- _____
- _____

Evening (5 PM - 8 PM):

- _____
- _____

Educational Focus: _____



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DAILY ITINERARY PLANNER (CONTINUED)

Day __: _____ (Date)

Location: _____

Morning (8 AM - 12 PM):

- _____
- _____

Afternoon (12 PM - 5 PM):

- _____
- _____

Evening (5 PM - 8 PM):

- _____
- _____

Educational Focus: _____

Day __: _____ (Date)

Location: _____

Morning (8 AM - 12 PM):

- _____
- _____

Afternoon (12 PM - 5 PM):

- _____
- _____

Evening (5 PM - 8 PM):

- _____
- _____

Educational Focus: _____



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PACKING CHECKLIST

Travel Documents & Electronics

- Driver's licenses/IDs
- Travel insurance documents
- Hotel confirmations
- Activity tickets/vouchers
- Emergency contact list
- Phone chargers
- Portable battery packs
- Car chargers
- Tablets/devices for kids
- Headphones
- Camera/GoPro
- Extra memory cards

Clothing (Per Person)

- Underwear (1 per day + 2 extra)
- Socks (1 per day + 2 extra)
- Daily outfits (plan for weather)
- Pajamas
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sandals/flip-flops
- Jacket/sweater
- Rain gear
- Swimwear
- Hat/sunglasses
- Dress-up outfit (if needed)

Toiletries & Health

- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash/soap
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Bug spray
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications
- Vitamins
- Thermometer
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues
- Feminine products

Kids' Essentials

- Favorite stuffed animal/comfort item
- Travel games/activities
- Coloring books & crayons
- Books/audiobooks
- Snacks (non-perishable)
- Sippy cups/water bottles
- Diapers/pull-ups (if needed)
- Baby wipes
- Change of clothes in carry-on
- Car seat/booster seat
- Stroller (if traveling with young kids)



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EDUCATIONAL PLANNING

Learning Goals for This Trip:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Pre-Trip Research Activities:

- Read books about destination
- Watch documentaries/videos
- Learn basic facts (history, geography, culture)
- Practice relevant vocabulary
- Study maps and plan routes

Subjects We Can Cover:

- **Geography:** Map skills, landforms, climate
- **History:** Local historical sites and stories
- **Science:** Nature, weather, ecosystems
- **Math:** Distance, time, budgeting, measurements
- **Language Arts:** Travel journal, postcards
- **Cultural Studies:** Local customs, food, traditions
- **Art:** Sketching, photography, collecting

Educational Stops to Include:

- Museums
- Historical sites
- National/state parks
- Science centers
- Cultural centers
- Local markets
- Libraries
- Universities/campuses



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ACTIVITY IDEAS BY AGE

Ages 3-6 (Preschool)

- Nature scavenger hunts
- Simple photo challenges
- Collecting (rocks, leaves, postcards)
- Playground visits
- Interactive museums
- Beach/water play
- Animal spotting
- Color identification games

Ages 6-10 (Elementary)

- Travel journal writing
- Map reading practice
- Currency comparison
- Historical timeline creation
- Science experiments
- Cultural comparison charts
- Photography projects
- Postcards to friends/family

Ages 10+ (Middle/High School)

- Research presentations
- Budget management practice
- Independent exploration time
- Volunteer opportunities
- Interview locals
- Social media documentation
- Trip planning assistance
- Cultural immersion activities



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TRAVEL DAY SURVIVAL KIT

Car Entertainment Box:

- Audiobooks (download ahead)
- Magnetic drawing boards
- Sticker books
- Coloring books & crayons
- Card games
- Travel-size board games
- Mad Libs/I Spy books
- Tablets/Portable DVD player

Snack Attack Pack:

- Trail mix/Granola bars
- Crackers
- Fruit pouches
- String cheese
- Pretzels
- Dried fruit
- Water bottles/Juice boxes
- Gum (for ear pressure)

Rest Stop Plan:

Every 2 hours, find stops with:

- Clean restrooms
- Playground/open space
- Food options
- Fuel
- Educational opportunities (visitor centers, etc.)



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Important Phone Numbers:

- **Local Emergency:** 911
- **Family Emergency Contact:** _____
- **Hotel/Accommodation:** _____
- **Car Insurance:** _____
- **Health Insurance:** _____
- **Roadside Assistance:** _____

Medical Information:

Allergies:

Medications:

Doctor Contact:

Preferred Hospital:

Car Breakdown Plan:

1. Pull over safely
2. Call roadside assistance
3. Contact family/friends
4. Keep emergency kit accessible
5. Stay with vehicle unless unsafe





STAY CONNECTED!

Love this planner?

Share your adventures with us!

Tag #MessyLittleAdventures in your travel posts!

- Check out our other travel-based learning resources at **www.messylittlehomeschool.com**
- Join our explorer community for more destination ideas at **[@messylittlehomeschool](https://www.instagram.com/messylittlehomeschool)**

☀️ Happy travels from our messy little family to yours!

Remember: The learning process is where the magic happens! Keep questioning, discovering, and making educational adventures together, wherever the travel bug takes you. The best family trips aren't perfect – they're perfectly imperfect adventures that become treasured memories. Embrace the chaos, capture the learning, and enjoy every messy moment! ☀️



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