

# CALLING ALL COOL KIDS

Family-friendly activities for all ages,  
from babies to teens.



Learning for all ages at  
One&Only Palmilla.

Truly memorable family trips comprise immersive travel experiences that engage kids and adults alike, whether members of the group favor art classes, cultural workshops, or active outdoor adventures. From painting with gold leaf in Austria to tracking gorillas in Rwanda, here we share some of the most enriching family experiences to be had. – *Tanvi Chheda*



Smooth swimming in the Bahamas at Atlantis' Dolphin Cay and (inset) zip-lining at Eden Roc Cap Cana in the Dominican Republic.

## LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

**1. Explore secret rock pools in the British Virgin Islands.** In Virgin Gorda's The Baths National Park, a collection of boulders creates grottoes and shallow pools that families can access by ladders.

**2. Swim with dolphins.** Stay at the 497-suite **Reef at Atlantis** in the Bahamas, just steps from Atlantis' Dolphin Cay, a marine animal rehabilitation facility that offers all-ages educational animal interactions.

**3. Seek Machu Picchu.** While adventurous family members hike to a peak above Machu Picchu, Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Peru Empire Co.** arranges a breakfast for less-mobile travelers

to enjoy before rejoining the group to explore.

**4. Paddleboard in the Caribbean.** Enjoy stand-up paddleboarding and snorkeling at the 126-room **Park Hyatt St. Kitts Christophe Harbour**. Kids can also learn about nutrition by customizing their own snack bowls.

**5. Zip-line over a tropical jungle.** The Dominican Republic's 34-suite **Eden Roc Cap Cana** plays host to a zip-line course in the Anamuya Mountains, a tween-friendly mani-pedi spa, and a video-game den.

**6. Sail the Panama Canal.** Take an educational family holiday



with tour operator **Gogo Vacations** to cruise the ocean-connecting Panama Canal, see Panama City's UNESCO World Heritage-listed Casco Viejo neighborhood, and more.

**7. Dine in Los Cabos.** At the 174-room **One&Only Palmilla**, take advantage of babysitting services for a parents' night out at the resort's indoor-outdoor restaurant, Agua.



Making family-style chocolate bars with ME to WE.

**8. Play volleyball on a Mexican beach.** Take the crew to **Grand Velas Riviera Maya**, which offers beach volleyball and a kids' club. The 539-suite resort is also an ideal base for exploring nearby Tulum.

**9. Discover how coconuts grow.** The concierge at the 72-room

**Como Parrot Cay** in Turks and Caicos can arrange a plantation walk for the whole clan to learn about coconuts and bananas.

**10. Stroll San Juan.** **Royal Caribbean International's** seven-day, round-trip-from-San Juan itinerary on the 2,252-

passenger – and kid-friendly – *Enchantment of the Seas* makes it easy to explore Old San Juan's charming streets. *Departures:* Multiple dates from November 28.

**11. Do the tango.** A ten-day itinerary by on-site tour connection **Abercrombie & Kent South America** includes a tango show in Buenos Aires and a chance to see the mighty Iguazú Falls.

**12. Harvest cacao.** Tour operator **ME to WE** offers a nine-day Ecuador adventure that includes experiencing farm life and learning how to make chocolate from scratch.

**13. Attend a Jamaican beach barbecue.** The secluded 129-room **Round Hill Hotel and Villas** hosts a barbecue on the beach every Monday. No shoes, no problem.

**14. Go tubing.** Head to the beach of the 210-room **Half Moon** in Jamaica to arrange a day of tubing, waterskiing, or wakeboarding.

## AFRICA

**15. Ride a cable car up a mountain.** See the concierge at the 131-room **One&Only Cape Town** to customize a ride up Table Mountain or a picnic at its summit.

**16. Hang out with gorillas.** A seven-day itinerary with on-site tour connection **Wilderness Safaris** takes travelers to Rwanda for gorilla and golden monkey tracking in Volcanoes National Park and game drives in Akagera National Park.

**17. Take it easy in Cape Town.** Book a post-safari stay at Cape Town's 198-room **Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel**. Hit the spa (with tailored teen treatments for those over 13) or relax in one of the heated pools.

**18. Follow the Great Migration.** Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Trans Africa Safaris** offers a nine-day itinerary through Tanzania full of zebras and gazelles during the annual Great Migration in Serengeti National Park.

**19. Sample the cuisine of Mauritius.** At the 142-room **One&Only Le Saint Géran**, groups tour a local market before learning to cook national dishes. A sommelier will recommend wine pairings for the adults.

**20. Create your own itinerary.** **Micato Safaris** creates customized safaris for families in destinations from Botswana to India – you'll even have your own safari director.



Trans Africa Safaris' rooftop fun.



Hunting for treasure at Pulitzer Amsterdam.

