Before leaving on your exciting getaway with the girls, be sure to get together to decide where you want to go and how you want to spend your time. It’s important to agree on your vacation goals so that everyone comes back feeling refreshed and happy.

Discover the best way to get away with your girlfriends at VacationBetter.org, or keep reading for more tips!
Planning Tips

A girlfriend getaway should be:

**Unconventional**: The idea of girlfriend getaways is in the title: a getaway! You don’t have to trek miles and miles in order to “get away.” In fact, you don’t even have to travel beyond your state’s borders—the idea is to get away from your normal life. Do something different and explore beyond your typical boundaries. Without the demands of family and work obligations, you can be free to explore.

**Affordable**: There are plenty of great vacation spots for any budget. If you’re constantly worried about costs, you won’t enjoy your trip. So relax, take a deep breath, and use your resources to plan accordingly.

**Enjoyable**: You sacrifice by going to amusement parks to stand in lines all day for your kids. Why sacrifice this vacation too? Don’t compromise. If you want to relax, pick a vacation that’ll calm you; if you want to be thrilled, pick a vacation that’ll satisfy your need for adventure. This is your time—enjoy it!

Where to go

There are different types of vacations for different types of women. The trick is planning a trip that you and your friends will all enjoy.

**Not sure what kind of vacation you might like? Take our quiz to find your traveler type.**

What kind of vacation do you prefer? One filled with adventure, relaxation, or the bustle of a new city?
Destination Ideas

Did you get the Adventurer result on our quiz, and do you like being active in the great outdoors? We suggest trying...

**National Park:**

- **Unconventional:** This destination allows you to get away from it all to explore and discover what nature has to offer. Take advantage of the opportunity to exercise your body and relax your mind.

- **Affordable:** The good news is Mother Nature won’t charge you for enjoying the great outdoors. If you and your girlfriends are really being ambitious about saving, you could forgo the hotel and camp out under the stars. Trail mix and baked beans cooked over an open fire can round out the adventure and your wallets!

- **Enjoyable:** The best part about this type of vacation is that there are no interruptions. The great outdoors allows you to connect with yourself and your traveling companions. Vacation activities at this type of destination include camping, hiking, skiing, water sports, golfing, fishing, boating, horseback riding, roller-blading, rock climbing, and biking.

If you think you and the girls would enjoy something that will exercise the mind and you got the Urban traveler result on our quiz, visit a...

**Historical City:**

- **Unconventional:** It’s a great opportunity to learn something new. Museums, walking tours of the city, and other cultural attractions are probably not something you’d ever get your family to do.

- **Affordable:** Luckily, the attractions are often free. Depending on your group size, lodging and food can be the most expensive part of the trip. Save money on food by trying out the local cuisine. Many historical cities have small marketplaces that are open during the day. Also, many large cities offer timeshare resorts that you can rent and that give you lots of space so you can all stay together.

- **Enjoyable:** Don’t be afraid to immerse yourself in the experience. This is your time to play. Don’t rush out of that museum….take time to enjoy everything you encounter.

Finally, if the group is feeling the need to completely relax (you got the Relax type on our quiz), you could go on a dream vacation...

**Luxury Beach Getaway:**

- **Unconventional:** You may be used to going to the local beaches with your family—this time, try somewhere exotic like the beaches of Mexico or the Caribbean. Pick a spot no one in your group has ever been to before.

- **Affordable:** Don’t try to cram yourselves into a little hotel room. Look for a timeshare resort rental with a few bedrooms, a living room, and kitchen. You can then spend more quality time together and even cook some meals in! Think of it as the ultimate sleepover.

- **Enjoyable:** What’s better than the sun, sand, surf, and a good book?