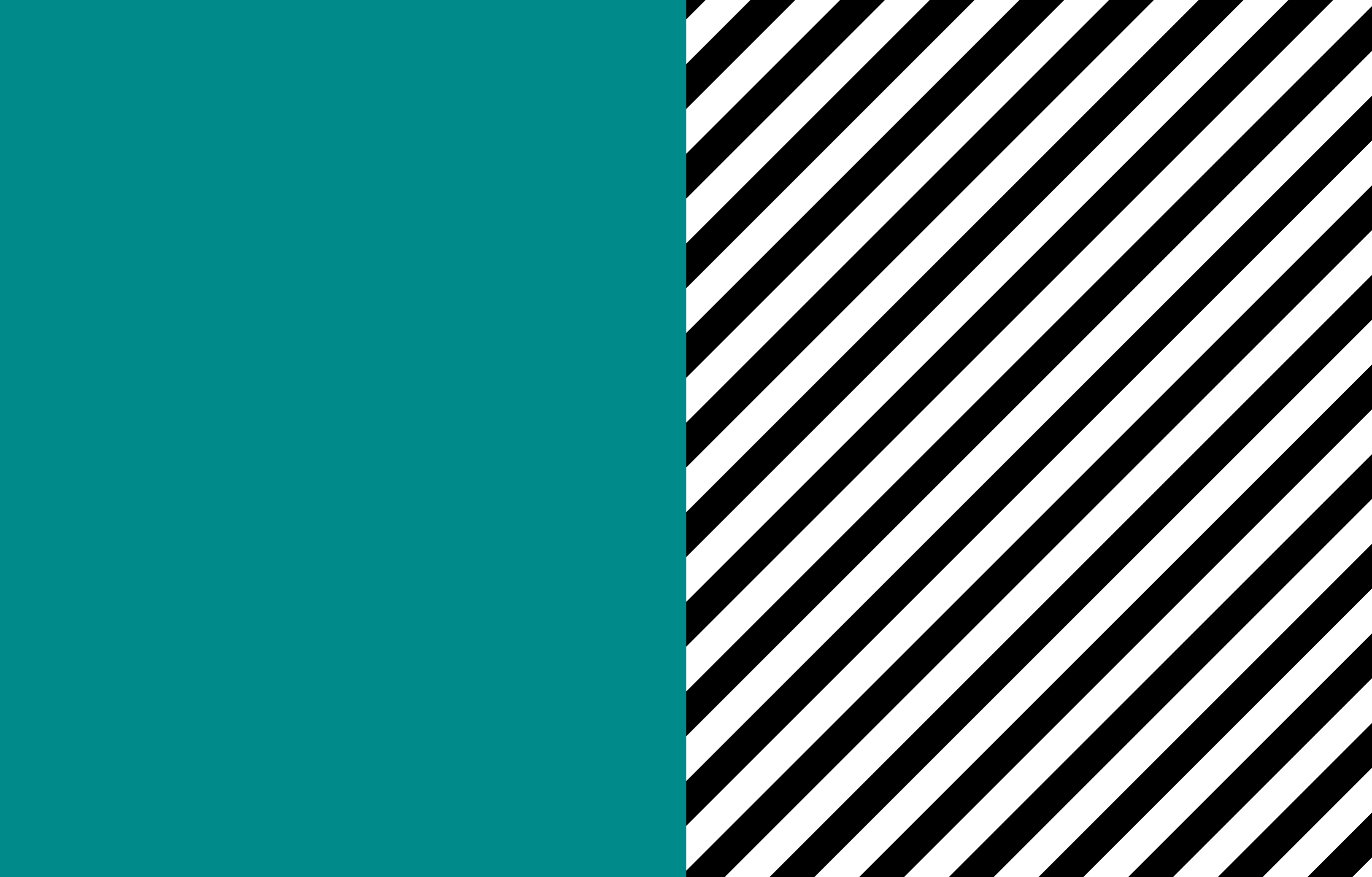