## EUROPE

**22. Hunt for treasure in Amsterdam.** Visit Vondelpark and the Van Gogh Museum on a **Pulitzer Amsterdam** family itinerary. The 225-room hotel offers its smallest guests a cuddly rabbit toy and arranges property-wide scavenger hunts.

**23. Capture an iconic Paris memory.** Smile away while a **Flytographer** professional snaps shots of the entire family at the Trocadéro Gardens with the Eiffel Tower in the background.

**24. Island-hop in Greece.** Tour the Aegean Islands on a private yacht arranged by on-site tour connection **Travel2Greece by Travelive**. The round-trip-from-Athens 13-day itinerary includes stops in Mykonos, Santorini, and Crete.

**25. Practice puppetry in Prague.** Tour operator **Exeter International** tailors itineraries to each family's tastes. In Prague, go backstage at the National Marionette Theatre before learning how to make puppets from a professional artist.

**26. Kayak the Douro River.** Tour operator **Tauck**'s eight-day Portugal adventure for families includes touring palaces in Lisbon, biking through wine country, and kayaking the Douro.

## MIDDLE EAST

**21. Take a sunrise safari in Dubai.** Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Arabian Adventures** arranges morning safaris in the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve, where families can hang out with camels or watch the sun rise during breakfast under a tent.



Desert fun with Arabian Adventures.



Trekking together with Backroads in the Dolomites.

**27. Indulge in teatime.** London's 62-room **The Milestone Hotel & Residences** offers special packages that include a movie night kit, and afternoon tea for the whole family.

**28. Create a mosaic in Barcelona.** Antonio Gaudí frequently used broken tiles to create mosaics known as *trencadís*. Make your own during a workshop at a local art studio arranged by on-site tour connection **Made for Spain & Portugal**.

**29. Hike the Dolomites.** Tour operator **Backroads** offers a six-day itinerary during which families can hike Italian mountainsides before a winetasting for adults and a ropes course and pizza for the kids.

**30. Paint together.** Tour operator **Family Twist** can arrange a private Gustav Klimt-inspired painting session in Vienna. Each family member can use materials like gold leaf and will leave with their own painting.

**31. Cruise Norwegian fjords.** Enjoy dramatic cliffs from **Princess Cruises'** 3,080-passenger *Crown Princess*. The seven-day journey's ports of call include Stavanger and Bergen. *Departures: June 27 and August 15.*

**32. Spot loggerheads on Turtle Island.** Experts at the nine-villa **Porto Zante Villas & Spa** on Greece's Zakynthos island take kids on excursions to Marathonisi (aka Turtle Island) to spend time with loggerhead turtles and learn lessons on local creatures' habitats.

**33. Go on a scavenger hunt in the Louvre.** Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Découvertes** works with partners throughout France to create bespoke experiences, including a two-hour treasure hunt through the Louvre Museum.

**34. Hit the slopes.** Choose between snowboarding and skiing (or do both) during a stay at the 74-room **Cristallo, a Luxury Collection Resort & Spa**, located in Italy's Dolomite Mountains.

**35. Make a movie.** Before exploring the French city of Cannes, introduce aspiring filmmakers to

junior cinema workshops at the 349-room **Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes**.

**36. Walk the Cliffs of Moher.** These jagged cliffs stretch for five miles in County Clare. Discover them with on-site tour connection **Moloney & Kelly**, which specializes in tours and itineraries through Ireland and the United Kingdom.

**37. Toboggan in the Swiss Alps.** In colder months, the 164-room **Kulm Hotel St. Moritz** can arrange activities from sledding on nearby toboggan runs to a game of curling.



Skating together at Kulm Hotel St. Moritz and (inset) Hôtel Barrière Le Majestic Cannes' children's club.



Visit Middle-earth with Abercrombie & Kent New Zealand and (inset) play time at Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore.

## ASIA PACIFIC

### 38. Eat out in Singapore.

Check in to the serene 792-room **Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore**, which features kiddy play areas for all ages, before heading to one of the city's hawker centers for dinner.

**39. Make soba noodles.** On-site tour connection **Windows to Japan's** 14-day family-friendly journey takes groups to see temples in Kyoto and make soba noodles in a countryside village before culminating in Tokyo.

**40. Have an island to yourself.** **Villas of Distinction** manages more than 2,500 properties worldwide, including a five-bedroom villa on a private

island in the Rangiroa atoll of French Polynesia.

**41. See Fiji's coral reefs.** Dive in the clear waters around the 32-villa **Vomo Island Fiji**. Kids over 8 can take a special course before swimming among butterfly fish and turtles.

**42. Journey to Middle-earth.** See where *The Lord of the Rings* movies were filmed on Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Abercrombie & Kent New Zealand's** eight-day Auckland-to-Queenstown itinerary.

