

Best Vacation Spot Ever Tour Guide

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Kindergarten

Description	Students become tour guides of their own mapped-out land using map symbols and relative locations of places.
Materials	paper/cardboard (could be scrap paper, paper bag, cereal box, etc), scarves, popsicle sticks, plastic utensils or stuffed animals/dolls, crayons, costume pieces – hats, sunglasses, slippers, leis, barrettes, gloves, Halloween costumes – or make your own using paper grocery bags, cardboard, sheets or towels, optional: magazines, scissors, glue or tape
Step 1	Create your map! You are going to create a fantastic place to visit! Draw a map that includes several different bodies of water and land symbols.
Step 2	Pick one spot on your map. That is your vacation spot! Name it (and name the other spots, too)!
Step 3	Using scarves or colored paper/crayons/cardboard, create the bodies of water and land pieces from your map. Place them around your house.
Step 4	You're the tour guide! Put on sunglasses and a hat and become a character. Are you serious or silly? Decide on your guide character's name.
Step 5	Who is taking your tour? Your guest can be a stuffed animal, doll, a household member OR your own creation from popsicle sticks!
Step 6	Time to take the tour! Grab your map. Make sure to point out the fabulous vacation spot on your map. What makes it the best place ever? Start your tour far away from the vacation spot and let your guest know when you are getting near the spot. Point out interesting sites on your left and right as you take the tour!
Step 7	Reflection – did your map match your tour? Could you construct a map of your neighborhood, adding different buildings (homes, police and fire stations, supermarkets, etc.) and traffic/map symbols?