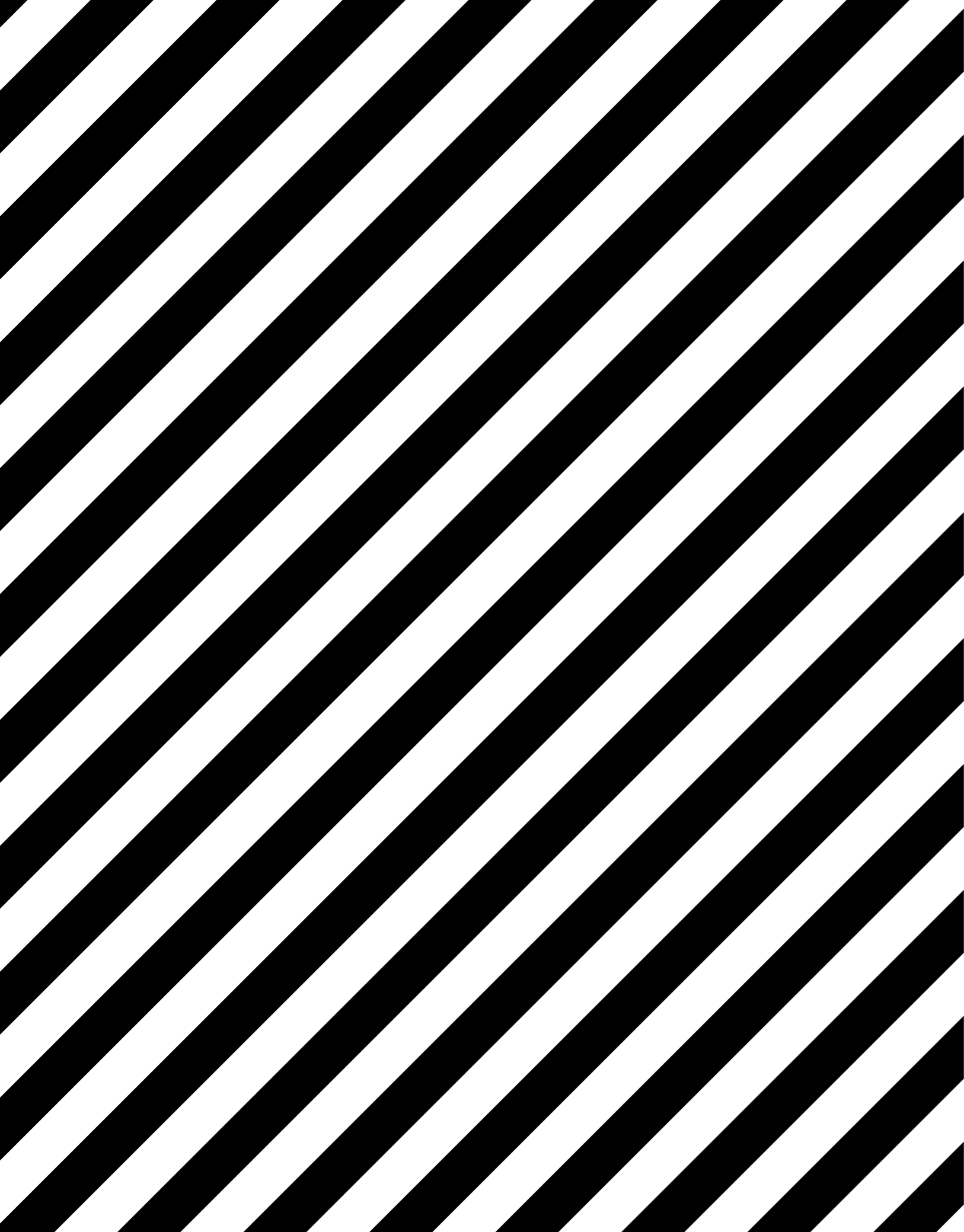