**43. Cruise Japan and China.** Marvel at Mount Fuji, see sky-scrapers



in Shanghai, and visit shrines in Kyoto during **Norwegian Cruise Line's** 16-day Hong Kong-to-Tokyo itinerary on the 2,018-passenger *Norwegian Spirit*. *Departure: March 12, 2021.*

**44. Visit Mumbai's temples.** The iconic 285-room **Taj Mahal Palace** hotel is a great base for exploring the city's temples and markets. Ask the hotel's Golden Keys concierge for recommendations.

**45. Take in a penthouse skyline.** **Luxury Retreats** can arrange a three-bedroom penthouse stay in Melbourne, a short walk from the Queen Victoria Market. A butler, private driver, and child care are available upon request.

**46. Meet elephants in India.** Tour operator **Big Five Tours & Expeditions**' family itinerary through India starts in New Delhi and includes feeding elephants at a rescue center and touring the Pink City (aka Jaipur).

**47. Take a private jet.** On-site tour connection **Seasonz** offers a 12-day itinerary exploring New Zealand via chartered aircraft, with stays at sprawling lodges and plenty of adventure for all generations.

**48. Float on Ha Long Bay.** Tour operator **G Adventures**' 12-day family journey in Vietnam takes guests from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City and includes a traditional junk boat ride in Ha Long Bay.

**49. Make a new friend.** On Fridays, the 25-room **Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort Fiji** invites small guests to visit a local school to make new friends (and perhaps pen pals).

**50. Tour the Sydney Opera House.** Take a private amble under the sails of the famed opera house with tour operator **Travel2** and get an inside look at the grand venue's history.



Group activities at Jean-Michel Cousteau Resort Fiji.



Meeting Carmel Valley Ranch's buzziest residents.

## UNITED STATES & CANADA

**51. Try beekeeping.** The 181-suite **Carmel Valley Ranch**'s on-site apiary gives adults and kids ages 6 to 12 the chance to learn all about pollinators and sample some California honey too.

**52. See the Declaration of Independence.** Virtuoso on-site tour connection **Beyond Times Square** customizes historic tours through Washington, D.C., and offers a 90-minute guided tour of the National Archives Museum.

**53. Build sandcastles on Cape Cod.** Choose from plenty of activities, from beach time to exploring a pirate-themed playground, at the cape's 120-room **Wequassett Resort and Golf Club**.

**54. Splash around in Southern California.** Play in the pool and splash pad at the 327-room **Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa**, a quick drive from Legoland's roller coasters, water park, and world-city models.

**55. Hit the slopes in Whistler.** Whistler Olympic Park gets plenty of powder for skiing, snowboarding, and snowmobiling. In summer, visit this year-round destination for hiking, biking, and zip-lining.

**56. Say aloha to Hawaii.** The recently redesigned 333-room **Mauna Lani** offers activities from making leis to hunting for shells to learning ukulele songs.

**57. Explore a California desert.** Groups can find fun at Joshua Tree National Park, then cool off in the 530-room **Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa**'s seven pools and 60-foot waterslide.

**58. Grab a boogie board.** The 170-room Destin, Florida-based **Henderson Beach Resort** features tons of activities, from weekend family crafting (sand art and magnet painting) to bike and boogie board rentals.

**59. Shoot a bow or throw an axe.** Kids over 8 can try their hand at archery at the 168-room **Salamander Resort & Spa** in Middleburg, Virginia, while those over 18 can learn the art of axe throwing.

**60. Ride a cable car.** Hit all of San Francisco's highlights, from riding a cable car to conducting an experiment at the Exploratorium science museum, with tour operator **Delta Vacations**.

**61. Watch for whales in California.** Make the 400-room **Monarch Beach Resort** in Dana Point your home base for spotting humpback and blue whales during summer months.

**62. Ride horses on the beach.** Off the coast of Georgia, the 265-room **Cloister at Sea Island** introduces family members to horses via beach rides, stable tours, and dressage lessons.



A welcome sight at Monarch Beach Resort in Southern California.

**63. Lasso a (fake) steer.** Utah's 46-room **Lodge at Blue Sky** sits on 3,500 acres fit for teaching kids how to be cowboys and cowgirls, from grooming horses to roping mock steers.

**64. Hike with a llama.** Vail's historic 127-room **Sonnenalp Hotel** offers guided walkabouts (including a "Take a Llama to Lunch" hike) and painting excursions for all ages.

**65. Bake in a New York kitchen.** Kids over 5 hang out with the culinary team of the 235-room **Peninsula New York** during a two-hour program making cookies, cupcakes, or smoothies.

**66. Float down a river.** The 190-room **Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa** partners with local specialists for a river-rafting adventure to take in the Colorado wilderness.



Horsing around at Utah's Lodge at Blue Sky.



Penguin playtime with Lindblad Expeditions.

## ANTARCTICA

**67. Sail the final frontier.** Make a game of spotting penguins and whales during **Lindblad Expeditions'** 14-day Antarctica itinerary on one of the line's expedition ships. *Departures: Multiple dates from November 8.*