

Traveling with children is no easy task. However, I am definitely the mom that would rather create memories with my children and husband as a family rather than to take a vacation just the two of us. We are a unit and creating these memories with them is so important. First step when traveling with kids is packing...

HERE ARE MY BEST PACKING TIPS:

1

Organize all of your outfits by day. For example, Day 1: outfit for mom, dad, kid #1, kid #2. Then roll them all together and pack them that way. This makes it VERY easy to get ready each day for everyone. Plus, you can all be coordinated! I geek out about coordination so this is why I love to do this!

2

Bring along ziploc bags (1 gallon size) to put soiled clothing in. I also recommend these packing bags! They make it easy to pack and find everything and also great for storing clothing once it's been worn.





3

I always pack any shampoo, body wash, etc. into a bag that will allow for spillage. There is nothing worse than getting your clothes full of shampoo before you arrive to your destination. These bags are great!

4

I always pack one large backpack with everything I will need for the flight. This includes, an extra change of clothing for each child, diapers, wipes (regular and sanitizing), snacks, toys/iPad, wallet, phone, and phone charger.



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We brought along 3 suitcases (one extra large, 1 medium, 1 small). The extra large suitcase held two pack n play mattresses for the girls because I hate the "mattress" that is supplied with them, it's rock hard and who wants to sleep on that?! We have this large hard suitcase and I have traveled everywhere with it. It's the best suitcase I have found thus far.

6

We brought one double stroller (great for getting through the airport) and one baby bjorn and one baby sling. My husband prefers the baby bjorn and I prefer the sling so we brought both since they don't take up too much space. Having different options for getting the kids around is key. I will say though that once we got to our hotel in Charleston, we mostly used the baby wrap for our 10 month old and our almost 3 year old walked with us.

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The key to vacation success is making sure that you have the kids' essentials for sleeping. For us, this included: two pack n play mattresses, mattress covers, two sound machines, blankies, stuffed bunny, PJs, and two books. You want to make their bedtime routine identical to the one you already have at home.

8

Pack your car the night before so that the morning is an easy transition!

Before I get into the best things to do, see and where to eat in Savannah.... here are some FAQ's I have received:

Why did we choose Savannah?

I had the pleasure of visiting Savannah on a day trip years ago and it was so beautiful that I knew I always wanted to take a trip back! It seemed like the perfect family trip for us all and given the short flight time, it was the winner!

Which airline did you fly?

We flew American Airlines! I much prefer Southwest to be honest, but American airlines was the only one flying to our location. The only bummer about it was that we were in the back of the plane for every flight (with children, you know how this goes);)



What did you check and what did you bring with you on the plane?

We checked two suitcases and brought along the <u>Macloren double stroller</u>, and two backpacks (one on my husband and one on myself). She loved riding it and pulling it through the airport. It's great for entertaining! I would highly recommend one if you are traveling with a toddler. This one <u>here</u> is super cool as well!

We will start off with the most important topic of all....

WHERE TO EAT IN SAVANNAH



BREAKFAST:



B.MATTHEWS

► VISIT

Best breakfast spot! We loved it here and they were accommodating for kids and had delicious food! The egg scramble is AMAZING.

GOOSE FEATHERS

► VISIT

A cafe that was very quick and easy! You order right at the counter and then find seating. Kids loved it and the food came out VERY fast!

These other places were suggested to us but we didn't get a chance to go:

HUEY'S

► VISIT

SOHO SOUTH CAFE

► VISIT



LUNCH:

We mostly just grabbed snacks here and there for lunch, but here are a few places that were recommended to us!:)

LADY & JONS

► VISIT

I heard that this was a great place to go to for lunch! It's Paula Dean's Restaurant but we didn>t get a chance to try it!

SANDFLY BBQ

► VISIT

ZUNZI'S TAKE OUT

► VISIT



DINNER:

THE PIRATES HOUSE

► VISIT

Such a cute spot for dinner! They have pirates dressed up that visit all the tables and tell you the history of the Pirates House. This historic house was built in 1753!

VICS ON THE RIVER

► VISIT

Get the meatloaf, it was DELICIOUS! Has a great kids menu too! We ate out front, which was nice!

ELIZABETHS ON 37TH

► VISIT

Best restaurant hands down. The staff here was incredibly accommodating. It's an upscale restaurant and I was honestly a bit nervous with the kids but they made us feel SO welcomed and even brought over little fruit plates (cut up) for the kids when we arrived. They don't have a kids menu but you can literally order anything you want for the kids. We went with salmon, asparagus and potatoes and they made exactly that in a kids portion. Everyone was SO nice and it was easily one of the best restaurant experiences we've ever had!





