

Spring Break Scavenger Hunt

Whether you are new to a city or have live there for years, this scavenger hunt will give you a chance to explore your city through the eyes of a tourist. You might be surprised by all of the hidden gems right in your own backyard during this little adventure!

Here's how you can create your own Spring Break Scavenger Hunt in 5 easy steps:

1. Identify the places you would like to visit. It can be places you have been before but haven't visited in a while as many tourist attractions, museums, etc. are always rotating exhibitions and activities. You can also pick a few places off the beaten path that you have never visited before. Visit your city's convention and visitors bureau website or travel websites like wikitravel.org to find a list of interesting places to visit.
2. As you are selecting your locations, come up with 3 or 4 fun facts that you child can search for when you get there. This adds a bit of a learning component to the scavenger hunt, but you can skip this piece if you feel it's too tedious.
3. Come up with a simple, fun rhyme to give your child the clue to where you are going. Here's a sample of the clue and a list of things to find that I used for our visit to Washington, DC:

CLUE #1

Millions of years ago they roamed the earth large and small
Now their remains live here winter, summer, spring and fall

YOU NEED TO FIND:

- How many years ago did dinosaurs last roam the earth?
- What's the name of the world's largest deep blue diamond?
- Name 4 American birds that are now extinct.
- List 3 ways that humans have evolved over the last 6 million

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Did you figure out the clue? It's the National Museum of Natural History!

4. Use the attached fillable PDF to make your Spring Break Scavenger Hunt card clues and fun facts. If you are going to visit more than one place in a day, label your clues as Clue #1, Clue #2, etc. and print one card for each clue. Note, the cards are double-sided and should be cut in half.
5. Put each clue and each list of fun facts in a separate envelope.

Although I call this a Spring Break Scavenger Hunt, this idea works during holidays, summer break, or anytime you want to do something different and have fun with your child!

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