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9 budget-friendly Father's Day trips to take with dad

Giving dad a vacation for Father's Day may sound extravagant and costly, but a variety of budget-friendly offerings would be a far more memorable gift than another tie, golf set or steak dinner.

"The most obvious — but most essential — piece of advice is, of course, to pick something that hews closely to his interests," said Kelsey Blodget, executive editor for Oyster.com, a hotel review website. If dad's a foodie, consider taking him for a day trip or overnight stay at [a city known for great restaurants](#). "Even if you spend a lot on an amazing meal, it will still be cheaper than a long vacation," she said.

Smart budgeting and tools like [travel rewards cards](#), which offer kickbacks like free checked bags and hotel upgrades for [everyday spending](#), can also help curb your expenses. However, many gift givers find it hard to think outside the box.

"In general, travel is not gifted often for any occasion, because it ends up being so high dollar, as compared to other options," said Clem Bason, CEO of goseek.com, a hotel booking site, adding it's usually done on special occasions like weddings. However, he sees people increasingly choosing experiences over material goods, which is probably what dad would prefer anyway.

To help you break free from the boring-gift rut, here are nine travel ideas to get some priceless bonding time with your dad.

4. The history buff

Philadelphia is a city synonymous with history, home to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. What's more, the Museum of the American Revolution just opened, making it a great time to visit.

Tickets for the new museum, which offers a look at the nation's founding era, including Revolutionary War memorabilia, letters, diaries and works of art, are \$19 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6 through 18.

While in town, you could also take advantage of Art Museum Area Restaurant Week, which runs June 11 through June 16 and June 18 through June 23.

For reasonable lodgings, try name-brand hotels like Hilton Garden Inn Philadelphia Center City. Rooms can be found for \$160 per night. (Be sure to [check out these Hilton credit cards](#) before you book.)