

## The summer road trip season is finally here!

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So here we are: the summer road trip season... get out there and enjoy it. Hopefully some of these tidbits will help.

### Road Tripping with the Kids



Recently, we've come across a few good articles on the web regarding road tripping with the kids. Now, we all know that the little ones can't exactly sit still for the long hours that we adults do when road tripping. So how to keep 'em entertained? Well, you could sing "99 Bottles of Beer" over and over, but that gets old after a couple hundred miles. Check these sites out for some better ideas.

[Happy kids make for pleasant road trips](#) (from CNN)

[Games for the road - New clues for classic travel games](#) (from MSN)

Of course, you could pick up a grab bag of [eTravelogue travel toys](#), too...

#### Did you know?

We've started a new photo contest. Send us photos of yourself and your traveling companions showing off the eTravelogue logo in an interesting place and be eligible to win fabulous prizes!

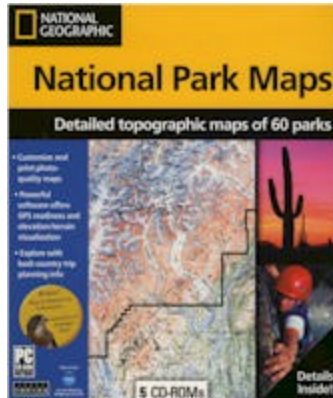
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### Must-See attractions: Arizona's London Bridge

If you haven't heard of this before, let me reassure you: Yes you read it correctly. London Bridge is located in Arizona. Yes, as in London, *England*. And yes, as in the nursery rhyme. It is one of the most bizarre things we've ever seen. Not the bridge it self, bridges aren't too bizarre, but the fact that somebody would actually pay to dismantle the bridge from the River Thames, move it brick by brick to the desert of the American Southwest... but that's exactly what happened in 1971 when Robert McCulloch purchased the bridge and moved it to Lake Havasu City, Arizona. They've built this little mock-British village around it and, oddly enough, it doesn't seem too out of place.



## Product Spotlight



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## Destination: Burlington



Here's an excerpt from a recent travelogue that we think is worth checking out. Click the link below to read more.

*Burlington also has a great little pedestrian walkway – it's basically about 5 blocks of shops & restaurants blocked off so that no cars are permitted. Unlike Montpelier you will find some of the more common shops, Bath & Body Works, Old Navy and others along here. There's also a bunch of bars & restaurants – most of which have outdoor seating, which is was a great night for. Sadly, the restaurant we chose, though it had an outdoor area – it was not open.*

*We decided to continue with the trend of earlier in the day and had dinner at NECI's restaurant, The Commons. Dinner was fantastic – we were allowed to take pictures of the chefs – who were second year students getting some hands on training...*

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## Cross Country By Motorcycle

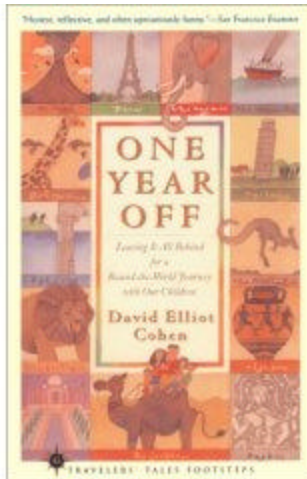
Here's a great article we recently came across. It's got some great info for you motorcyclists out there, so we decided to reprint it on our website for your convenience.

*Cross country motorcycle riding is an incredibly exhilarating feeling. The pungent smell of pines tingle your nose as the highway glides past beneath your feet. Trees line either side of the road flash by like a dark picket fence topped with green. Sunlight dances through the treetops drenching the gray-black highway in irregular shapes and patterns. The mountain air is fresh and clean as it pours into your lungs and tugs at your jacket and pants...*



[Read the rest of this article at eTravelogue.com](http://eTravelogue.com)

## Recommended Reading



### **One Year Off: Leaving It All Behind for a Round-the-World Journey with Our Children**

On the one hand, you've got to like this book. When David Elliott Cohen turned 40, he freaked out, sold everything, swooped up his wife and three kids, and took a year off to travel around the world--from Costa Rica and Burgundy to Zimbabwe, Laos, and Sydney--with clan in tow. Written in a personal, personable e-mail style, it's often hilarious.

On the other hand, you may think Cohen is nuts. His kids cause scenes, break bones, and are often bored with the international scenery...

[Click here to purchase from Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

## Introduction to Satellite Radio



Here's another great article we've stumbled upon recently, this time about satellite radio. This article is a great introduction to the technology, so we've reprinted it on our website as well.

*Satellite radio has become more and more popular these last few years and one of the reasons is the quite and static free reception enjoyed by the listener even in remote locations. If you have ever been on a road trip in a car and trying to tune the radio, you know how frustrating it can be to try to keep the radio tuned.*

*As soon as you find a good station, you will drive out of the area and it will become static and then fade away completely. It was a pain to travel from one area to another constantly fiddling with the tuner to get a working station. And it seems that as soon as you find one that picks up properly, you have driven out of the area and can't pick it up anymore. But now technology has advanced and with satellite radio, you can now pick up any station from the satellite...*

[Read the rest of this article at eTravelogue.com](http://eTravelogue.com)

## Useful Websites

Seen any recently that you think other road trippers could use? Send 'em over to us and we'll help spread the word.

Two sites that we've used quite a bit in the past, are sure to be of use this summer: [gasbuddy.com](http://gasbuddy.com) its competitor: [gaspricewatch.com](http://gaspricewatch.com). Each relies on the reports of its users to get the word out about where customers can find the best gas prices. Or, for a slightly more official report on gas prices, as well as a fuel cost estimator, see [fuelcostcalculator.com](http://fuelcostcalculator.com). It's operated by no less of an authority than the AAA.

Personally, we don't pay much attention to the prices - we figure that we'll gas up the closest station when the needle hits "E" - but since the talking heads on TV say prices are going to approach \$3/gallon this summer, we may have to start!

Happy road tripping!

*More information on any of the topics listed here can be found at [eTravelogue.com](http://eTravelogue.com) - America's Online Road Trip Planner*