Activities for kids on a road trip

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On a road trip, kids do best with spotting games and talking games: the License Plate Game, I spy and the other car games, a bingo card of things out the window, riddles and a story read aloud. Print the bingo card and checklists before you leave. Everything here is free.

Road trip activities for kids

- Activity: The License Plate Game · What a child does: Tap each state you spot, hear a fact about it, and watch the map fill. · Screen?: Phone, or print the sheet
- Activity: Car games · What a child does: Car games from I Spy to Twenty Questions and Would You Rather, with no screen needed. · Screen?: No
- Activity: Road trip bingo · What a child does: A bingo card of things to spot out the window. · Screen?: Print it
- Activity: Pick a game · What a child does: Tap for a car game when nobody can choose. · Screen?: One tap
- Activity: Countdown · What a child does: A train that reaches the station when you arrive, and an Are we there yet? button. · Screen?: Glance
- Activity: Packing checklists · What a child does: Lists for a short drive, a day trip, overnight or longer, to tick or print. · Screen?: Print it
- Activity: Riddles · What a child does: Read them out and guess together. · Screen?: No
- Activity: Short bedtime stories · What a child does: Read aloud from the front seat. · Screen?: No

For the grown-ups planning the drive

The road trip grown-ups' page has the planning side. A few habits help any drive: stop every two hours or so, keep snacks and a bag for rubbish within reach, and save the newest game for the hardest stretch. Print the bingo card and the checklists the night before, when the printer is still nearby.

Once you arrive, indoor activities and the Rainy Day Box work in a hotel room or at a grandparent's house. Everything here is free through the end of 2026, with no ads, no sign-up and nothing to download.

Questions parents ask

What can kids do on a long car ride?

Spot license plates, play a car game like I spy, fill in a road trip bingo card, guess riddles, and listen to a story read aloud. Most need no screen at all.

What are road trip games with no screen?

The car games page has a shelf of them, and bingo and riddles need only paper and a voice.

What ages are these road trip activities for?

About 4 and up. The bingo cards and spotting games suit the youngest; the License Plate Game and riddles keep older kids going.

Do the road trip pages work without signal?

Print the bingo card, the checklists and a few riddles before you leave, so a dead zone does not end the game.

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