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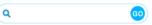
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Yo, Baby!

Check to see if your hotel has an inroom fridge-- many have them. That'll make storing food (even perishable stuff) a cinch. Prepackaged organic yogurt smoothies, like Stonyfield Farms', make for an easy-to-eat (no spoons needed!) pre-breakfast pick-meup for early risers. They're also chockfull of calcium and vitamins, making them a perfect afternoon snack.



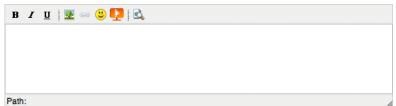
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Oatmeal, Oh My!

Just add hot water- and voila! Instant gratification! Packets of your kids' favorite **oatmeal** barely take up any space in the suitcase, and you can throw them in your purse so you're covered if (or when...) kids can't find something they like on a restaurant menu.

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To make sure your kids are getting enough calcium, pop some chocolate milk into the fridge (or even buy the mix and add it to their milk). They'll think they're getting a treat, while you're giving them good-for-you essentials and extra energy to make it through long vacation (and often napfree) days.

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Hittin' the Trail

You can make individual baggies of trail mix for the room, the car or your travel bag. Evers suggests mixing nuts, dried fruit, granola and a few chocolate M&M's for a protein-and-fiber-filled midday snack.



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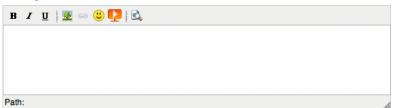
Beat the 4pm blahs-you know that time after you've finished your sightseeing but before dinner-with a little hors d'oeuvres hour. Set out a box of crackers or a bag of pita chips with hummus for dipping-the proteinfilled snack should hold them over until dinner.



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Nuts for Nutella

If your kids aren't hummus fans, stash a container of Nutella in your room. Made from hazelnut, skim milk and cocoa, your kids won't even realize it's an all-natural, good-for-you dip for their crackers or pretzels.

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Say Cheese!

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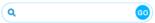


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If you're traveling to a place with a fresh market, pick up some bananas, apples or Cuties (California Mandarin oranges) for an anytime snack. If not, you can buy pre-sliced pre-packaged fresh fruit, dried fruit (just make sure there's no sulfur added) or even prepackaged organic applesauce (the nosugar added kind is best!).

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