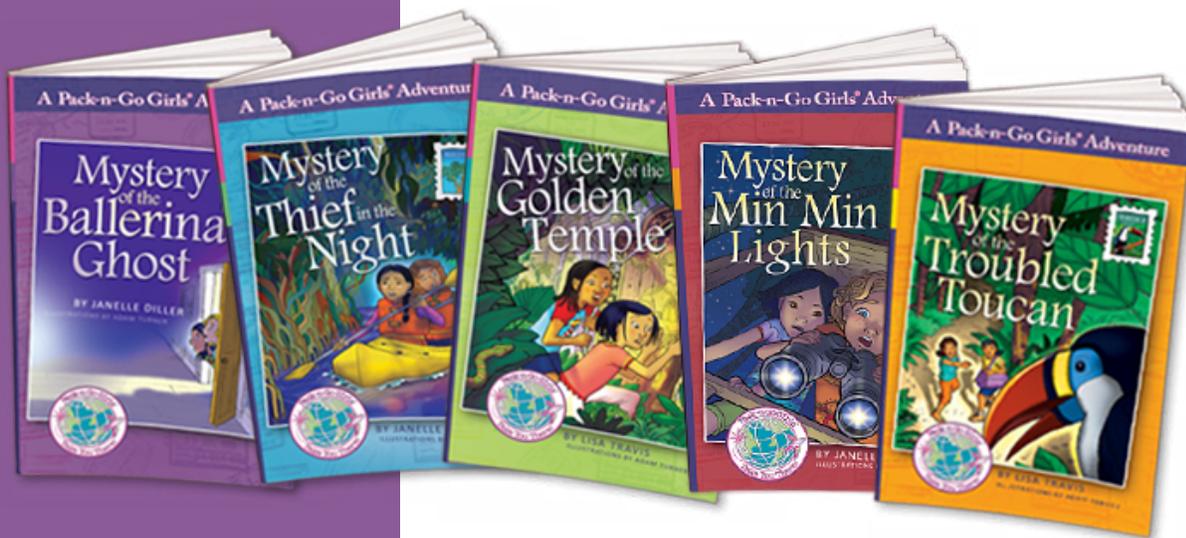


Pack-n-Go Girls Adventures



Adventure Starter Kit





Our Pack-n-Go Girls Adventure Starter Kit is inspired by our research for the countries where our Pack-n-Go Girls Adventures take place. Explore the world along with our Pack-n-Go Girls!

Parents, Teachers, and Learners,

Thanks for joining our adventure! We hope you enjoy stretching your geography knowledge and sharing your traveling ideas in the two activities we've included. These both work great for dinnertime conversations or passing the time when you are in an airport, on a road trip, out for dinner, or maybe just for a rainy day recess. We know you'll find the traveling tips helpful. The secret decoder and the coloring pages add to the fun.

Make sure you also check out our Country Exploration Kits for each country on [TeachersPayTeachers](https://www.teacherspayteachers.com). We've extended the learning with 45+ pages of educational activities for your children and students. You'll find lots of cross-curriculum activities in reading, writing, math, science, art, and social studies; all of which are tied to Common Core standards. In the spirit of traveling, each Country Exploration Kit also includes a crossword puzzle, word search, maze, secret decoder, some coloring pages, and recipes for cooking some treats for your trip or classroom party.

About Pack-n-Go Girls

Pack-n-Go Girls engages the imagination of children ages 6-9 by introducing them to different countries around the world. Pack-n-Go Girls early chapter book adventures are packed with spooky mysteries, international friendships, and lots of fun and easy multicultural learning. Our vision is simple. We want kids to be curious, to value other cultures, and to have a sense of adventure in a boundaryless world. We appreciate the diversity of cultures and the richness each one contributes to the world. We strive to create greater understanding through finding commonalities as well as understanding the differences that make us unique. The travel adventure book series, launched in 2013, was awarded Gold Medal for Best Children's Book Series in the 2014 Moonbeam Children's Book Awards.