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OLDE PINK HOUSE

► VISIT

PUBLIC KITCHEN & BAR

I was told that you need to try the Carolina burger!

► VISIT

Bars:

JENS & FRIENDS > VISIT

BAYOU CAFE > VISIT



DESSERT:

LEOPOLDS ICE CREAM

► VISIT

Best ice cream we have ever had! Unchanged since 1919 and a must visit!

SAVANNAHS CANDY KITCHEN

► VISIT

I love the assortment of candy, ice cream and sweet treats here! Make sure you try the Pecan Pralines!

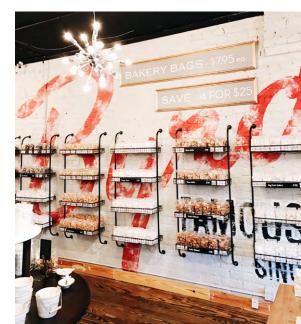
BYRDS COOKIES

► VISIT

Best little mini cookies you will ever eat!

LULUS CHOCOLATE BAR > VISIT

We didn't get a chance to go here but I heard great things about it!



WHERE TO STAY:

HOLIDAY INN - HISTORIC DISTRICT

We were compensated by the Holiday Inn to stay there for our trip and I have to honestly say how impressed I was! The building was absolutely gorgeous and our room was perfect for us! We stayed in a queen suite and set up a cot and crib within the bedroom space. We napped them in there while relaxing in the lounge area of the suite and it was perfect! They also have a great restaurant to dine in for breakfast and dinner! Highly recommend!

► VISIT





WHAT TO DO WHILE YOU ARE THERE:

This list could get very lengthy. I will highlight what we did while we were there and also do some honorable mentions of things we want to get to the next time we visit!

FORSYTH PARK

► VISIT

This park is absolutely beautiful, not to mention has one of the best playgrounds I have ever brought the kids to! It's spacious and has so much for them to do! Our favorite was dancing with the trumpet players:)

WORMSLOE

► VISIT

This is where you will see those huge beautiful spanish moss trees lining the street! We had some of our family photographs taken by <u>Callie Beale Photography</u>!

BROUGHTON STREET

► VISIT

Stop by here to shop until you drop!;)





THE PARIS MARKET

▶ VISIT

The sweetest little shop that is so beautifully styled! The girls loved it in here and I let them pick out one gift to take with them:)

WALK ALONG RIVER STREET

So many shops, restaurants and more!
Beautiful cobblestone streets

HISTORIC CARRIAGE RIDE

We love to take these in every city because it gives you a great view of everything and history about the town! Olivia loves having the horse pull us too;)

WALK DOWN JONES STREET

Seriously, it is absolutely beautiful and was voted one of the most beautiful streets in North America by Southern Living!

Things we would do next time:

 TYBEE ISLAND (we didn't go here since we have a beach at home but if we had more time, we would have loved to visit!) and ghost tours (if the girls were older)

For more information on everything related to **Savannah**, check out their website **HERE**!

MY MUST HAVE TRAVEL GEAR:













Large Hard Rolling Suitcase

I have this Samsonite one and it's been through about 8 years already with me. I love it so!

Kid's Ride Along Suitcase

We have this one here, but I really love this one too! Olivia loved riding along on this at the airport and it entertained her while we waited to board.

Packing Cubes/Organizers

I love these for organization within the suitcase!

Kiki Lu Designs Diaper Bag

I love the amount of pockets this bag has and it easily fits everything I need in a carry on bag for the two kids and myself. Use code: LYNZY25 for 25% off!

Macloren Double Umbrella Stroller

great, high quality double stroller that was perfect for traveling. It has awesome under seat space (hard to find with umbrella strollers) and I love how the canopies go way over their head so it blocks the sun and even rain!

Wild Bird Ring Sling Carrier

I love this carrier for carrying little Ellie around! I have always loved the ring slings the best!

Pip Squeaks Kit

Olivia is OBSESSED with these and brings this everywhere!

Travel Kid's Kit

Has an assortment of kids activities to keep them entertained! Great for travel by car, plane, train or bus!:)

Headphones

Great for when the kids are watching a movie on the plane!

Zella Leggings

My favorite leggings ever in general but also great for traveling. So comfy and never start to sag. The perfect fit and I wear them 5/7 days a week in the fall and winter!

Long Cardigan

The perfect layering piece if it gets chilly on the plane. You can also use it to wrap up the kids if they are cold or use it as a blanket!



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