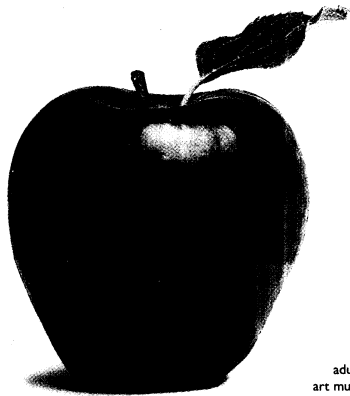


# The BUZZ...



## VACATION AT HOME

Tourists have long known the secret of cutting costs of a NYC vacation; get the CityPass, which offers admission to top attractions for one discounted price. Now the NYC CityPass has added the Metropolitan Museum of Art to its roster, which also includes the Empire State Building Observatory, the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), the Guggenheim Museum; the American Museum of Natural History; and Circle Line Sightseeing Cruise. So play tourist in the city and take your kids to everything (when was the last time you went to the top of the Empire State Building?). Just remember that CityPasses are valid for nine days. \$65 for adults, \$49 ages 12-17 (if you have younger kids, the art museums are free anyway). You can buy a CityPass at any of the venues listed, but to avoid lines, purchase at [www.citypass.com/city/ny.html](http://www.citypass.com/city/ny.html).



## DIAPER DELIVERY DADS

Since there is already so much to pack when traveling with babies, parents can lighten the load with Diapers.com, a website created by two dads, Marc Lore and Vinit Bharara. Brand name diapers, as well as wipes, formula, and a complete line of baby necessities, including soap, shampoo, creams, detergent, pacifiers, bottles and cups, can be ordered here at discount prices and delivered directly (and free on orders over \$50) to any destination within the U.S. (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) in two to four business days.

## ULTIMATE WISH LIST

If what you really need is a spa getaway — or a romantic gourmet dinner before baby arrives — MyRegistry.com can get these on the list, as well as the crib, stroller and baby wipes. The online registry is a unified site with dozens of stores to choose from, all over the globe. You can even add "cash for baby's college fund"; make yours an "eco-registry"; or even opt for secondhand items.



## ROCKIN' ON THE BOAT

If you think "rustic" when we say "houseboat vacation", think again. Forever Houseboats offers luxurious models that can sleep up to 12 people, and include a fully equipped kitchen, shower, TV/VCR/DVD center, queen-size beds, an upper deck hot tub, and (don't let the kids read this), a waterslide! For the directionally-challenged, some even come equipped with GPS. Meal catering options are also available. The houseboats launch from waterways in California, Arizona and Texas. Check them out at [www.foreverhouseboats.com](http://www.foreverhouseboats.com).

## PLAY LAYOVER

Traveling by plane? If you're stuck in an airport with kids, don't despair. Cheapflights.com has created a Kid Airport Diversion Guide, featuring 22 U.S. airports, including JFK and Newark. The country's key connecting airports are listed, along with their accommodations. Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) boasts a trio of Junior Flyer Clubs, three separate aviation-themed play areas for kids to play; while Los Angeles International's Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California showcases a free aviation museum. JFK and Newark can distract kids and adults alike just with their free AirTrain. The guide can be downloaded free at [www.cheapflights.com](http://www.cheapflights.com).