



Tips from Embassy Suites Hotels & Travel Expert and New Mom, Samantha Brown *How to incorporate education into this summer's family vacation*

As part of its pledge to help families get 300 percent *more* enjoyment out of every trip this summer, [Embassy Suites Hotels](#) is creating special opportunities for families to learn and discover during their vacations through a partnership with [Association of Children's Museums](#). Through dedicated offerings at nearly 20 local children's museums across the country during brand-declared [MORE-days](#) (June 21, July 8 and August 1), surprise museum perks for guests staying at Embassy Suites during [MORE-days](#) and [educational travel tips](#) from travel expert and television host [Samantha Brown](#), Embassy Suites will help families get three times *more* wonder out of their getaways. Below are Samantha's favorite tips on how to turn vacations into learning moments for the whole family.

1. **Map it out.** Help kids learn map reading skills by planning ahead for the places you want to visit and figuring out the best route (public transportation or walking) to get there. Many destinations involve transferring to more than one form of public transportation, so it can become a fun problem-solving exercise.
2. **Take a trip abroad without leaving the States.** Some cities have entire countries within them, so find out where the great neighborhoods are – the Chinatowns, Germantowns and Little Italys – and sample snacks and beverages you've never tasted.
3. **Visit a children's museum.** They are usually centrally located, inexpensive and yet provide a unique and fascinating place for kids to work off all their energy. To check out special perks from Embassy Suites and the Association of Children's Museums this summer, visit [EmbassySuites.com/300More](#) for a full listing of participating children's museums and VIP offerings, as well as [destination and activity suggestions](#).
4. **Head to the top.** The tallest building in the city usually offers a top-floor observatory to give kids a thrilling birds-eye view of the city from above. The lines for the tallest building may be long, so visit the second tallest building with an observatory and get an exhilarating view with less wait time.
5. **Bring out your child's inner photographer.** Give your child a disposable or smartphone camera and have him or her take pictures of unique moments, sites and things they'll remember their trip by, such as a policeman conducting traffic, a favorite room at a children's museum, or a really cool landscape. You can print out the pictures and make a photo book or create a slideshow and set it to your child's favorite song. Not only will they have a great time taking the pictures, but you'll also see what things sparked your child's imagination throughout the trip.
6. **Save the environment.** Children ought to know the importance of maintaining a healthy environment - even for sea creatures! Embark on your own coastal cleanup and help protect the largest of whales and the tiniest of snails. If you're heading to a beach for the day, bring a bag with you and spend ten minutes cleaning up any extra litter you see. Talk to your kids about all of the animals they're making a nicer home for.
7. **Conduct an interactive geography lesson.** Print a simple map of the United States and walk within your own airport terminal, looking at the different destinations people are traveling to. Have your child try to locate the state on the map, and reinforce that all of those people are going to great places like California, New York or Texas.
8. **It's all in your reaction.** Don't get upset when things don't go as planned. Always remember how you react is how your children will react. Travel is an ideal time to teach your kids coping skills such as how to smile and make the best of it. A great lesson is that Plan B can be even more fun than Plan A!