

Travel: Staycation

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BRPL Databases:

[ConsumerReports.org](https://www.consumerreports.org) Airline reviews, travel articles, etc. (search with the terms travel, vacation, airline, hotel)

[Gale Virtual Reference Library eBook Collection](https://www.gale.com) Books and articles about countries and travel

[Transparent Language Online \(Byki\)](https://www.transparentlanguage.com) A language learning tool with more than 60 languages

[Universal Class](https://www.universalclass.com) Courses in travel writing, timeshares, cross-cultural communication, and cultural studies (French, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, German)

[Lynda.com](https://www.lynda.com) Courses in travel photography

Themes:

Beach theme: Create a music play list of the Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett and island tunes, along with paper palm trees, leis, Hawaiian shirts and a canopy.

Mountain trip: Consider songs by John Denver and James Taylor, with pinecones, tree logs, a tent in the backyard, and barbeque. geocaching (basic app is free, it's \$30/year to upgrade, but you can have fun trying it out with the free version)

Pretend you're in Paris or Spain: Post signs in foreign languages, play trendy music, create fake passports, and plan out exotic meals from the regions.

Cruise: Plan days with excursions and fancy dress dinners. And then I mix in "days at sea," which are at-home days with Netflix, books, games, etc.

Go Back to School: wander or take a tour at FAU or Lynn, look for lectures, movies. events, online webinars at FAU, Lynn, BRPL, Palm Beach County Library, City of Boca Rec Services

DIY Bootcamp: hiking/walking/biking outside or get exercise videos from the library

Film Festival: plan your own film festival, have some outside at night (rent a projector, use a sheet as a screen, get library movies (Kanopy, Hoopla, DVDs)

Do a spa Day/Weekend: book massages, spa treatments, try area hotels

DIY Summer Camp: plan crafts, game nights, campfire cooking, sleep out in a tent (Quiet Waters has preset up tents), learn about the stars (Night Sky app)

Hotel at home: Clean the bedrooms & put new sheets on the beds. Sleep in. Play music you don't ordinarily listen to. Get a vase of fresh flowers for the table, buy travel sizes of expensive soaps and shampoos.

Ideas:

- picnic in the park with friends
- check your local government parks department to see if there are free events like concerts or movie night at the park
- potluck game night at home with friends or family
- rent a convertible car
- book a local hotel for a night or two – there are rates for locals!
- BOA members get first Saturday free at several museums across the country.
- ride your local bus like a tourist. Get off at the end of the line, explore the neighborhood, the ride the bus back, being sure to sit on the other side of the street.

- have every family member pick their "perfect day" and just go with it.
- a DIY tasting (wine, chocolate, etc.): everyone brought a bar of chocolate, put the pieces in cups with the names stuck to the bottom, mixed the cups up, and voila, blind taste test
- rent kayaks
- bike Shark Valley
- fishing trips
- dinner cruise
- Sawgrass Mills (or other shopping)
- Butterfly World
- farmer's markets
- Green Cay and Wakodahatchee parks

Sources for ideas:

Groupon or Living Social

[Visit Florida](#)

[Visit the USA, Florida page](#)

[Florida Rambler](#)

[Trip advisor "things to do"](#)

[Localeur](#)

[Not local](#)

[Gogobot](#) (look at destinations and "tribes")

Google

- "hidden gems in . . ." in your area or near me
- "free museum day near me" (or in a city)
- "parks near me" (or in a city)
- "food truck near me"
- "things to do near me (or in city)"

[Consulates in South Florida](#)

[Hiking](#)

[Palm Beach County Parks](#)

[Bank of America Partner's list](#)

[Mizner Amphitheater](#)

[Wynwood Walls Miami](#)

[Brightline Trains](#)

Boat Tours:

[Visit Florida: Boat Tours](#)

[Visit Florida: Top 10 Florida Boat Tours and Cruises](#)

[Trip Advisor: Boat Tours and Water Sports in Florida](#)

Travel Guides:

[Fodors](#)

[Frommers](#)

[Lonely Planet](#)

[Weekend trips](#)

[Miami day trips](#)

[Sign up for City Connection](#)

FAU

[Distinguished Lecture Series and Readings](#)

[Great Decisions: U.S. Foreign Policy Lectures](#)

[Arts & Culture Calendar](#)

[Osher Lifelong Learning Institute](#)

[Theatre Department Events](#)

Additional links from the powerpoint:

[AppCrawler](#)

Apps for the 50+ crowd: [Tech50+ Travel Apps](#)

Android devices: [Google Play Store](#)

iPad/iPhone: [The App Store](#)

[InsureMyTrip](#)

[Weather](#)

[Time and Date](#)

[National Atlas](#)

[CIA World Facts](#)

