



5 Top Tips to Entertain the Family on Holidays

When planning your next family holiday, consider what the kids will do to amuse themselves all day. There are a lot of hours in the day and when they are not in their local surroundings, and don't have access to their usual things. What will they do all day?

Now of course you have plans. You may be planning a trip to the zoo, or to the aquarium, but once you've been there and done that, what do you do with the rest of the time.

Check out our *tried and tested TOP 5 tips* to entertain your kids whilst on holidays.

1. Prepare an **'activities pack'** prior to your trip, fill it with pencils, texta's, glue, pictures to colour in, and set craft activities. Craft activities can be festive, e.g. An Easter activity, or Christmas activity depending on the time of the year. This might simply be a kid's plastic brief case or library bag. What ever you have lying around the house.



2. Visit the **local library** before you go. Everyone can borrow a **book** that they want to read whilst away (this is great for 'down time'). Most libraries also stock **videos** and **DVD's**. By borrowing from the library you are providing books or movies that are fresh and haven't already been watched time and time again.



3. Look at the town map for a recreation park. Most towns or cities will have a big **playground**. This is a great way to entertain the kids for a couple of hours, without expense. So if you've been out in the morning and spent a bit of money and are looking for something to keep the kids amused in the afternoon, the park is a great option.



4. If visiting somewhere you have not been before, involve the kids in the preparation. Call the local **tourist bureau** a few weeks prior to your departure. They will be more than happy to send you **brochures** on activities to do, or brochures on information about the local area. Allow the kids to pick where they might want to go or what they might want to see.

5. As per number 3. Another great option is seeking out the **local pools**. Most families love to go swimming when they are on holidays. And depending on your destination you may be in a town or city that has an **indoor pool**. If this is not an option, it may be something you consider when booking your accommodation. Does the caravan park or motel you are staying at have an indoor pool? Even better.



So finally, no matter where you go, you are sure to find something for the kids to occupy themselves. Regardless of whether you want to check out the great outdoors and visit a park or the adults want to sit and relax, by utilizing some of these great tips, every one will be happy.