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Conversation Starters

Cut these conversation starters into individual cards. Put them in a bowl and mix them up good. Take turns reading a question and answering it. To make it really fun, make sure everyone answers the question before you choose another one.

It's great if you have a globe handy, but a world map will do. You can also download a map and print it. If you have a question that you can't answer, write it down, and look it up on the internet. Most of all, have fun exploring!

What is your favorite trip that you've been on? Where did you go and what did you do? Why is it your favorite?

If you could go anywhere in the world on a trip, where would you go? What would you do when you got there?

What do you love most about traveling? What do you like least about traveling?

What is one mistake you've made traveling?

If you were going on a road trip by car, where would you go and what would you do? Why did you choose this destination?

If you were going on a trip by train, where would you go and what would you do? Why did you choose this destination?

If you were going on a road trip by plane, where would you go and what would you do? Why did you choose this destination?

If you were going on a road trip by boat, where would you go and what would you do? Why did you choose this destination?

What do you like or dislike about staying at hotels?

What's easy about reading maps for you? What's hard?

What are three things that are different about traveling today than 100 years ago?

What do you think travel will be like 50 years from now?

What are three things you want to make sure you take on a trip?

Have you ever gotten lost when traveling? What happened?

If you took a trip to the mountains this week, where would you go and what would you do?

If you took a trip to the beach this week, where would you go and what would you do?

If you went on a trip to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, next week, how would you travel, and what would you do while you were there?

If you went on a trip to Sydney, Australia, next week, how would you travel, and what would you do while you were there?

If you went on a trip to the Austrian alps next week, how would you travel, and what would you do while you were there?

If you went on a trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand next week, how would you travel, and what would you do while you were there?

If you went on a trip to the Mexico next week, how would you travel, and what would you do while you were there?

If you would get separated from your family when you're traveling, what would you do?

<p>If a friend invited you camping, where would you go and what would you pack?</p>	<p>Would you like to travel to places where there are lots of other people or where there aren't many people? Why?</p>
<p>What unusual method of transportation would you like most to try? Why?</p>	<p>How many kinds of transportation can you think of? Which would you enjoy the most? Why? The least? Why?</p>
<p>If you could travel anywhere in the world, what's one place you DON'T want to go? Why?</p>	<p>If you could travel anywhere in the world, what's one place you DO want to go? Why?</p>
<p>What's the most interesting souvenir you've ever gotten? Where did you get it? Why did you get it?</p>	<p>What natural wonders could you see in Africa?</p>
<p>What natural wonders could you see in Asia?</p>	<p>What natural wonders could you see in Europe?</p>
<p>What natural wonders could you see in North America?</p>	<p>What natural wonders could you see in South America?</p>
<p>What natural wonders could you see in Antarctica?</p>	<p>What natural wonders could you see in Australia?</p>



Travel Tips

What to Pack

Check the weather for where you're going. It sounds silly, but it can be really hard to pack for a warm beach vacation if it's 20 degrees and snowing outside where you are when you're packing.

It's also important to look at both the daytime and the nighttime temperature. For instance, Brooke knows that the daytime temperature in Colorado can be a beautiful 85 degrees. And the nighttime temperature can be 30 degrees colder. That's 55 degrees and sweater weather! Even though Eva lives in the mountains, too, the temperatures don't drop nearly so much. Good thing she'll be able to borrow a sweater from Brooke if she forgets to bring one when she visits from Austria.

In addition to the right clothes for the right weather, pack the following things:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Brush
- Hair scrunchies or barrettes
- Pajamas
- Underwear (enough for every day)
- Socks
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sweater (in case it's cooler than the weather prediction)
- Swimming suit if there might be a chance to swim
- Dark shorts or jeans (Unless you expect to get dirty every day, you don't need to bring a clean pair for every day you'll be gone.)
- Shirts (Just like the number of pairs of jeans, you won't need one for every day.)