[Maps of the World](#)

[One Bag](#)

[Don't Forget Your Toothbrush](#)

[LMGTFY](#)

Museums:

Boca Raton Children's Museum
498 Crawford Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33432
561.368.6875
<https://www.cmboca.org/>

Boca Raton History Museum
71 North Federal Highway, Boca Raton, Florida 33432
561.395.6766
<https://www.bocahistory.org/>

Boca Raton Museum of Art
501 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432
561.392.2500
<https://www.bocamuseum.org/>

Boca Express Train Museum
747 S Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33432
561.395.6766
<https://www.bocahistory.org/boca-express-tour-information/>

Children's Science Explorium
300 S Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33486
561.347.3912
<http://www.scienceexplorium.org/>

Ritter Art Gallery
152 Breezeway, Boca Raton, FL 33431
561.297.2660
<http://fau.edu/artsandletters/galleries/>

South Florida Railway Museum
1300 W Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
<http://www.sfrm.org/>

Deerfield Beach Historical Society
380 E Hillsboro Blvd, Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
954.429.0378

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens
4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446
561.495.0233
<https://morikami.org/>

Mizner Park Cultural Center
Mizner Park, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton, FL 33432
844.672.2849
<http://miznerparkculturalcenter.com/>

Cornell Art Museum at Old School Square
51 N Swinton Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444

561.243.7922

<https://www.cornellartmuseum.org/>

Spady Museum

170 NW 5th Ave, Delray Beach, FL 33444

561.279.8883

<http://spadymuseum.com/>

Museum of Coral Springs History

10000 NW 29th St, Coral Springs, FL 33065

954.344.5970

<https://www.coralsprings.org/living/history>

Coral Springs Museum of Art

2855A Coral Springs Dr, Coral Springs, FL 33065

954.340.5000

<https://coralspringmuseum.org/>

Museum of Discovery and Science

401 SW 2nd St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

954.467.6637

<https://mods.org/>

Schoolhouse Children's Museum and Learning Center

129 E Ocean Ave, Boynton Beach, FL 33435

561.742.6780

<https://www.schoolhousemuseum.org/>

NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale

1 E Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

954.525.5500

<http://nsuartmuseum.org/>

Pompano Beach Historical Society

954.782.3015

217 NE 4th Ave, Pompano Beach, FL 33060

<http://www.pompanohistory.com/>

Wick Theatre

7901 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, FL 33487

561.995.2333

<http://thewick.org/>

Sandoway Discovery Center

142 S Ocean Blvd, Delray Beach, FL 33483

561.274.7263

<https://sandoway.org/>

Fort Lauderdale Antique Car Museum

1527 SW 1st Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315

954.779.7300

<https://www.antiquecarmuseum.net/>

Stonewall National Museum and Archives
1300 E Sunrise Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
954.763.8565

<https://www.stonewall-museum.org/>

Bonnet House Museum & Gardens
900 N Birch Rd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304
954.563.5393

<https://www.bonnethouse.org/>

Hillsboro Lighthouse Museum
2639 N Riverside Dr, Pompano Beach, FL 33062
<http://www.hillsborolighthouse.org/museum>

South Florida Science Center and Aquarium
4801 Dreher Trail N, West Palm Beach, FL 33405
561.832.1988

<https://www.sfsciencecenter.org/>

Wiener Museum of Decorative Arts
481 S. Federal Hwy, 2nd Floor, Dania Beach, FL 33004
954.376.6690

<http://wmoda.com/>

Norton Museum of Art
1451 S Olive Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561.832.5196

<https://www.norton.org/>

Fort Lauderdale Fire and Safety Museum
1022 W Las Olas Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
<http://www.fortlauderdalefiremuseum.com/>

Stranahan House Museum
335 SE 6th Ave, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
954.524.4736

<https://stranahanhouse.org/>

Sample-McDougald House Museum
450 NE 10th St, Pompano Beach, FL 33060
754.307.5446

<https://www.samplemcdougald.org/>

Old Dillard Museum
1009 NW 4th St, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
754.322.8828

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35769>

Plantation Historical Museum
511 N Fig Tree Ln, Plantation, FL 33317
954.797.2722
<http://www.plantation.org/Museum/historical-society.html>

Delray Beach Historical Society
3 NE 1st St, Delray Beach, FL 33444
561.274.9578
<http://delraybeachhistory.org/>

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center
1801 N Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton, FL 33432
561.544.8605
<https://www.gumbolimbo.org/>

Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens
253 Barcelona Rd, West Palm Beach, FL 33401
561.832.5328
<http://www.ansg.org/>

Daggerwing Nature Center
11435 Park Access Rd, Boca Raton, FL 33498
561.629.8760
<http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Daggerwing.aspx>