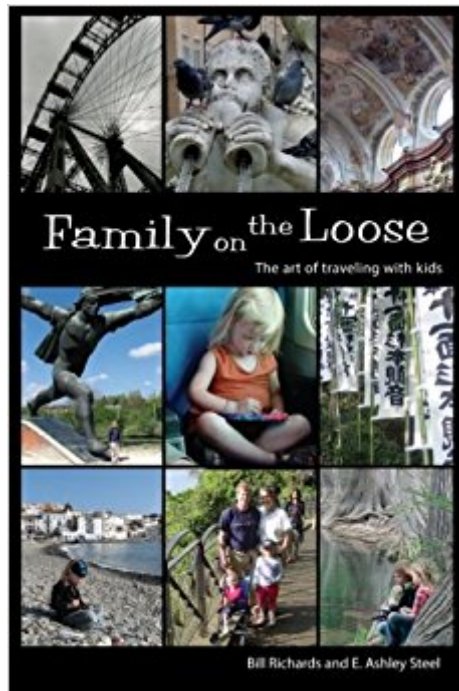




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# Family On The Loose: The Art Of Traveling With Kids



## Synopsis

Pack your bags, hop a plane, and take a trip! Family travel is a great way to expand your cultural horizons and help cultivate our next generation of global citizens. Wondering how to turn a journey with your kids into an enriching and rewarding adventure? This book offers hundreds of easy-to-use ideas for: Drumming up excitement for the journey ahead Teaching your kids to pack themselves Having fun at the airport and on the plane Easing jetlag and schedule changes Involving everyone in setting itineraries and expectations Making museums and tourist stops engaging for everyone Enriching your travel experience through journaling Keeping the joy of the journey alive long after your return Discovering cultural education in your own back yard This book is intended for well-seasoned travelers and newbies alike who enjoy being with their children, want to enrich their education, and are excited to discover, as a family, the vast and unique experiences this world has to offer.

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well" - as in Ashley Steel's and Bill Richards's new book." - The European Mama "It's not only a guide to family travel - it's a complete guide to being an interesting, engaged, and intercultural family." - wanderingeducators.com

"By far the most useful guide we've found...easy to read, practical, and funny. It'll be our essential tool for maintaining the spirit of fun and learning during our year abroad." - Sam Goodner, Founder and CEO Catapult Systems, Inc., Austin Texas.

All I can say is that I wish I had this book 10 years ago. I've got two kids, and we have traveled a fair bit with them, but it is always a challenge to keep them engaged and interested. This book covers guidelines and helpful tips for travelling with kids from the early stages of planning a trip to packing to airports to the plane to the trip itself. It doesn't tell you where you should go to appease the kids, it helps your kids enjoy the sites that the adults want to go to, including museums, cultural and historical sites. Every chapter is full of great suggestions - some of the sidebars are really helpful: "Fourteen Quiet Activities for the Plane" or "A Dozen Games While You are Waiting" (for food, or a bus, etc). There is so much to be gained from travelling with your kids and this book helps to prove that it doesn't need to be so scary.

We love traveling with our kids, who are currently 9 & 10 years old. We are planning long term travel, international travel and will also begin homeschooling our kids soon. This book gave great ideas on everything from packing to preparing kids for travel and getting their involvement. The ideas can be modified for all ages of kids. We've already used some of the tips on preparation through the local library. We are preparing for a trip to the United Kingdom and have gotten the kids very involved in the research and planning (history & activities). I loved the section on how to keep the travel bug alive at home - before and after the trip. The "mini trip" ideas and tips on exploring your own town or city were great. I look forward to using this resource for homeschooling also. I read this book cover to cover, and bookmarked lots of pages for reference.

We have travelled a lot with our kids, but thought this might have some new ideas. It has tons! As a seasoned traveller I skimmed over some of the more basic sections, although they would have been very useful when we first started. Other chapters I poured over slowly and took notes. The authors provide advice that can be used by all different kinds of people, in all different types of travel from local trips to international expeditions. It might actually be too much to use all the suggestions, but

each reader will be able to take what they want and improve the quality of his or her next adventure with the kids.

A few great ideas and packing lists. Better if you have a few kids traveling with you and you've never left the country. Not so great if you are a single parent that has traveled a lot, but looking for more ideas with an older kid who is not yet a pre-teen.

great examples of what to do while traveling. Even though we have traveled lots with my son, I was reminded of some great ideas.

Really THE best book for traveling with kids amongst all those that I have ever read - and I've read a few. Rereading it almost instantaneously

Pretty good book- I really love all the activities they use inside- I will use those for when my kids get bigger.

I haven't had small children for a long time, but I do have young grandchildren. I love to travel. Many grandparents enjoy traveling with their grandchildren, because there is nothing so magical as seeing the world through the eyes of a child. Thus, I read my daughter's copy of this book to see if there were any travel tips that would apply to traveling in general--with or without children/grandchildren. I was pleasantly surprised to find that "Family on the Loose" covered every travel topic comprehensively, but also with an exceptional sense of "cultural respect." So often, Americans are faulted for having no sense of important values in a culture visited--too often they speak loudly, dress immodestly or forget basic manners. Each person--including children--should understand how to be good ambassadors for their home country. Furthermore, emphasizing how much everyone can learn from every travel experience and then giving excellent suggestions of how to "make the memories stick" goes a long way in making "citizens of the world." This book should find an important place on bookshelves of folks who love to travel.

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