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Ten Must-Have Travel Apps for Your Road Trip



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The weather is getting warmer, the end of the school year is near and summer is on the way. If you're thinking of packing up the family for a road trip in the upcoming months, there are a number of handy apps you can download to your smartphone that will make your trip go more smoothly.

AAA has put together a list of 10 apps – of which some are free and others cost a few dollars - you might want to consider adding to your phone.

Just be sure not to tinker around with the apps while you're driving.

Day One- This app acts as a virtual travel journal that allows you to create a log of your trip by snapping photos, utilizing existing images from your camera roll and entering text. Each entry includes the temperature, location and time. Day One costs \$4.99 for iOS in the Apple Store and \$9.99 in the Mac Apple Store.



Flushd- Drivers will be able to filter local restroom options on a map according to distance and amenities with Flushd. Information is also provided on whether restroom stops have changing tables or attendants. Also, the app includes in-install reading material and can track your bathroom habits.

History Here- Created by The History Channel, this free app lists monuments, museums, famous homes and other noteworthy sites along with descriptions of what makes each place unique. Users will be able to select their current locale or search other parts of the U.S. and find results on a map or list. The app contains more than 7,000 locations.

INRIX Traffic- There are few things more annoying than getting stuck in a traffic jam during your road trip. This app helps drivers to discover the best traffic routes, helping them to save time and fuel.

License Plate Games- A popular road trip game is to try to spot license plates from other states across the nation. This free app keeps a digital scoreboard of state plates. Users can check them off as the app keeps track.

Safer Car- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's app allows users to review vehicle safety ratings and sign up for automatic notices about safety recalls. The app is free on Google Play and Apple.

Star Walk- This program uses GPS to transform your smartphone's screen into an interactive map of the night sky, pointing out such astrological must-sees as Orion's Belt and the Gemini. The app also identifies constellations and planets as you point your device in their direction. It can also identify satellites, such as the International Space Station. The app can be purchased for \$2.99 on Google Play and at the Apple Store.

TripleSpot- Users of this free, socially fueled crowd-sourced guidebook app will be able to generate content that encourages others to discover activities and plan upcoming trips based on their own experiences.

TripSaver- This app, which costs \$1.99, tracks your travel expenses and monitors how much money you have left based on your trip's pre-set budget. The program also provides a recommended budget based on your destination.

And last, but not least, there's the [AAA app](#), which combines maps, directions and roadside service features with member discount information.

Is there a great travel app that we missed? If so, let us know by emailing at feedback@aaany.com.

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