



Staycations

What is a Staycation? It's when you stay home and pretend you're a tourist on vacation in your city or community.

How to get started:

1. Pick your Dates

Just like going away, you'll need to choose a time for your Staycation. Plan it around local events that interest you and your family.

2. Determine the Amount of Money you Have to Spend

Once you have your dates picked, add your monthly savings to your spending plan so you'll know exactly how much money you have for your Staycation.

3. Decide Activities as a Family

Let each person in your family say which activities they would like the family to do. You could even pick a theme for the week!

4. Research Fun Things to do in your Area

Check your city's website for events, festivals and activities going on during your Staycation for free or little cost.

5. Find out about Community Events

Most communities have events running throughout the year. It could be anything from a high school event to professional theatre. Community halls are good sources to find out what's going on in your area.

6. Check out the Local Music Scene

You may want to check out a rock concert, go to the opera or the symphony depending on your musical tastes.





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7. Local Sports Events

Sports are a big part of most communities. Check out the high schools, colleges and universities for the best value for your sports' fan dollar!

8. Try New Restaurants

Is there a new Italian place in town you've wanted to try out? Your Staycation could be the perfect time to go. Or you can buy convenience foods that take less time to cook so you can spend more time doing things around town.

9. Be a Guest for a Day

You could decide to book a hotel room one night and go to the spa while the kids at the pool. Maybe they even have waterslides!

10. Watch Movies or Read a Great Book

Use part of your Staycation to get caught up on movies or books that you've been meaning to get to and haven't had the time.

11. Take a Course on Something you're Interested in

12. Go to a Nearby Lake for a Day

While it might not be the ocean, there are probably several nice lakes within a short drive from your home. Spend a day in the sun and water!

13. Picnic in the Park

Enjoy a relaxing picnic and take advantage of your city's parks. If you're in a bigger centre, try a park on the other side of town.

14. Volunteer at Local Festivals, or Take One in

Donate your time to help with a local festival or attend one to support local events.





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15. Complete Home Maintenance Projects

Use your time to work on those projects that need more than a weekend to spruce up your home.

16. Check out a Local Museum, Zoo or Science Centre

Visit the local tourist attractions to find out more about your community or learn about other interests like animals and science.

17. Hire a Housekeeping Service for the Week

Take a break from house cleaning and housework by hiring a cleaning service for a week.

18. Go for a Bike or a Hike

Take advantage of trails in your area by taking your bike for a tour or spend the day hiking.

19. Contact Family and Friends

Organize a visit or potluck with people you have been unable to get together with and catch up.

20. Take Lots of Pictures

Seek out local landmarks, landscapes and people and be a photographer for a week.

Plan your schedule and have fun! It's a great way to save money.

