



Hip Homeschool Moms

Family Educational Travel

**HOW AND WHY TO INCORPORATE EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL
INTO YOUR HOMESCHOOL**

Introductions

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Who We Are

We are moms just like you!

We are genuine, flaws and all.

We share our real-world experiences.

We are passionate about helping you homeschool.

What We Do

- ▶ Hip Homeschool Moms:
 - ▶ website
 - ▶ Facebook page
 - ▶ Facebook group
- ▶ Homeschool Road Trips:
 - ▶ Website = travel section of HHM website
 - ▶ Facebook page
 - ▶ Facebook group
- ▶ Love These Recipes:
 - ▶ website
 - ▶ Facebook page
 - ▶ Facebook group

Let's Talk About:

- ▶ The benefits for families and students.
- ▶ Which subjects can be incorporated.
- ▶ Destinations by state.
- ▶ Virtual Trips.
- ▶ How we can help you make educational travel more fun and less stressful!

Benefits of Travel for Families

- ▶ Create memories and connect with each other.
- ▶ Family becomes a team and works together.
- ▶ Fun away from the usual routine.
- ▶ Time for children (and parents!) to be unplugged.
- ▶ Exposes your family to new places, people, cultures, and ways of life.
- ▶ When traveling with other homeschooling families, children can experience the fun of working and learning together in a way they may not be able to at home.
- ▶ Parents can model problem-solving and improvisation so children learn to adapt when the unexpected happens.



Benefits of Travel for Families

- ▶ Traveling with children requires us to take a slower pace.
- ▶ Children allow us to do the fun, child-centered activities too, helping each of us rediscover our own inner child.
- ▶ Travel can ignite your child's curiosity and sense of adventure (and honestly, ignite it for us as well).
- ▶ When traveling, every place you go and the things you see and do create the classroom.
- ▶ Although it might feel stressful when on the road, research actually shows that those who travel felt more calm and relaxed after the vacation and had increased confidence and sense of well-being.



Benefits of Travel for Children



- ▶ Allows children to live what they're learning and go where the action is taking place (or where it took place in the past).
- ▶ Every moment presents a learning opportunity.
- ▶ Gives children new knowledge and a new way to understand what they see/read about in the news, on social media, in books, etc.
- ▶ Can reshape how children view the world around them.
- ▶ Can spark interest in new hobbies or career choices.
- ▶ Looks great on college applications.

Benefits of Travel for Children



- ▶ Travel involves lots of time just being outside. Research shows that green-play is as good as - or better than - medication for children with ADHD.
- ▶ Research has shown that traveling with your kids can even be beneficial to their brain development!

Planning the Trip is Educational



- ▶ Map Skills - Learning to read a map and planning the travel route will help children remember the locations of states, cities, and landmarks.
- ▶ Time Management - Figuring out if activities will fit into the allotted time available.
- ▶ Organizational Skills – Planning items to take on the trip.
- ▶ Responsibility – Planning ahead for things that need to be taken care of while away (such as pets and plants) or a securing a house sitter.

How to Incorporate Various Subjects into Your Trip



- ▶ Language Arts
 - ▶ Road signs
 - ▶ Brochures
 - ▶ Menus
 - ▶ Games (license plate states, letter recognition, I Spy with letters)
 - ▶ Fiction / Non-fiction complement trip
 - ▶ Journaling

How to Incorporate Different Subjects Into Your Trip



- ▶ Math (age matters)
 - ▶ Comparing cost of various modes of travel
 - ▶ Creating the travel budget – hotel, gas (mpg), meals, entertainment
 - ▶ Estimating travel speed, distance, and arrival times
 - ▶ Measuring luggage size and weight for airplane travel
 - ▶ Considering delays: If your plane is delayed by 3 hours, will you be able to make your next connection?
 - ▶ Counting change at cash register
 - ▶ Adding up receipts to keep track of travel budget

How to Incorporate Different Subjects into Your Trip



▶ Art

- ▶ Art museums
- ▶ Street art
- ▶ Concerts
- ▶ Travel journal
- ▶ Take a class at location
- ▶ Photography
- ▶ Videography
- ▶ Study local artists and art
- ▶ Famous architecture

