



Top 14 Travel Tips

... for cool trips "off the beaten path"



Historic Apex, NC

Worthy Detours is all about the U.S.A. We love this great country and enjoy traveling it from coast-to-coast.

During our many trips, we have gathered more than a dozen tips on how to enjoy the charm of small towns across America.

Here are our all-time, top 14 travel tips:

#1 - Talk to the Locals

They know the best places to eat, things to see, and what to do that are not listed on the net, especially in small towns.

#2 - Walk and Explore

Small towns have a wealth of history. Park near the square or on the end of "Main Street" and walk. That's when you learn cool stuff about the area.

#3 - Use Local Transport

Best way to see a town is with locals giving you a personal tour. Take the ferry, ride the carriage or wagon. Let the locals drive.

#4 - Travel Back Roads

Ditch the interstate and major highways. On the back roads you'll find interesting small towns, roadside attractions, and cool local histories. Take the 2-lanes.

#5 - Sleep in History

Many bed & breakfasts, inns, and hotels are in a restored historic building. They are unusually rich in the area's unique history. Step back in time. Absorb a bygone era while you sleep.

#6 - Be Polite and Friendly

Small town locals are friendly, often greeting strangers with a smile...so, smile back. Wave hello. Give a nod. Hold the door. Be nice. It will make the trip even more memorable

#7 - Relax

Small towns are much slower paced. Local drivers aren't in a hurry so slow down. Be patient. Unwind a bit during your visit.



Historic Nauvoo, IL



Kava House & Cafe, Swisher, IA



Mistletoe Bough B&B in Alabama



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#8 - Inspected and Approved

Stay in inspected and approved B&B's and Inns. State associations require high standards of cleanliness, safety, and ethics. Check association listings.

#9 - Leave a Tip

Housekeepers perform their magic while you're away, often unnoticed. Leave a tip with a note at time of service. Show your appreciation. Make someone smile.



Metal Museum Foundry, Memphis, TN

#10 - Go Gadget Free

Vacation means taking a break from daily life--that means gadgets too. Leave all but one behind and use it only when absolutely needed. Make your time off count.

#11 - Learn Something New

Do you wonder how things are made? Look for small museums, businesses, and shops that offer tours or demonstrations. You'll be surprised what you can learn.

#12 - Holiday Travel

Call ahead to make sure businesses are open. Small business owners have families too. Be extra kind to those working on a holiday. Leave a bigger tip than normal.



Hotel Nauvoo, Nauvoo, IL

#13 - Check the Weather

Start watching the forecast about 10-days before your trip. Check again the day you leave. Unexpected weather variations can quickly ruin a trip. Be prepared.

#14 - Trip Souvenirs

Souvenirs bring back happy memories, especially if feelings are attached. Pick up items that remind you of an experience. It doesn't have to be expensive to be memorable.



Shaker Village KY Gift Shop