Pack a bag to keep you busy while traveling, too:

- Stuffed animal or doll
- Books to read!
- Puzzle book and pencil
- A few snacks since you won't get food on the plane unless it's a long flight.
- Water bottle (You can fill it once you've gone through security.)
- Small pillow
- Something interesting that you haven't played with recently or something new – it will keep you occupied!



Travel Tips

Traveling by Plane

When traveling by plane, the best advice is to dress in comfortable clothes and in layers. Even if you're flying to Phoenix in the summer, you'll want to bring a sweater because airplanes can be cold. And when you get to Phoenix, it'll be hot! Sofia always wears shoes that are easy to take off because feet tend to swell up a bit when flying. She also brings a pair of socks to keep her feet warm.

If you've never flown before, you'll find the experience fun and exciting. If you're lucky, you'll have a window seat. It's always amazing to watch the ground at takeoff and landing. Plus, if the sky is clear while you're flying, it's interesting to see the land you fly over. Júlia loves to find shapes, especially animals, in the clouds.

For flights a few hours long, you'll probably only get a drink or two and maybe a bag of pretzels. On longer flights, you'll get a meal. You might not notice, but the air is very dry in a plane, so you want to stay hydrated. It's important to drink lots of water while flying.

Here are some things you can do to pass the time:

- Watch a movie. Some airlines offer free movies to watch. You'll need airplane headphones or your own to hear the sound. On really long flights, you might even have your own TV screen and a choice of movies to watch. There's always a kids movie to watch when you have your own TV.
- Listen to music. Again, you'll need headphones. And again, there's always a good kids channel to listen to.
- Read! It's a perfect way to pass the time. Don't forget to bring a couple of books along.
- Do puzzles in your puzzle book.
- Sleep. You'll want to have lots of energy when you land at your destination. Don't expect your seat to lean back very far, though. That's why you'll want your small pillow.
- People watch. Just like in the airport, there are all kinds of interesting people who travel. It won't be as easy to see them, so you'll need to pay attention when you're getting on the plane.



Travel Tips

At the Airport



Everyone has to go through security to get on the plane. Different countries do this in different ways, but this is how it's done in the US.

- You must have a boarding pass to show the agent. It's best if your mom or dad hangs on to it because if you lose it, it takes time to get another one. Kids do not need to show ID, but if you have a passport or photo ID, your mom or dad may show that.
- Make sure you don't have any liquids that are more than three ounces. And, of course, you can't take anything sharp like a knife (not even a small Swiss Army knife; Jess' brother forgot he had one in his backpack, and the Transportation Security Administration -TSA- took it away for good). Nor can you take something that might cause a fire, like matches. But, hey, what would you be doing with matches anyway?
- Put all of your stuff in one of the tubs. It'll go through the x-ray machine. You don't have to worry about it, though. Nothing gets hurt, and it will all come out on the other side for you to pick up.
- If you're under 12-years old, you're lucky because it's easier to go through security. For starters, you can keep your shoes on. If you're wearing a coat, you'll need to take it off and put it in a tub to go through the x-ray machine. When you walk through the metal detector, make sure you don't have anything in your pockets. Even a gum wrapper can be detected. If you're under 12, you can go through the metal detector several times until the machine doesn't detect any metal on you. Wendy's experience, though, is that it's just easier to have empty pockets the first time.
- If you're wearing jewelry or a belt with a large buckle, those can set off the metal detector too. It's better to take them off and put them in the tub if you think there's a chance they will set off the alarm.
- Don't forget your things in the tub!

While you're waiting, if an adult is able to go with you, take a walk and do some of the following:

- Read the names of the cities other flights are going to. If you could go on any flight but your own, where would you go? Why would you want to go there? What would you see or do when you got there? How would you have packed your suitcase differently?
- Play the alphabet game. Look for an *A* on any sign, then a *B*, then a *C*, and so on. Don't use the Departure or Arrival boards because that will make it too easy. The idea is to keep walking and get a little exercise before you get on the plane.
- Spend pretend money. Look in the shops or at restaurant menus. If you had \$10 to spend, how would you spend it?