How to Incorporate Different Subjects into Your Trip



► History / Geography

- Historical markers along route
- Historical sites
- Museums
- Read historical fiction / non-fiction about the location
- Study famous historical characters from area
- Make a timeline
- Visit unique land forms or geography features
- Historical re-enactments

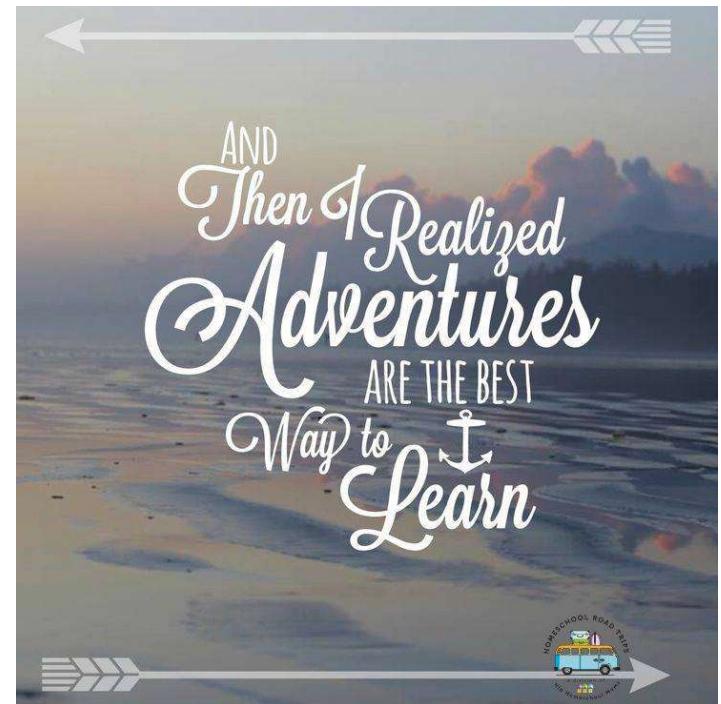
How to Incorporate Different Subjects Into Your Trip



- ▶ Science
 - ▶ Museums
 - ▶ Science centers
 - ▶ Science destinations
 - ▶ Nature study / nature journaling
 - ▶ Weather events when they happen
 - ▶ Discuss the science behind everything / anything (dams, caves, tides)

Ask Questions

- ▶ It's important to continue the educational experience when you get home.
 - ▶ We facilitate deeper learning by helping children think about and talk through big ideas.
 - ▶ Start broad:
 - ▶ How was this trip?
 - ▶ What did you love about it?
 - ▶ What was not the greatest?
 - ▶ What do you learn?
 - ▶ What was the most fun?



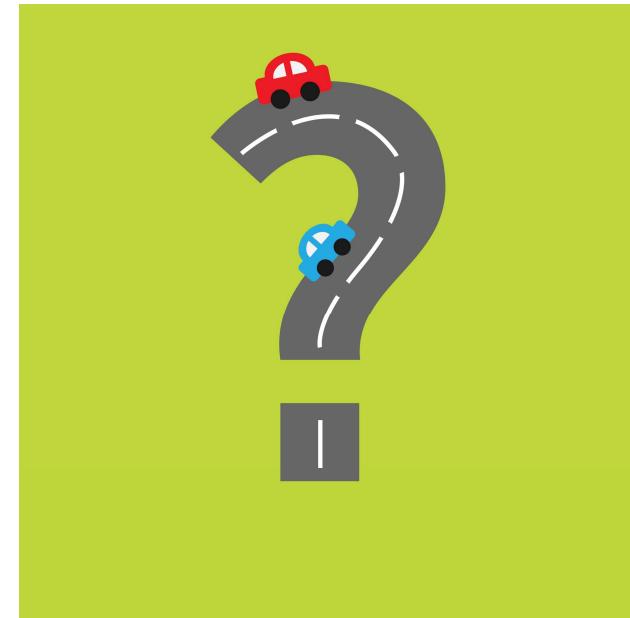
Ask Questions

- ▶ Dig deeper based on their answers:
 - ▶ What made it great / not great?
 - ▶ Did anything scare / challenge you?
 - ▶ Should we find more travel opportunities that incorporate (something they loved)?
 - ▶ What did you learn about yourself?
 - ▶ Analyze what went wrong.
 - ▶ Was it something we could control?