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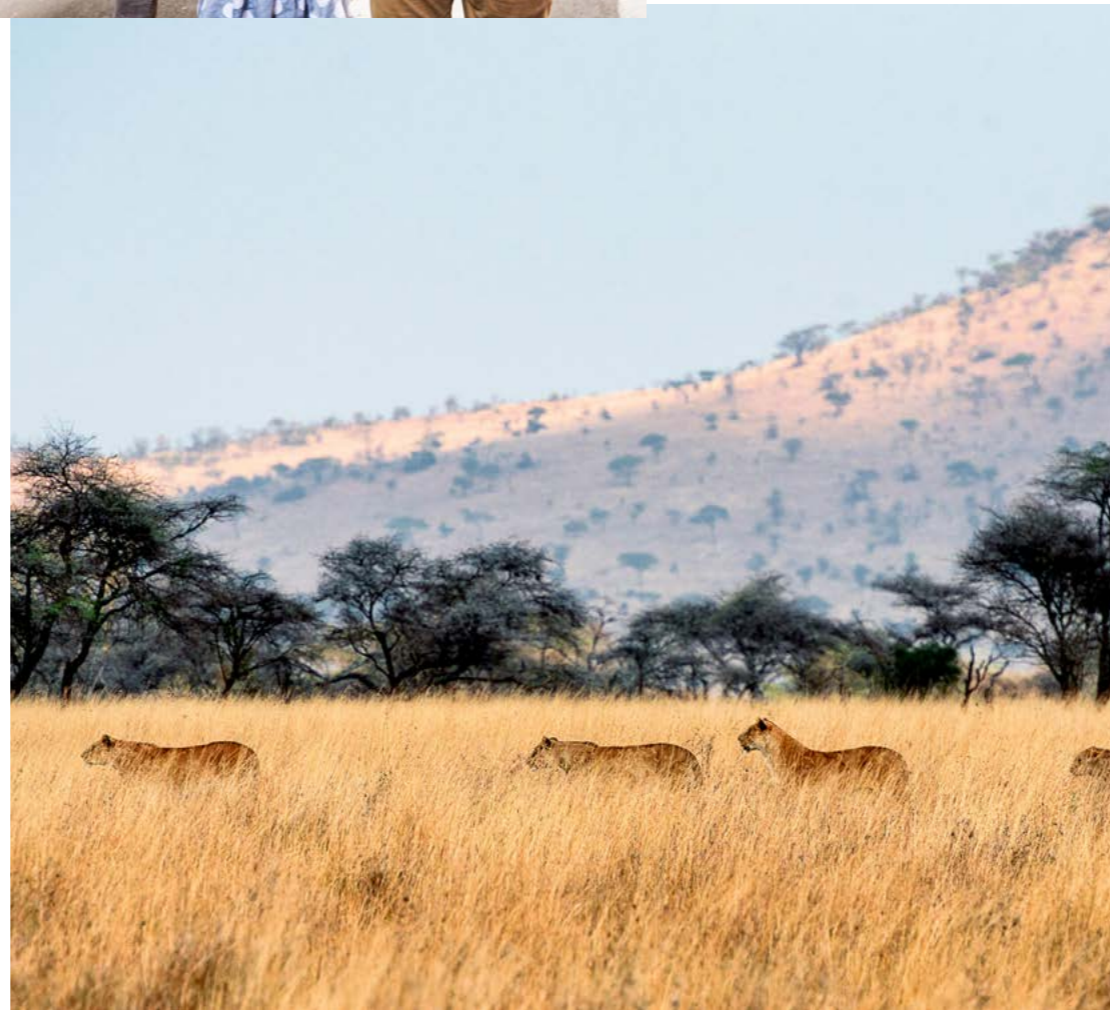
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*The way we choose to see the world, creates the world we see*

