

DREAM A LITTLE. START A CONVERSATION.

Your Family's Worldschooling Starter Guide

A little room to imagine a different everyday - and a practical way to explore it together.

Worldschooling brings family travel and learning together. It can include formal lessons, online school, local classes, and learning through everyday experiences. Your family gets to explore a version that fits your circumstances.

Which adventure could you imagine?

A few months away

Spend a season in one place or travel slowly between a few destinations.

A year of discovery

Build a routine for learning, work, friendships, and exploring along the way.

An ongoing adventure

Consider a longer experience, with regular check-ins about what each person needs.

There is no single right model. Start with what you want more of, then explore the practical questions before making commitments.

One thing we would love more of in family life:

Use this guide in small pieces: talk together, choose one question, try a tool, and agree on a next step. There is no need to decide everything today.

AROUND THE KITCHEN TABLE

Ten questions to explore together

Invite everyone to answer in their own way. Listen for shared hopes and different needs; a worry is useful information, too.

01 What would we love more of: time, rest, learning, connection, or adventure?

02 Where do we picture ourselves - and what excites us about being there?

03 What would a good ordinary day look like, beyond the highlights?

04 How long would we like to explore, and what pace might suit us?

05 What would each person most want to keep from life at home?

06 What would help our children learn and maintain future options?

07 How would we make time for friends, community, and privacy?

08 What spending and work arrangements would feel manageable?

09 What worries each of us most, and what would help us explore it?

10 What small step could we try before making a big commitment?

PUT A LITTLE STRUCTURE AROUND THE DREAM

Your first planning checklist

Use the boxes to mark topics you have discussed. They are prompts for investigation, not a test of readiness or a complete departure checklist.

Education

- ☐ Explore an approach for each child and hear their views.
- ☐ Confirm requirements, school return options, and any credits.
- ☐ Check teaching time, connectivity, materials, and support.

Money

- ☐ Estimate monthly living and travel costs for your family.
- ☐ Add flights, insurance, education, setup, and costs at home.
- ☐ Allow for surprises, emergencies, and a return-home plan.

Work and commitments

- ☐ Explore leave, remote work, or other income arrangements.
- ☐ Confirm employer permissions and relevant local requirements.
- ☐ Plan for housing, pets, bills, and responsibilities at home.

Friendships and community

- ☐ Ask what connections each person wants to maintain.
- ☐ Investigate local activities and family communities.
- ☐ Leave room for regular contact, downtime, and privacy.

Travel and everyday life

- ☐ Choose a manageable pace and investigate accommodation.
- ☐ Check entry requirements, healthcare access, and insurance.
- ☐ Think about transport, routines, and ordinary household tasks.

Family agreement

- ☐ Write down a shared hope and each person's main concern.
- ☐ Choose when and how you will review the experience.
- ☐ Discuss what would make you adapt, pause, or return home.

FOLLOW THE QUESTION ON YOUR MIND

Five ways to explore the possibilities

Choose one starting point. The tools help you imagine, compare, and identify questions to investigate; you can return to the others whenever they are useful.

01 / Dream about destinations

Discover places matched to your family's interests and preferred surroundings.

[Open the Destination Finder](#)

02 / Put numbers behind the idea

Compare estimated monthly costs. Budget separately for items outside the estimate.

[Open the Cost Calculator](#)

03 / Explore your foundations

Reflect on family alignment, money, education, community, and adaptability.

[Open the Readiness Assessment](#)

04 / Consider each child's learning

Compare educational approaches for one child at a time, with practical trade-offs.

[Open the Education Options Explorer](#)

05 / Start with everyday family life

Explore what you want more of and a small experiment you can try at home.

[Open the Family Life Reflection](#)

Find the full collection at familyguidetoworldschooling.com/resources.html. Results are starting points, not guarantees or professional advice.

ONE SMALL STEP IS ENOUGH

Give the idea a little room

Over the next week, make time for one conversation and one small discovery. The aim is a clearer next step, whether that means travel, a change at home, or revisiting the idea later.

1 / Imagine

Let each person name one place or experience they would love to explore.

2 / Investigate

Choose the question with the most uncertainty. Try the related tool and check one practical detail.

3 / Try something small

Plan a local discovery day, try a learning activity, or sketch a sample week abroad.

4 / Compare notes

What felt exciting? What needs attention? Agree on what to investigate next.

The one question we want to explore next:

Our next action, who will help, and when:

When we will check in together:

Keep the conversation going

The Family Guide to Worldschooled, by Andy and Joanne Balser, is forthcoming from Familius, expected fall 2027. It brings together practical guidance and insights from families who have taken different paths.

This companion offers general planning prompts. Confirm education, entry, work, tax, healthcare, and insurance requirements for your own circumstances before making commitments.