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Staycation Experiences the Whole Family Can Enjoy

*Experiences close to home add fun and adventure to the summer vacation
while avoiding the high cost of travel*

July 14, 2008 (Sterling, VA) – According to recent surveys, about half of American travelers are changing their summer plans because of rising fuel prices and sticking closer to home on their summer vacations. The economic realities of skyrocketing travel costs have given rise to the so-called *staycation* – challenging vacationers to find fun, unique family-oriented experiences that are close to home and provide escape from the pressures of daily life.

[Excitations](#), the premier online gifting company, offers a wide array of experience gifts – from trekking with a llama to racing indoor karts – ideally suited for a staycation or other special occasion. With prices as low as \$50, giving a loved one, business colleague, bride and groom, or your own family a gift of experience is an affordable and memorable way to celebrate summer.

A family from Arlington, Virginia recently kicked off their summer of staying closer to home with the Baseball and Boating Doubleheader, an exclusive Excitations experience that they had received as a holiday gift. “Sailing on a schooner and then going to the ballgame were like activities that we normally do on vacation in other cities,” said Rebecca Mann, “but it was just a Metro ride away.”

Top Ten Staycation Experiences

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- [Private Sailing Experience](#)
- [GoCar Tour of the city sights](#)
- [Whitewater Rafting](#)
- [Discover Scuba](#)
- [Intro to Archery](#)
- [Sunset Trail Ride](#)
- [Wolf Watch Experience for Four](#)
- [Star Gazing Party](#)
- [Behind the Scenes at the Aquarium](#)

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About Excitations (www.excitations.com):

Excitations is a premier gifting company offering a wide variety of unique life experiences as memory-making gifts. From photo safaris to hang gliding, from llama treks to glass blowing, Excitations is the exciting, reliable and easy answer to every gifting occasion - each 'Excitation' set to thrill, rejuvenate and enjoy. For kids or adults, for friends and family or corporate clients, something can be found to suit all budgets and personalities -- starting as low as \$50. Excitations is the exclusive provider of Discovery Channel Experiences and has been featured on NBC's "Today" and CBS's "The Early Show."