For us, travel will always be about looking beyond a destination to the real-world interactions, the marvellous moments to be had and how we make people feel while experiencing it all. From enhancing your world view and challenging your perspectives, to taking some all-important time out with the sole intention of being utterly pampered, a holiday needs more depth than just simply its landscape. And just because there's tots, tweens and teens in tow shouldn't change that.

We've learned that the earlier children catch the travel bug, the deeper their passion will grow, whether for wandering the world or for something they experience along the way. So, it's best to do it right, to show them a world of wonder, of warmth, of all the out-of-the-ordinary encounters to be had, and the potential they have in themselves as they grow.

Creating joyful memories with loved ones is the crux of family holidays and, much like the famed ingredients that little boys and girls are made of, a journey with your nearest and dearest needs to include a few things. It needs both education and indulgence, curiosity and comfort, self-improvement and the downright sensational. Armed with the family's dream destination, boundless imaginations and a goal to make you fall in love with a place as much as we do, we're here to help you connect with communities, individuals, and perhaps most importantly, with each other.



*A little human connection goes a long way*

Technology has the power to make everything easy. Brilliantly and effortlessly easy. But we must admit, there's a distinct lack of personal attention and heart. We are social beings after all, and the positivity and emotional bonds of people can't be replaced by a machine. When we want to be sure the family are cared for, we need a human touch. Why? Because it's honest, reassuring and makes everyone feel special; it's individual and you get the right answers to your questions just as quickly.

Our world is centred around real lives. At Carrier, we're honoured to collaborate with some of the most esteemed travel agents and lifestyle brands you'll find. We're united by the unmatched advantages that people bring and together our customised approach delivers where technology cannot. Being accessible when needed; taking the time to listen; offering guidance and reassurance; harnessing human ingenuity to find solutions; handling complex plans and negotiations on your behalf – our specialist travel agent partners will ensure your interests are prioritised and the value that has on your overall travel experience should not be underestimated.

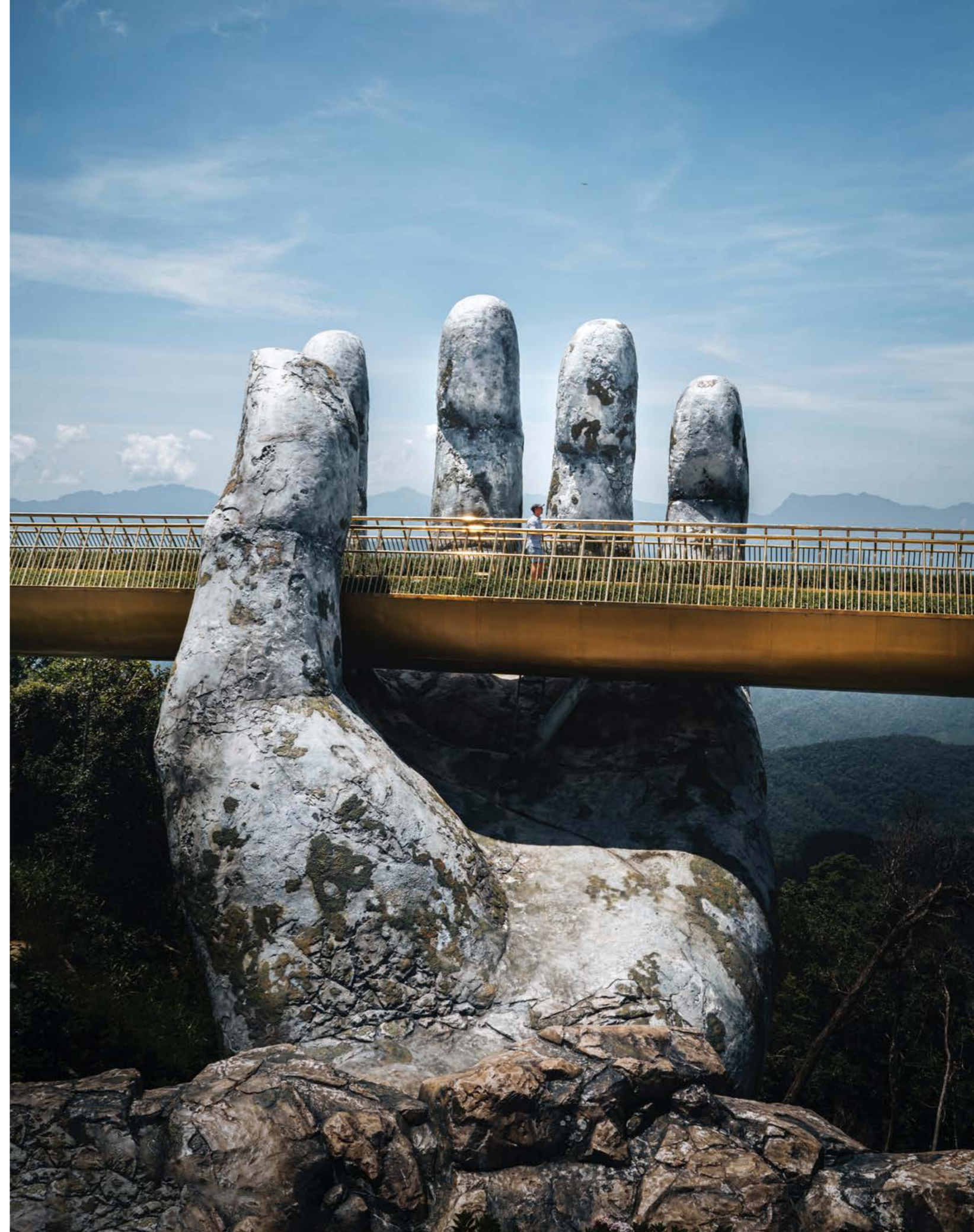
So whether time is precious and you can only chat on the phone or over video, you want to visit somewhere local for personal advice and recommendations, or wish to have a travel consultation with all the family in the comfort of your own home, we have connections across the country who can help. From the anticipation of a new trip, to the moment you feel the sand between your toes, there's so many accomplished people behind the scenes to help you on your journey. With their skill comes resourcefulness, creativity, empathy and flexibility – that's why we believe the future of travel is one that's human.



