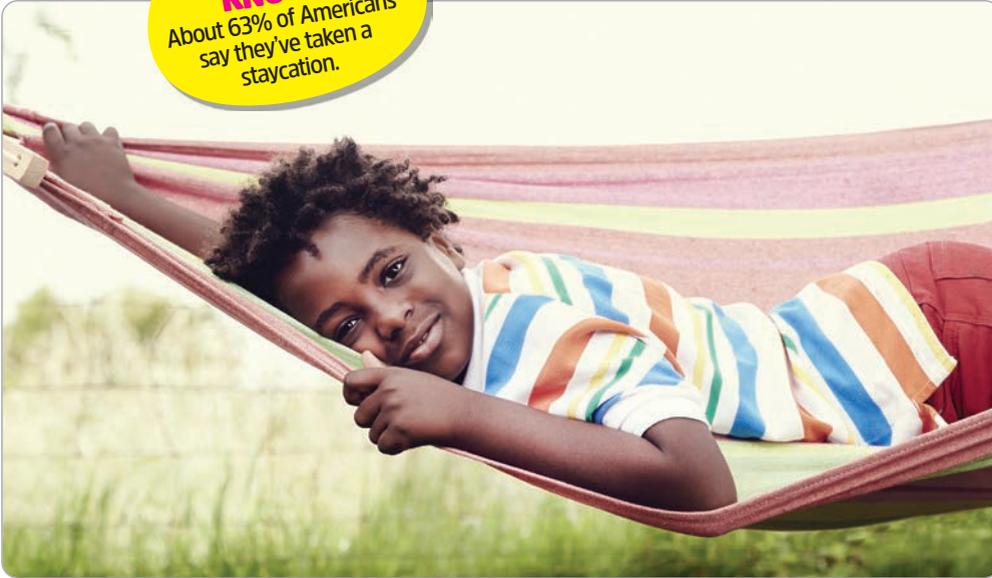




How to...

DID YOU KNOW?
About 63% of Americans say they've taken a staycation.



Plan a staycation

You can take a great summer vacation without leaving home.

What do you call a vacation where you don't actually go anywhere? It's a staycation, which means having the kind of fun you'd have on a trip but from home. Staycations have been especially popular in the past year, when people weren't able to travel as much due to the pandemic. But even if your family is lucky enough to be taking a trip soon, planning a staycation for a day or a weekend is an awesome summer activity. Here's how to get started.

Schedule it out

Just like if you were going on a trip, you'll want to plan your staycation for a time when you and your family don't have a lot going on. (It's not much of a vacation if you're still going to soccer practice or taking care of a neighbor's pet.) Talk to your family about when would be a good day or weekend to have your staycation. Also, try to get any chores you have to do around the house done in advance so you don't have to worry about them during your staycation.

Turn your interests into activities

Think about what your family likes to do on vacation, and see how you can bring the magic of it to your own home. For example, if you love to go to the beach, break out all your beach gear in your yard or on a patio. Set up a sprinkler or fill a small pool with water so you can cool

off. Give each family member a bin of sand and hold a sandcastle-building competition. Pack up a cooler with snacks and frozen treats. If you love theme parks, have each family member come up with a game idea for a carnival booth and take turns trying everyone's suggestions. Another idea: Set up a relaxation day at home or in a park. You could have shoulder massages, a reading or drawing area, and music you love to listen to.

Consider day trips

Although your home is a great place for your staycation, you could also go somewhere within a close drive. (You don't have to stay overnight.) If your family likes to see cool animals on vacation, a trip to a local zoo or aquarium might be interesting. If you and your family like being adventurous, a memorable staycation activity could be signing up to do a ziplane course or a climbing wall in your area.

Pretend you're a tourist

If you've lived in your town for a long time, think about it like a tourist might. Is there a place you and your family have overlooked because you thought you could visit it anytime? Or ask yourself: If I had a friend coming to town, where would I suggest we go? Maybe there's a historic building you can tour, a trail you could hike, or a new ice cream store you could try.



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