If you need to sit at the gate, try one of these:

- Read! Make sure to bring your favorite Pack-n-Go adventure along—or any other fun book to read. It's the perfect way to pass the time.
- People watch. Look for a variety of people such as the oldest or the most unusual or the most tired. Make up a story about that person. Where is he or she coming from or going to? Why? What important secret is in the person's bag?
- Or use one of the story starters on the following page to write a story about someone you see.

Story Starters

1. The girl in the blue shirt is on her way to meet the Queen of England. She was chosen from 100,000 other children because . . .
2. The man in the brown suit can't let anyone know he's flying to New York because . . .
3. The boy with the glasses thinks he's on his way to visit his grandparents in Milwaukee. His parents have a big surprise for him, though. He's really going to Brazil so he can . . .
4. The woman with the computer bag is on her way to the most important meeting of her life. Inside her bag isn't a computer. It's her most recent invention, which will change the world because . . .



5. The man next to the woman with the computer bag knows what's in the bag. He wants to steal the bag. Not only is he worried her invention will change the world, but he's also worried that . . .

Secret Decoder

Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a number from 1 to 26. The letter will match the same number each time. Figure out what letter each number is to figure out the coded message.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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 11 18 23 10 23 12 23 8 8 9 7 26 2 3 9 2 7 10 23 12 3 25

E . - T . **T E**
 23 12 2 5 7 14 2 1 8 7 22 14 22 1 8 21 12 2



Answer: The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. St. Augustine

Pack-n-Go Around the World!

Here's a chance to get to know more about the world. It's great if you have a globe handy, but a world map will do. Don't expect to know all the answers. If you have a question that you can't answer, write it down and look it up on the internet. (But don't get distracted by the internet and stop talking!)

We've provided three groups of countries.

- **Early Adventurer**—These are countries that are most familiar to Americans.
- **Frequent Traveler**—These are countries that are somewhat familiar.
- **World Trekker**—These are the countries that are the least familiar.

Choose one of the groups and cut up the country cards into individual cards. (Or choose your own set to learn more about.) Put them in a bowl and mix them up. Take turns choosing a card and answering any or all of the questions below.

1. On what continent is this country? Find it on the globe.
2. What language do they speak?
3. What time of day is it there?
4. Which is bigger, your state (or province or country) or this country?
5. Which has more people, your state (or province or country) or this country?
6. What season is it in this country right now? Is it the same or different than the season you're in?
7. What kinds of food do they eat in this country? What might be a typical meal?
8. What's the terrain like in this country? How is it similar or different from the terrain in your country?
9. What's in this country that is similar to your country?
10. What's in this country that is different from your country?
11. Name three things you might see in this country.
12. If your great-grandmother had gone to this country as a child, how would it have been different to travel there then? How would she have gotten there? How would she have traveled in the country?
13. What is school like for a child your age? What are the months a child goes to school? What are the classrooms like?
14. What do kids do in their spare time in this country?
15. What are some of the important industries in this country?
16. What kind of government does this country have?
17. When did this country become a country?
18. What do you think this country will be like in 100 years?
19. Does this country have a natural wonder? What is it?
20. What advice would you give to someone who was going to go on a trip to this place?