### *In safe hands*

When the day to day is so fast-paced, there's something to be said for the easy way of life. That's why our aim is to make your journey as seamless as possible, from the moment you leave your doorstep to the moment you return.

From taking care of the extra touches like private transfers and baby supplies on arrival, to a guaranteed seat at the top restaurant, private ski lessons and excursions, or spa treatments and kids' clubs all arranged pre-arrival by our concierge. With 24-hour support whenever you need it, all you have to do is remember your passport.



## Africa

*It's as though Mother Nature couldn't decide which environs she loved most*

Wildlife, winelands and desert – yes – the image conjured with those three words is surely one of Africa. While this trio are what put the region on the map for adventurous twosomes, families certainly aren't left out of this brilliant and diverse continent.

Safaris tend to be in the blood, the love of them is passed down through the generations. That's why grandparents can often be found rallying the grandkids at the first opportunity they get. When they're finally old enough to appreciate that the early wake up calls are worth it to spot lionesses stalking the Kalahari in the morning haze. They tend to drop the pin on South Africa for these trips, not just because it has some of the best biodiversity in the continent, but because it also comes equipped with some seriously cool cities that boast history and art scenes that could outdo any curriculum.

That's only just scratching the surface though, because with 50-plus countries to choose from there's bound to be a few good options for beach bums. The archipelago of Zanzibar is somewhat of a wildcard, but with its bohemian vibe, mellow pace and decidedly quieter yet still sugar-white sands, it gives the Maldives a run for its money.





