

Planning The Classic Road Trip!

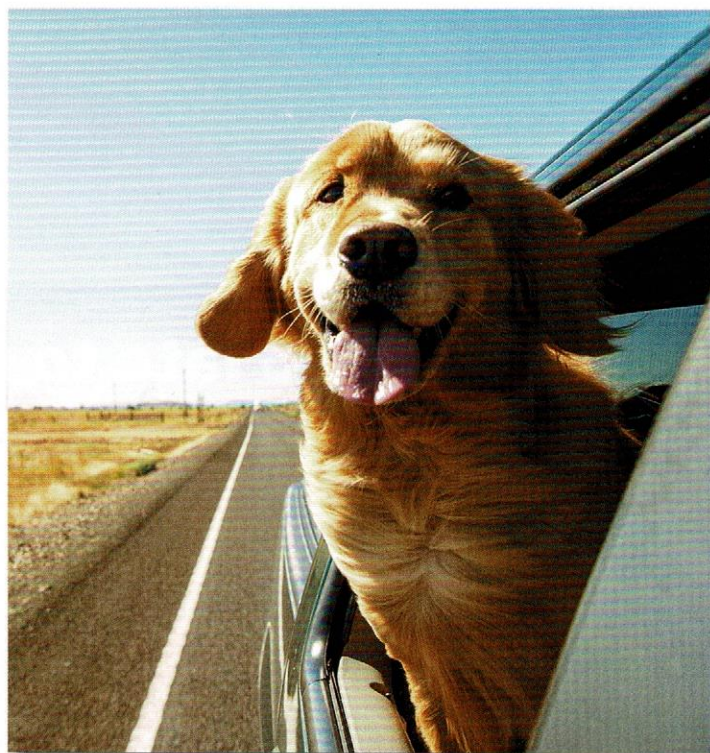
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Road trips are this summer's travel trend. Travelers will be more comfortable hopping into their own cars or recreational campers than commuting in mass transportation. With gas prices low, the summer of 2020 looks like the year people take to the road!

Now the experts say, "Get outside!" Studies of transmission of Covid-19 indicate that extremely few cases are due to transmission in the outdoors. Sun, rain and unlimited air movement naturally disinfect and the great outdoors gives us space to avoid crowds.

While we have been staying at home, the urge to just GO somewhere builds. But how to plan a safe trip with control of your exposure? Our cars are personal and the only risk would be the stops you need to make along the way. Using masks, gloves, and bleach wipes/hand sanitizer when stopping is recommended and even required in some places. Traveling by RV means you can bring food and cook while avoiding public bathrooms and grocery stores. You will still need your personal protection supplies if you have to stop at RV parks or to get gas and supplies.

Outdoor trips to less populated areas help to avoid crowds--camping, cycling and wilderness trips, exploring national parks and touring vineyards in popular wine regions. Family with school-age kids? Look for a cabin by the lake or in a state park. Reserve home rentals, bed-



and-breakfasts or boutique hotels to reduce your exposure to others. Or instead of one large trip, devise a series of day trips to local places. Pack your food and skip the grocery stores and take-out windows--plan an old fashioned picnics!

When planning an idyllic escape, consider the availability of medical care in the area--just in case. Allow time: plan trips to end more than two weeks in advance of important work, school or other life events. Should you be ill during or after your trip, you may be quarantined for up to 14 days after your return. If you work from home anyway, that may not be a problem. Finally, check with the state or local health department where you are, along your route, and at your planned destination.

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