Early Adventurer

China	India	Indonesia
Israel	Japan	Thailand
Austria	Czech Republic	France
Germany	Hungary	Italy
Romania	Russia	Spain
Sweden	Switzerland	The Netherlands
United Kingdom	Egypt	Ethiopia
Kenya	Madagascar	South Africa
Australia	Fiji	Micronesia
New Zealand	Bahamas	Canada
Costa Rica	Cuba	Mexico
Panama	USA	Argentina
Brazil	Chile	Peru

Frequent Traveler

Afghanistan	Iran	Iraq
Nepal	Pakistan	Phillipines
Saudi Arabia	Singapore	South Korea
Turkey	Vietnam	Denmark
Greece	Ireland	Norway
Poland	Portugal	Serbia
Slovakia	Algeria	Angola
Central African Republic	Liberia	Libya
Morocco	Mozambique	Nigeria
Republic of the Congo	Sierra Leone	Somalia
South Sudan	Sudan	Tanzania
Zimbabwe	Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea
Solomon Islands	Belize	Dominican Republic

Frequent Traveler

Guatamala	Haiti	Honduras
Jamaica	Nicaragua	Colombia
Ecuador	Venezuela	

World Trekker

Myanmar	Malaysia	Cambodia
Laos	North Korea	Armenia
Azerbaijan	Bahrain	Bangladesh
Bhutan	Brunei	Georgia
Jordan	Kazakhstan	Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan	Lebanon	Maldives
Oman	Qatar	Sri Lanka
Syria	Tajikistan	Timor-Leste
Turkmenistan	United Arab Emirates	Uzbekistan
Yemen	Albania	Andorra
Belarus	Belgium	Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus
Estonia	Finland	Iceland

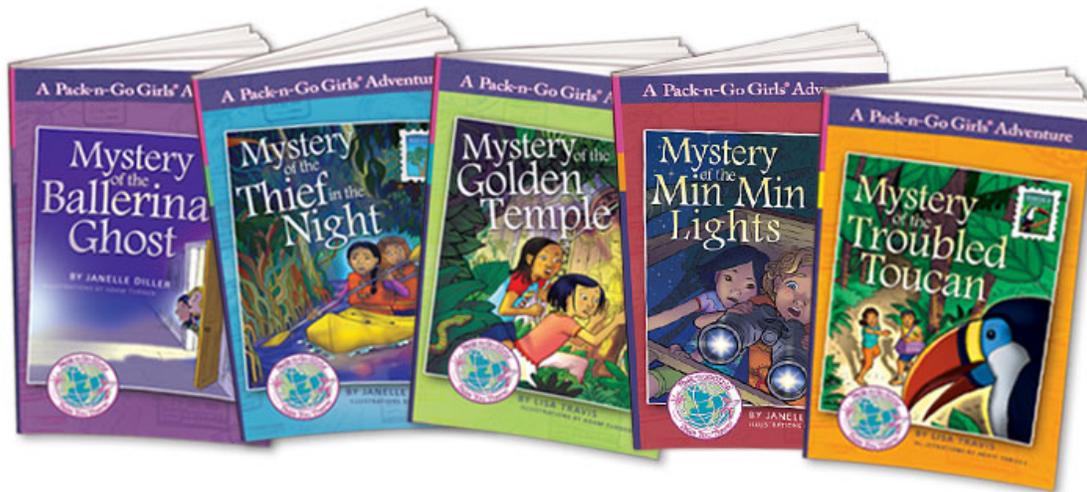
World Trekker

Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania
Luxemborg	Macedonia	Malta
Moldova	Monaco	Montenegro
San Marino	Scotland	Slovenia
Ukraine	Benin	Botswana
Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cameroon
Cape Verde	Chad	Comoros
Cote d'Ivoire	Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea	Eritrea	Gabon
Gambia	Ghana	Guinea
Guinea-Bissau	Lesotho	Malawi
Mali	Mauritania	Mauritius
Namibia	Senegal	Niger

World Trekker

Rwanda	Sao Tome & Principe	Seychelles
Swaziland	Togo	Tunisia
Uganda	Zambia	Kiribati
Nauru	Palau	Samoa
Tonga	Tuvalu	Vanuatu
Barbados	Dominica	El Salvador
Grenada	Saint Kitts & Nevis	Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	Trinidad & Tobago	Bolivia
Guyana	Paraguay	Suriname
Uruguay		

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We make this happen by writing books that explore the world
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