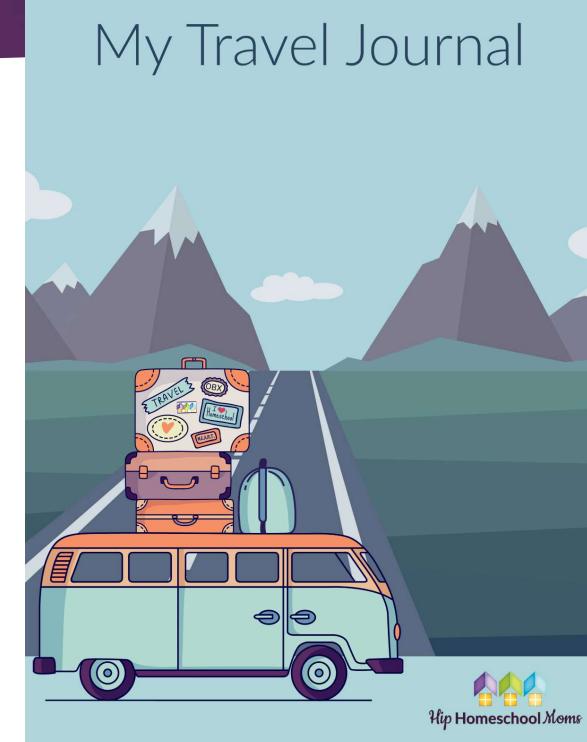
Ask Questions

- ▶ Dig deeper into the educational aspects:
 - ▶ Anything that surprised you?
 - ▶ Anything that disappointed you?
 - ▶ Most fascinating thing you learned
 - ▶ Anything you want to learn more about?



Journaling

- ▶ We have created a travel journal exclusively for your family! You can download it here:
<https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/great-homeschool-conventions-session-information>
- ▶ Use the code GHC2019.



Record Memories of Trip

- ▶ Scrap Book
- ▶ Photo Album
- ▶ Video Interviews
- ▶ Slideshow of Photographs
- ▶ Trip Journal
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Mementos
- ▶ Brochures



Small Budget? Day Trips



- ▶ Draw a circle with a 120 mile radius around your location and explore it! Research historical landmarks, manufacturing facilities that give tours, parks, museums, whatever interests your family.
- ▶ For suggestions of some great field trip destinations by state, go to this article on our site:
 - ▶ <https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/great-homeschool-conventions-session-information>

No Budget for Travel? Local Field Trip Ideas

- ▶ museum
- ▶ children's museum
- ▶ planetarium
- ▶ aquarium
- ▶ bakery
- ▶ grocery store
- ▶ recycling center
- ▶ farm
- ▶ dairy
- ▶ historical markers/attractions



- ▶ factory
- ▶ zoo
- ▶ police station
- ▶ fire station
- ▶ library
- ▶ local government office (mayor, etc.)
- ▶ radio station
- ▶ television station
- ▶ veterinary clinic
- ▶ and more

Can't Travel? Virtual Field Trips

- ▶ While it's always better to visit an attraction in-real-life, we do understand that there are times it just isn't possible. If field trips aren't possible for your family right now, go on virtual field trips!
- ▶ To find virtual field trips, all you need to do is Google "virtual field trip to...." You'll probably see at least several results, and you can choose the one that best fits the ages of your children.
- ▶ The easiest way to come up with ideas is to find trips that complement what your children are studying.

Virtual Field Trip Ideas in the US

- ▶ The White House
- ▶ Mount Rushmore
- ▶ The Liberty Bell
- ▶ Smithsonian Museums
- ▶ The Empire State Building
- ▶ Mount St. Helens
- ▶ Mount Everest
- ▶ The Grand Canyon
- ▶ San Francisco Zoo

Virtual Field Trips to Other Countries

- ▶ The Great Wall of China
- ▶ The Louvre
- ▶ Zoos in other countries
- ▶ The Leaning Tower of Pisa
- ▶ The Pyramids
- ▶ Buckingham Palace
- ▶ The moon!

