

If you're planning a vacation this summer or if you leave tomorrow, this app of the day will help make sure you don't miss any fun along the way. Roadtrippers lets you plan a trip and then shows all the cool sites along the way. Plus it works with Waze, Google Maps and Apple Maps so you don't get stuck in traffic. You didn't know what you were missing.

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IF YOU'RE STILL PLANNING A SUMMER VACATION, OR EVEN IF YOU LEAVE TOMORROW, YOU CAN STILL GET SOME FUN HELP ON YOUR TRIP USING MOBILE APPS.

THERE ARE HUNDREDS TO CHOOSE FROM, BUT OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER HAS FOUND ONE THAT CAN MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS A SINGLE THING ON YOUR TRIP.

PACKAGE

Roadtrippers is a fun app that can add cool things to your vacation or trip itinerary. You know those cool, but odd things people stumble upon when they're lost? Roadtrippers spots them, adds them to your trip and makes sure you don't get lost.

You can set your destination, or pick one of the road trips suggested by the app. Let's take a trip down the Blues Highway through the Mississippi Delta. As we'd drive through Memphis, Roadtrippers suggests we stop at the Blues Hall of Fame and Stax Records, then stopping off for lunch at the famous Hollywood Cafe in Robinsville, Mississippi.

For those who use their phones as a GPS, no problem, Roadtrippers connects to Waze, Google Maps and Apple Maps so you always see the map, and avoid accidents.

You pick what you want to see along the route. Hotels, restaurants, entertainment, parks. You can build your route and itinerary from the app on your phone or at the Roadtripper website.

Oh and speaking of Waze, this summer, you can get directions and guidance from Sesame Street's Cookie Monster.

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but I can't recommend this for any long drives.
I'm Jamey Tucker and RoadTrippers is the app of the day.

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THE ROADTRIPPER APP IS FREE AND WORKS WITH IPHONES AND ANDROID DEVICES. YOU CAN USE THE SERVICE WITHOUT THE APP BY VISITING THE ROADTRIPPERS.COM WEBSITE.

WEBS STORY

If you're not using travel websites or smartphone apps to plan a vacation, you could be missing out on a lot of the fun. While many travel apps help you find great deals on airplane tickets and hotels, some actually do a lot of the work that a travel agent would do.

Roadtrippers doesn't do all of the work for you but it certainly can help find cool off-the-beaten-path spots and schedule them on an itinerary.

Simply begin planning a trip by entering your destination and, unless you've given the app permission to access your location, your starting point. Quickly, Roadtrippers will map out the best route for you to take by automobile. Along the route, Roadtrippers puts an icon to mark interesting places, hotels, parks, historical monuments, sporting event arenas, etc. You choose which site category you'd like to be on your map.

You can plan the trip either within the app or at the Roadtrippers website (www.roadtrippers.com).

Roadtrippers also has suggested trips based on your location if you're just looking for spontaneous adventure.

The app also will make suggestions based on where you are at the moment and the time of day. When I opened the app at 10 in the morning, it suggested places nearby for coffee or breakfast.

Not every historical site is listed in the app. In fact, I found the app missing quite a few and it is unclear how, or even if, users are able to add or edit locations.

I do like the fact Roadtrippers works well with GPS apps Waze, Google Maps and Apple Maps. Since most people will use their phones for directions and guidance, seeing the stops you've selected along the way pop up, along with traffic information is very helpful.

Roadtrippers is a free app for iPhones and Android devices. There is a paid version with bonus extra features such as accessing maps offline, the ability to pin or select up to 150 waypoints or sites along the trip route, dark and light screen mode and the removal of ads.