

## 5 Tips for Saving Gas on Vacation

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Many of us look forward to going on a family vacation. However, if you're like my family, you're concerned about travelling far due to the high gas prices. Don't worry. There are a few things you can do to get the most mileage for your buck.

1. Don't speed. Most cars get their best gas mileage at 60mph. Much faster and you will burn an average of 4 miles-per-gallon more.
2. Don't speed up to get to a stoplight. If a light is red, simply coast to a stop. You burn a lot more fuel speeding up only to have to stop faster.
3. Don't travel with a full trunk. The lighter the load, the less fuel will be burned. Encourage your family to pack light for vacation. Consider doing laundry once while you're away so you don't have to pack as many clothes.
4. If you have a choice of more than one car, take the car that gets better gas mileage, even if it is smaller.
5. Consider a vacation close to home. There's no need to drive across several states to go sight-seeing. Oftentimes there is a lot to see and do right at home or within a couple hours' drive.

Have fun while on vacation and remember that the memories you make will be more valuable than any souvenir you could buy, so save money that way as well!

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