

Google Earth Adventures

Explore the world from your living room

STILL DAD

HOW TO USE GOOGLE EARTH WITH KIDS

- Go to earth.google.com in any browser, or download the Google Earth app
- Type any place name in the search bar and it flies you there
- Drag the yellow person icon to a road to enter Street View: ground-level exploration
- Tilt the view using Ctrl + drag to see 3D buildings and terrain
- Use "I'm Feeling Lucky" (the dice icon) to get sent somewhere random
- Let the kids be the navigator: they type, you explore together

PLACES TO VISIT

Natural Wonders

Grand Canyon, Arizona

How long would it take to walk across it? How deep is it?

Mount Everest, Nepal

What does the top of the world actually look like?

Amazon River, Brazil

Zoom out: how much of South America does it cover?

Dead Sea, Jordan/Israel

Why is it the lowest place on Earth? What makes it dead?

Cities

Tokyo, Japan

Find the busiest crosswalk in the world. Count the people.

Venice, Italy

Find where the streets turn into canals. How do people get around?

Dubai, UAE

Find the tallest building in the world. Look at it from above.

Historical Sites

The Pyramids of Giza, Egypt

How close is Cairo? Find the Sphinx.

Machu Picchu, Peru

Tilt the view to see how high in the mountains it is.

Stonehenge, England

What's actually around it? It's in the middle of a field.

This costs nothing, requires nothing, and can last 20 minutes or 2 hours. Let them drive. They will go to Antarctica and try to find penguins. This is correct behavior.

Weird and Funny

The Boneyard, Tucson, AZ

Hundreds of old planes parked in the desert. Why?

Tristan da Cunha, South Atlantic

The most remote inhabited island in the world. Find it.

Racetrack Playa, Death Valley

Rocks that move on their own. Find the trails they leave.

Heart-shaped reef, Australia

Search "Heart Reef Whitsundays." It actually looks like a heart.

Family Heritage (Fill In)

Your family's origin country

Show them where your family comes from. What does it look like?

Where you grew up

Find your childhood home in Street View. What's changed?

Where their grandparents live

Navigate from there to your home. How far is it?

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Would you ever want to live here? Why or why not?
- What would you eat if you lived here?
- What would be the hardest thing about living in this place?
- If we could visit anywhere in the world together, where would you pick?
- Find somewhere you've never heard of and learn one thing about it
- Find the closest ocean to where we live. How would we get there?