Discovery Education:

- ▶ Discovery Education offers virtual field trips to places like:
 - ▶ Museums
 - ▶ Manufacturing Facilities
 - ▶ Design, Engineering, and Software Entertainment Companies
 - ▶ Arctic and Antarctic Poles to visit with penguins
 - ▶ Behind-the-scenes tour with meteorologists from The Weather Channel
 - ▶ Farms
 - ▶ Zoos

HEART Trips with Homeschool Road Trips

- ▶ What is a HEART trip? It's a Homeschool Educational Adventure Road Trip!
- ▶ These road trips are for the entire family—moms, dads, children, and even grandparents.
- ▶ We do the planning! You just show up ready to have a great time and learn a lot!

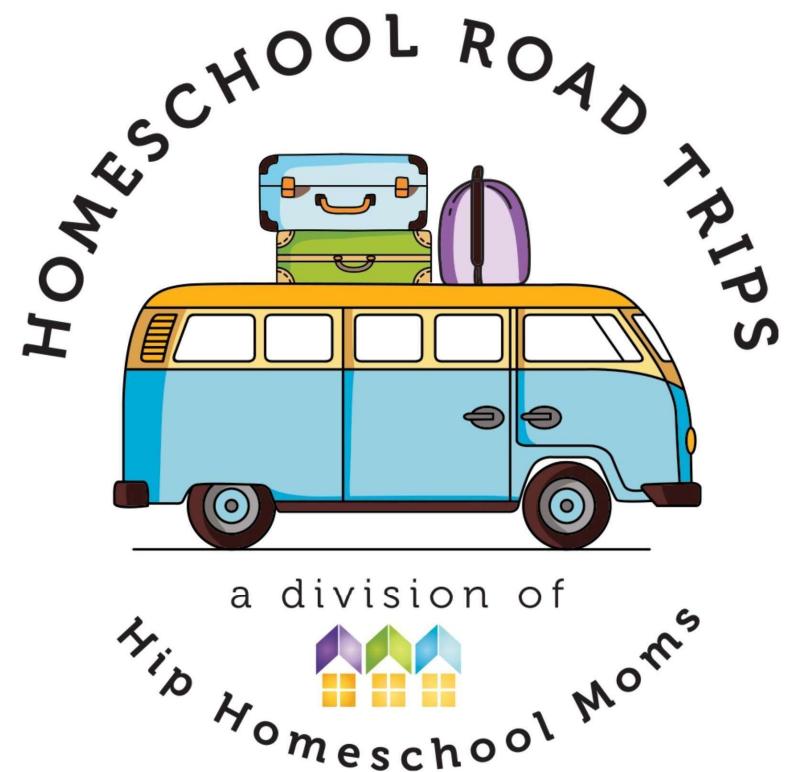
Previous HEART Trips

- ▶ Fort Caswell, North Carolina
 - ▶ Marine Biology and Estuary Study
 - ▶ August 2016
- ▶ Family Space Camp and Family Robotics Camp
 - ▶ Huntsville, Alabama
 - ▶ October 2017 and October 2018
- ▶ Niagara Falls
 - ▶ Niagara Falls, New York
 - ▶ September 2018

Future HEART Trips

- ▶ Cave City, Kentucky
 - ▶ April 28 - May 1, 2019
 - ▶ We will study, learn, visit, relax, and have fun learning about the world's longest cave system!
 - ▶ <https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/homeschool-road-trip-to-explore-the-worlds-longest-cave-system/>
- ▶ Gallup, New Mexico
 - ▶ October 13-16, 2019
 - ▶ We will learn, relax, play, and immerse ourselves in Native American history! We will also have the opportunity to go on hot air balloon rides!
 - ▶ <https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/homeschool-road-trip-land-enchantment-new-mexico/>

Some Examples of Educational Travel with Homeschool Road Trips



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Turtle Nest Replica



Turtle Nest Excavation



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Marsh Seine



Ocean Seine



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Beach Lesson



Microscope Lesson in the Classroom



Beach Finds



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Beach Scavenger Hunt



Fishing Lessons



Fishing!



