

20 Virtual Field Trips to Take with Your Kids

Virtual field trips are a great way to expose kids to new places all from the comfort of home. In this age of technology, so many museums, zoos and aquariums have set up virtual tours and webcams of their facilities. Now more than ever, is it easier to visit destinations around the world from the comfort of your couch.

In light of recent events, families are finding themselves in the position of not only being at home with their children for an extended period of time, but educating them as well. Unlike a school vacation, places like zoos, aquariums and museums are closed in an effort to keep people from congregating. Travel is also on hold. Virtual field trips are a fun and educational way to visit places virtually and keep “travel” going.

I’ve rounded up 20 virtual field trips that you can take with your kids. There are also lesson ideas, activities and book suggestions to extend the learning for each type of destination.

Art Museums

Visit some of the best art galleries in the world virtually. From Paris to New York to Amsterdam, kids can see priceless works of art from the world’s most famous artists.

- Louvre Museum, Paris <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>
- National Gallery of Art, Washington DC <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/national-gallery-of-art-washington-dc?hl=en>
- Metropolitan Museum of Art <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-metropolitan-museum-of-art>
- Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/van-gogh-museum?hl=en>
- Uffizi Gallery, Florence Italy <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/uffizi-gallery?hl=en>

Activities and Resources

- Choose a favorite painting or sculpture and create a copycat piece of art.
- Research an artist. This is a great book about some amazing artists kids should know about <https://amzn.to/38QWQGf> (affiliate link).
- Choose a piece of art to focus on. Describe it, tell why you chose it and how it makes you feel.
- Choose 2 works of art to compare.

Zoos

Zoo webcams have allowed visitors to drop in on the habitats of some of the zoo’s favorite animal exhibits.

- San Diego Zoo <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>
- Zoo Atlanta Panda Cam https://youtu.be/_6wbfVWV8Q
- Smithsonian's National Zoo <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>
- Reid Park Zoo Lion Cam in Tuscon, AZ <http://reidparkzoo.org/cameras/lion-cam/>
- Ouwehand Park Polar Bear Cubs Rhenen, Netherland <https://explore.org/livecams/polar-bears/polar-bear-ouwehand-twin-cubs-cam-2>

Activities and Resources

- [Take a Virtual Field Trip Lesson Plan](#)
- [Zoo Field Trip Worksheet Freebie](#)
- Do more research on your favorite animal and make a guide.
- Research the habitat of your favorite animal. Use at home materials to create a miniature habitat.

Aquariums

Just like with zoos, aquariums have used webcams to let you visit their exhibits virtually. In addition, some aquariums have set up virtual tours led by their staff to give visitors a more in depth look at their facility.

- Monterey Bay Aquarium <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals-and-exhibits/live-web-cams>
- Georgia Aquarium <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>
- National Aquarium Virtual Tour <http://samurairvirtualtours.com/example/nadc/index.html>
- Virtual Tour of the [Seattle Aquarium](#)

Activities and Resources

- [Take a Virtual Field Trip Lesson Plan](#)
- [Aquarium Field Trip Worksheet Freebie](#)
- Research your favorite sea animal and make a presentation.
- Watch [Finding Nemo](#) or Finding Dory. Identify the types of sea creatures in the movie.
- Watch [Disneynature's Oceans](#)

Travel the World

In this day and age, it is easier than ever to travel the world without leaving home.

- Google Maps street view will allow you to visit almost any destination around the world. Check out this view from [Pompei](#).
- Visit the Great Wall of China <https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china>
- Virtually discover Yellowstone National Park <https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm>
- Tour England through this [360 video](#).

- Take a live look at [Colonial Williamsburg](#).
- Go on a virtual field trip to [Ellis Island](#).

Activities and Resources

- Plan a trip to a new destination. What would you do, see, eat?
- Make a travel brochure for the destination you visited.
- Write a postcard from that destination. Include details about the place and what you can see there.