



The Multigenerational Long-Weekend Trip Planner

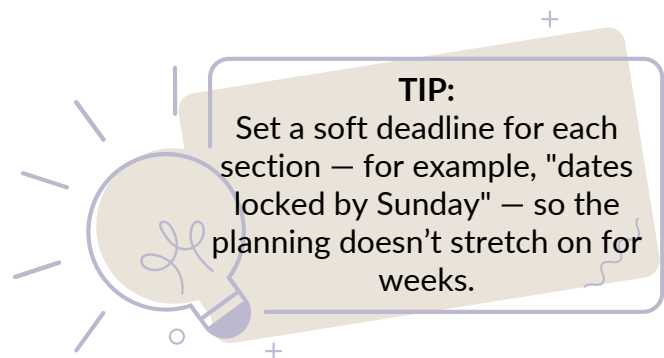
A simple, printable worksheet for coordinating dates, lodging, activities, and more — so grandparents, parents, and kids can get on the same page.

A long weekend is one of the easiest ways to bring three generations together. It requires less time away from work and school, and it can fit around soccer tournaments, appointments, and family commitments more easily than a longer trip. But short trips still have a lot of moving parts, and when several households are trying to coordinate, small questions left unanswered turn into last-minute stress.

This planner walks your family through the handful of decisions that matter most for a short trip together: when you can go, where you'll go, how everyone gets there, what "home base" looks like, and what each person is most looking forward to. It's meant to be filled out together — print a copy for each household, share it in your group text, or fill in one shared version as a family.

How to Use this Planner

- ✓ Pick one person to "own" the planner — someone to collect everyone's answers and keep the final version.
- ✓ Share it with every household before your first group conversation, so people can think it over instead of answering on the spot.
- ✓ Fill in what you can now and leave the rest blank — you don't need every answer before you start planning.
- ✓ Revisit Section 7 (weather and backup plans) again about a week before you leave.



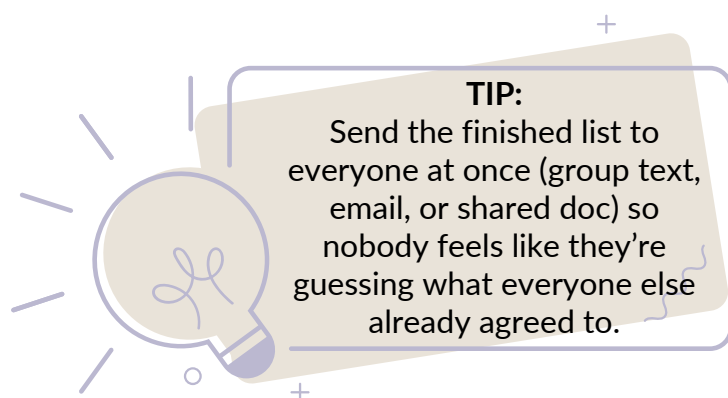


STEP 1 - Find Your Weekend



Before anyone talks about a destination, get the dates settled — it's the single biggest reason multigenerational trips stall out. Ask each household to list two weekends that could work and any dates that are firmly off the table, including work travel, school events, sports schedules, or medical appointments.

Traveler / Household	Dates That Won't Work	1st Choice Weekend	2nd Choice Weekend



TIP:

Send the finished list to everyone at once (group text, email, or shared doc) so nobody feels like they're guessing what everyone else already agreed to.



STEP 2 - Pick Your Place



An open-ended "where should we go?" question can stall a group chat for weeks. Instead, have the trip organizer narrow it down to two solid options, fill out the comparison below, and let everyone vote.

Details	Option A	Option B	Votes ✓
Destination			
Estimated Travel Time			
Ballpark Cost per Household			
Weather Outlook			
Why We're Considering It			



Total Votes Option A = _____

Total Votes Option B = _____

WINNING DESTINATION = _____

Who will book lodging? _____ Booking deadline: _____



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STEP 3 - Make Everyone Comfortable



Room configuration is often the trickiest logistics piece of a three-generation trip. Get specific about who needs what before you book!