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Dissections: Starfish



Inked by a Squid



Fort Caswell, North Carolina

Kayaking



Old Baldy



Family Time Sketching



Space Camp



Space Camp

Children Present Space Station



Parent Presents Mission Patch



Space Camp

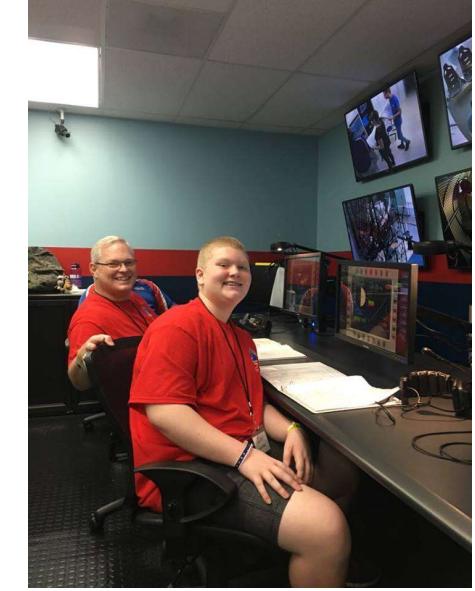
Moon Walk



Gyroscope



Space Mission



Space Camp

Robotics



Space Camp

Showing Off Rockets



Family Night



Space Shot



Niagara Falls State Park

- ▶ This 400-acre state park is the oldest state park in the United States! We got to see the Falls from several viewpoints, get soaked on the Maid of the Mist and the Cave of the Winds, and look down on them from the Observation Deck.



Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds



Niagara Power Vista and Underground Railroad Heritage Center

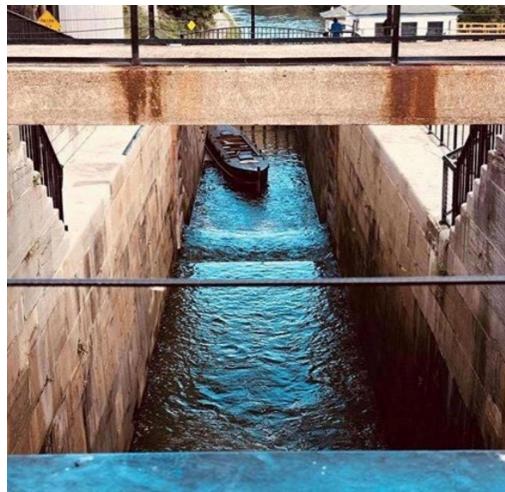


At the Power Vista, we experienced a virtual reality ride, hands-on experiments, and the power of nature. We discovered the energy of New York, the geology of Niagara, and the argument between two electricity titans.



The Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center is brand new. It is an experiential museum that reveals the authentic stories of underground railroad freedom seekers and abolitionists.

Lockport Locks Cruise



We cruised a portion of a 363-mile waterway between the Hudson River with Niagara River and the Great Lakes.

Our cruise took us past five of the original 1800s locks. While we cruised, three million gallons of water filled Locks 34 & 35, the only double set on the Erie Canal, and raised our boat 50 feet.

Later, several of us zipped over the Erie Canal to give us a completely different perspective!

Hands-on History Lessons



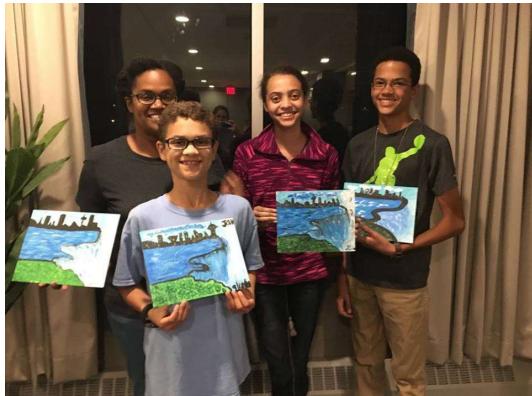
Homeschoolers Socializing



Incorporating Art



Making Memories



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*The world is a book, and those who
do not travel read only a page.*

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