



Welcome to this week's edition of the *Dad Travel Blog* newsletter — your go-to for real-world family adventures, travel tips, and trip inspiration.

Each issue brings you my **latest blog posts**, highlights a **destination worth adding to your bucket list**, and one quick **family-tested travel tip or gear pick**.

Let's dive in — adventure awaits. 🌍



## New on the Blog

### Ultimate Family Travel Packing List: Must-Have Items for Every Vacation



Planning a family getaway? Whether you're heading to a bustling city, relaxing on a beach, or embarking on a cruise, being well-prepared can make all the difference. Our comprehensive family travel packing list ensures you have all the essentials for a smooth and enjoyable trip. Essential Packing Tips for Family Adventures Traveling with family requires [...]

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**Why You Need a  
Break Day During  
Your Disneyland  
Vacation (and What  
to Do Instead)**

**Choosing the Best  
Rail Pass for Your  
Switzerland Trip:  
Bernese Oberland,  
Jungfrau Pass &  
More**



Planning a Disneyland vacation is exciting—but let's face it, it's also exhausting. Long days, early mornings, and overstimulation can take a toll on both kids and adults. That's why building in a non-park day is one of the smartest things you can do for your family. A break day lets you relax, recharge, and enjoy the [...]

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Planning a trip to Switzerland can feel overwhelming—especially when it comes to navigating the country's extensive and scenic rail system. With postcard-worthy views around nearly every corner, Switzerland's public transport isn't just a way to get from point A to B; it's an essential part of the experience. From iconic mountain trains to serene lake [...]

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## ✨ Coming Soon on the Blog

I've got some exciting new posts in the works! **Stay tuned** for:

- A 2-week family-friendly road trip itinerary in Croatia
- Tips on how to make your Swiss Vacation more affordable



## Destination Spotlight





## Split, Croatia 🇭🇷

### Ancient ruins, Adriatic beaches, and family-friendly adventure on the Dalmatian Coast

Dreaming of a family getaway that combines ancient history, coastal beauty, and kid-friendly adventure? **Split**, perched along Croatia's breathtaking Dalmatian coast, delivers it all. This seaside city is easy to navigate, full of character, and loaded with activities for every age—whether you're traveling with curious little ones or adventurous teens.

Here's what to check out on your visit:

#### 🗺️ **Top Family-Friendly Highlights:**

- 🏛️ **Diocletian's Palace** – Explore ancient Roman ruins in the heart of the city. It's a real-life history playground where kids can climb, roam, and imagine.
- 🚤 **Boat Tour to the Blue Lagoon** – A fun day trip that includes swimming in crystal-clear waters and spotting fish. Great for older kids and teens!
- 🌴 **Marjan Hill** – Hike, bike, or just walk up for panoramic views. There are shady trails and quiet spots perfect for a family picnic.
- 🌊 **Bacvice Beach** – A sandy beach right in town with shallow water, beachside cafés, and locals playing "picigin" (a fun ball game in the sea).
- 🐸 **Froggyland** – Quirky and surprisingly fun for all ages! This small museum displays taxidermy frogs in human-like poses. Kids love the weirdness.

#### 🛏️ **Where to Stay with Kids:**



- **Apartments or aparthotels** near the Old Town or beach give you comfort and convenience (think kitchenettes + easy naps). Check out:
  - 🏠 [Guesthouse Villa Scalaria](#) near the Old Town – Central, spacious, offers a 1 bedroom apartment with a kitchenette!
  - 🏠 [Family-friendly VRBO option](#) in the Old Town — quiet and walkable to main sites. Includes air-conditioning!

### **Where to Eat with Kids:**

- 🍕 **Galija Pizzeria** – Cozy spot known for kid-approved pizza, pasta, and friendly service.
- 🍷 **Fig Split** – Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner near Diocletian's Palace.
- 🍦 **Ela's Gelateria** – A must-stop for artisanal gelato after a long beach or sightseeing day.

👉 **Want more travel-tested ideas?**

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## **Travel Tip: Don't Forget the Sticker Books!**

One of our favorite (and most underrated!) travel hacks? **Sticker books**. Small item, big travel win! They're light, mess-free, and keep kids entertained on planes, trains, and restaurant tables without needing Wi-Fi or batteries. Whether it's reusable sticker scenes, activity books, or even puffy sticker sets, these little gems buy you some peaceful travel time—while keeping little hands and minds busy.



We talk more about this and other sanity-saving ideas in our [favorite travel games & activities article](#) — perfect for packing your carry-on with fun. And if you want to stock up, check out [our Amazon storefront](#) below for the sticker books and travel activities we actually bring with us.

Shop Our Travel Favorites



## I'd Love Your Input

Got a minute? I'd love to hear what you think! Hit reply and let me know what topics you'd like to see in future newsletters—whether it's destination guides, travel tips, packing hacks, or something else entirely.

Your feedback helps shape this biweekly newsletter into something truly useful (and fun!) for you and your family.

Looking forward to hearing from you! 💬✈️

**Thanks for following along and letting us be part of your travel planning. Wishing you safe adventures and memorable moments wherever your journey leads.**

**Happy travels,**

**~Ryan**

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