

## 24 Budget-Friendly Family Road Trips the Whole Gang Will Love Why fly when you can drive.

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While it's always nice to leave the kids at home and get away with your partner (or, heck, leave your spouse behind and travel solo), there are few things better than a good old fashioned family road trip. It's a time-honored tradition as American as apple pie. (Also classic: the inevitable choruses of, “Are we there yet?”). These budget-friendly family road trips traverse the country, with sights guaranteed to please all ages, so your kids will remember this vacation long after they're grown.



New York City, New York

**What to see/do:** With 843 acres to explore, Central Park offers an endless array of activities, including the Carousel, Heckscher Playground, Central Park Zoo, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Downtown, after a history-packed day touring the Ground Zero memorial and taking the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, stop by the gorgeous fish-themed SeaGlass Carousel.

**Where to stay:** Centrally-located, LUMA Hotel Times Square is walking distance from many iconic New York locations—including Central Park, the heart of Broadway, and of course Times Square—and offers an amenity- and attraction-packed Family Fun Package.

**Where to eat:** With three whimsically-decorated locations, Alice’s Teacup serves kid-friendly afternoon tea—with ample cakes, and sweet treats, naturally. Choose from child-pleasing options including shakes, mac and cheese, and Sloppy Joes at cafeteria-style Schnipper’s Quality Kitchen just off Times Square. It might be cheesy, but that’s the delightful point at 50’s-themed Ellen’s Stardust Diner, where songbird waitstaff regale you as you wait for elevated diner fare—no reservations required.

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