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10 Ways to Survive Flying with Kids

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Family Travel: Expert Tips for Flying with Kids

As the summer travel season gets underway, parents are packing up and heading to the airport with kids in tow. Between deciphering TSA regulations and coping with crowded planes, families wanting to travel by air must be more prepared than ever. Ten travel experts reveal how to survive flying with kids.

Don't have any kids? You could always lend a hand, or at least try not to roll your eyes when we board the plane.



Stay organized, and be prepared for anything.

The Problem: Every parent knows that getting out the door for a trip with the kids can seem like an impossible task.

The Solution: "Being on time (or early) is key to making sure that you're not feeling rushed," McDermott says. "You won't be sweating the minutes if the lines are longer than usual at security or if you have to attend to an ill-timed diaper blowout ... What has helped us is having decent carry-on luggage, like Osprey's Vector series. There are pockets and storage areas to keep things organized, but not so many that we can't find anything."

If two adults are traveling with the kids, divide and conquer. "When traveling as a family, one of us is responsible for our stuff and one of us is responsible for the kids. This helps us keep track of everyone and everything during bathroom breaks and snack times."

Photo Caption: The 22-inch Osprey Vector (\$199, www.ospreypacks.com) helps you stay organized.

