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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

7 Smart Ways to Save Money on a Trip to Switzerland with Kids



Switzerland is often labeled one of the most expensive countries in the world—but that doesn't mean you need an extremely large budget to explore it with your family. After traveling Switzerland with kids in tow, we've found practical ways to stretch your francs while still soaking up the alpine magic. From clever transportation strategies to [...]

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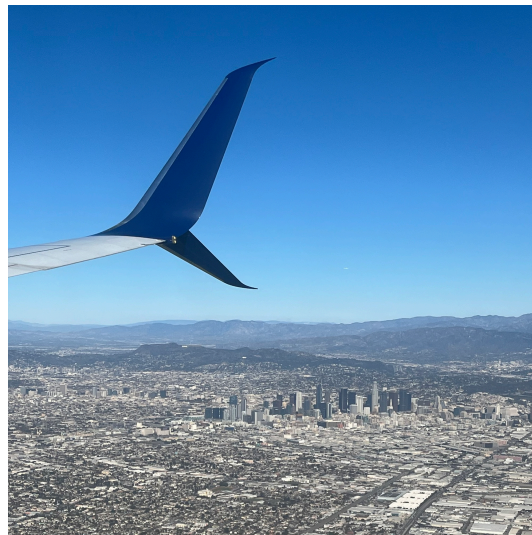
Two Weeks in Croatia: A Family-Friendly Itinerary Full of Coastlines, Castles & Culture

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



From ancient Roman ruins and national parks to coastal villages and island escapes, Croatia is a dream destination for adventurous families. After spending two weeks exploring the country with our toddler, we put together this adventure-filled itinerary to help you plan your own unforgettable trip. Whether you're navigating cobblestone streets with a stroller or chasing [...]

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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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✨ Coming Soon on the Blog

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

- Top Family-Friendly Things to Do on the Disney Treasure
- Visiting Neuschwanstein Castle with Kids



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Destination Spotlight




Salzburg, Austria 🇦🇹

Baroque beauty, alpine charm, and musical magic for the whole family

Looking for a European destination that blends fairy-tale architecture, mountain adventures, and family-friendly fun? **Salzburg** hits all the right notes. Famous as the birthplace of Mozart and the backdrop for *The Sound of Music*, this charming Austrian city is packed with kid-friendly attractions, walkable streets, and scenic views that delight both kids and adults.

Here's what to explore on your Salzburg family getaway:

Top Family-Friendly Highlights:

-  **Hohensalzburg Fortress** – Ride the funicular up to this hilltop castle for panoramic views, ancient walls to explore, and hands-

on exhibits that kids actually enjoy.

- 🎵 **Mozart's Birthplace & Residence** – For music lovers big and small, this interactive museum lets kids learn about Mozart's life and play with instruments.
- 🎬 **Sound of Music Tour** – Even if your kids haven't seen the movie, this tour takes you to gorgeous spots like Mirabell Gardens and Leopoldskron Palace.
- 🌸 **Mirabell Gardens** – Let the kids roam free in these playful gardens. There is also a nearby playground that is especially fun for little ones.
- 💧 **Hellbrunn Palace & Trick Fountains** – A short bus ride from the city center, this palace's playful fountains are made to surprise (and soak!) visitors. Bring extra clothes—your kids will love it.

🛏 **Where to Stay with Kids:**

- Choose a **central apartment or family hotel** so you're walking distance from Salzburg's highlights. Some great picks:
 - 🏠 [Villa Elisa](#) – We love this hotel for our stay! Apartments include kitchenettes and on-site parking is available. The breakfast offered here was excellent!
 - 🏠 [Boutique Hotel Auersperg](#) near Mirabell Gardens. The hotel offers family suites and a garden in a very peaceful location.

🍴 **Where to Eat with Kids:**

- 🍷 **Augustiner Bräu Mülln** – A sprawling beer garden with a kid-friendly food options. Very relaxed vibe and even includes a small play set for the kids to stay entertained!
- 🍕 **L'Osteria Salzburg** – Pizzas and pasta! Offers larger booths, and a bustling atmosphere—perfect for families and picky eaters.
- 🍦 **Icezeit Gelateria** – Artisan ice cream made with regional and sustainable ingredients. A sweet treat after sightseeing!

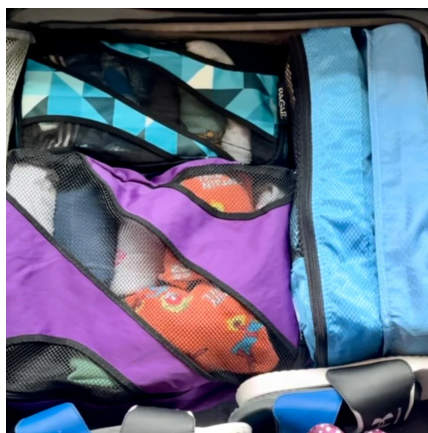
👉 Want more travel-tested ideas?

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✈️ Travel Tip: Use Packing Cubes to Stay Organized on the Go

Why it matters:

When you're packing for a family trip, staying organized is key. Between outfits, swim gear, pajamas, and random kid essentials, your suitcase can become chaotic fast. This is why we use **packing cubes** to keep everything tidy, easy to find, and make living out of a suitcase way less stressful—especially on multi-stop trips.



What we recommend:

These [BAGAIL packing cubes](#) are affordable, durable, and come in a variety of colors and sizes—perfect for assigning one color to each family member or separating clothing types. Want to see what we actually use on our trips?




Bonus: Unpacking at your destination is a breeze. Just move the cubes into drawers and you're done!

Browse our [Amazon storefront](#) below for our go-to travel products — from entertainment for the kids to packing must-haves for parents.

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Missed a Newsletter? Check Out the Archive!

You can now browse all past issues anytime in our [Newsletter Archive](#). It's a handy way to revisit travel tips, product recommendations, and family trip inspiration—whenever you need it.

 Dive into the archive and catch up on anything you might've missed!



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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