Household	Room Needs	Access Needs	Must-Haves

Room needs: king bed, crib, sofa bed, adjoining rooms private bathrooms.

Access Needs: first-floor bedroom, minimal stairs, elevator, walk-in shower, accessible parking.

Must-haves: kitchen, laundry, parking, Wi-Fi, quiet space, shared gathering area.

Booking Details



Total bedrooms needed: _____ Total bathrooms needed: _____

Property name & address: _____

Check-in date & time: _____

Check-out date & time: _____

Confirmation #: _____



STEP 4 - Get Everyone There



On a short trip, a couple of hours of lost coordination can eat a big chunk of your time together. Map out how and when each household is arriving — and departing — so nobody is stuck waiting at an airport or driveway wondering where everyone is.

Traveler / Household	Mode of Travel	Arrival Date & Time	Departure Date & Time	Pick up / Drop off By

First-night plan for late arrivals:



TIP:

If a rental car or shared driving leg is needed, note it here too — and confirm there's enough luggage and car-seat space before anyone books.



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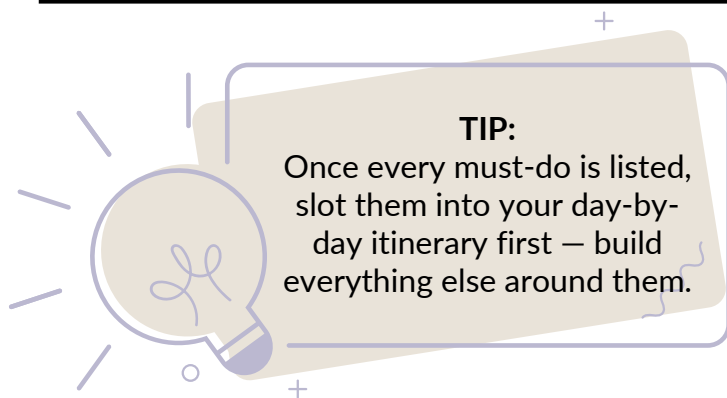
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STEP 5 - Give Everyone a Win



With only a few days together, you can't do everything — and you don't need to. Ask every traveler, from the youngest to the oldest, for one thing they most want to do. Guaranteeing everyone a personal win is what makes a short trip feel meaningful instead of rushed.

Traveler Name	Age / Generation	Must-Do Activity	Reservation or Cost Needed?



One thing we're intentionally leaving unscheduled:



STEP 6 - Plan the Meals



Collect allergies and dietary needs up front so whoever is booking reservations can call ahead — and so nobody discovers a food issue at the table.

Dietary needs by traveler

Traveler Name	Dietary Needs / Allergies

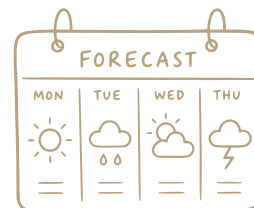
Restaurant ideas

Type of Meal	Restaurant Suggestions	Distance from Lodging	Reservation Needed?

Easy first-night meal or grocery plan: _____



STEP 7 - Prepare for Weather



Long weekends can bring gorgeous scenery and sometimes unpredictable weather. A few reminders now prevent a scramble later, especially with grandparents or little ones along for the trip.

Weather checklist

- ✓ Check the 10-day forecast for your destination a few days before you pack.
- ✓ Pack layers — a light jacket, a warm layer, and comfortable, broken-in walking shoes for everyone.
- ✓ Confirm sunset time and plan outdoor activities earlier in the day.
- ✓ Note the nearest urgent care or pharmacy, especially with older or younger travelers along.
- ✓ Charge portable phone chargers and download offline maps in case of spotty signal.
- ✓ Double-check fall hours — many attractions close earlier or shift schedules after summer.

Backup plans

For every weather-dependent activity, pencil in an indoor alternative now — not the morning of.

Outdoor Activity	Indoor / Backup Alternative	Notes

