

TRAVEL TURTLE

a family travel blog

Kids Travel Writing Prompts

These are a lot of questions, so it might be too much for one trip. Some of these things could be good to the places they visit, to the history of the place, and to things they are already familiar with. conversation starters and things to think about while on vacation. The point is to try to connect the kid's

Before leaving: (This could be a good idea for long plane trips)

- What do you think the place will be like?
- What do you think the people will be like?
- What are you looking forward to the most?
- What do you know about where we'll be visiting? (It's history, climate, language)
- What's your itinerary?
- How do you say:
 - Hello
 - Good-bye
 - Thank you
 - Please
 - Excuse me
 - Do you speak English?

First Impressions:

- What are the popular sites that you keep hearing about?
- What is the landscape like?
- How is this different from home?
- How is it the same as home?
- What is the history of this place? Is it older or younger? How does the architecture give you the feeling of that history?

Thoughts about a specific attractions/events/sites:

- Were there a lot of lines, what were they like?
- What do you think makes this place special?
- If your best friend was going to visit this city, would you recommend this attraction, event, site... why?
- Do you have something similar to this where you live? If not, what do you think is the closest thing to this site?
- What did you learn about this site?
- Draw it.

Everyday things:

- What was the weather like? What did you have to do to prepare for the weather?
- Have you tried speaking the local language? What have you said? How do people respond?
- What's the exchange rate?
- Have you watched any television? What types of things have you seen on the commercials?
- What songs do you hear a lot (whether out and about or on your own mix that you brought with you)?

Food:

- What did you have for lunch? How much did it cost?
- What is something on the menu that you've never seen before?
- What is something on the menu that is similar to back home?
- Have you visited a grocery store or farmer's market? What did you think about the food selections? What was in season?

Public Transportation

- How do you use the public transportation here? (Where do you buy the tickets, where do you validate the tickets, do you like to look up timetables?)
- Do you like the public transportation here?

Things to do while out and about:

- Draw what's in front of you right now.
- Draw something you saw earlier today.
- Write down street signs.
- Count the number of people that walk past you while you are sitting at this spot for exactly one minute.
- Borrow a camera for a few minutes, take a picture of: what's above you, what's below you, what's in front of you, what's behind you, what's to the left, what's to the right, and a self portrait.
- Circle all the places on the map that you have visited.
- Send yourself a postcard.
- Write a haiku about something you're doing right – now!

Last Impressions:

- How was this place like what you expected it to be?
- What things surprised you here?
- What do you want to do if you return?

Questions for the whole family: (I like to do these after a trip to get everyone's feelings and keep a record of it in my travel journal.)

- What was your favorite meal and drink?
- What was one of the funniest moments on the trip?
- What was your favorite thing to do?
- If you visit more than one city, ask each question for each city.