*Swapping game drives for farm life and dusty savannahs for bustling streets, experience a different side of South Africa's west – wildlife still guaranteed.*

## To the Cape Peninsula and beyond

Ideal time: 10 nights | Best for age: 6+ year olds

King of Africa's urban jungles, the Mother City is where the journey begins with One&Only Cape Town acting as basecamp. Hidden in the shadow of Table Mountain, this vibrant city invites scavenger hunts of all shapes and sizes, ticking off the essential sights from historic gardens and street art alleys, to nature trails from the mountain to the sea. Then, the winelands are given a kid-approved makeover at Babylonstoren, a working wine and fruit farm in the Drakenstein Valley. Getting their hands dirty by helping out with the farm animals, harvesting veg from the gardens and making their own bread.

Grootbos Garden Lodge rounds off the trip. The Marine Big 5 here aren't the only things to prompt involuntary squeals of delight though. Noses are pressed against the glass on an airborne whale watching expedition, fairies are sought in the 1,500-year-old Milkwood forest, and new friends are made during a game of football at the Grootbos Sports Foundation.

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### *Itinerary highlights:*

Paddle board your way through the calm canals of V&A waterfront, while the braver ones navigate their way via a map to Sea Point Promenade

Take the funicular to Cape Point Lighthouse before hiking the beach of Table Mountain National Park with its shipwrecks, secret coves and rock pools

Explore the food hub of the south peninsula, Noordhoek Farm Village, and tuck into their renowned ice cream

Hike in the hills with a picnic or go canoeing on Babylonstoren farm's dam

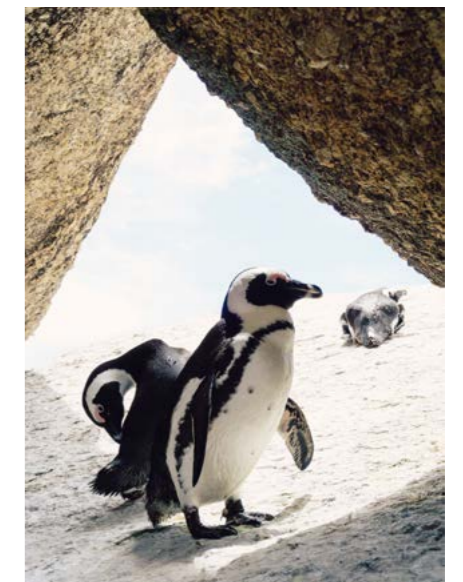
Join the gardeners on a fruit picking expedition and cycle around the vineyards and orchards

Take a private light aircraft to whale watch from the air

Visit the Grootbos Sports Foundation and enjoy a game of football with the local children

A lesser known hidden gem, spend time with the penguin colony at Betty's Bay

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*Like cookies and cream or Timon and Pumbaa, some things are just better when they are together.*

## The classic city and safari duo

Ideal time: 10 nights | Best for age: 6+ year olds

Described by Sir Francis Drake as ‘the fairest cape in all the world’, the vibrant city of Cape Town is the starting point for this South African discovery. A jam-packed five days ensure plenty of moments to pursue pastimes that will please the whole clan. Children lead seaside explorations by bike and hear stories of the Mother City’s history before setting off on garden treasure hunts and penguin spotting. While downtime comes in the form of kid-friendly sundowners and a stop at a local farm village for homemade ice cream.

Then, it’s into the wilderness for a stay in Malaria-free Madikwe where you may spot the Big 5. Days here are spent indulging in bush breakfasts, nature walks and game drives, and give little ones the chance to create a keepsake to treasure forever during an African beading lesson. By evening, come together to enjoy boma dinners and stargazing before retiring to your suite to snuggle down to the ambient orchestra outside.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Hike Table Mountain the easy way with a cable car ride and trek to Maclear’s Beacon

Cycle the Sea Point Promenade on cruiser bikes to explore the Atlantic Seaboard

Visit Cape Town’s urban art projects including District Six and interactive sites like the Apartheid Benches

Spend an afternoon at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens for a treasure hunt between the tree-top canopy walkways and prehistoric cycad gardens

Little chefs can try their hand at sushi making on One&Only Cape Town’s Nobu masterclass

Spot the Cape 5 (ostrich, baboons, mountain zebra, bontebok and tortoise) at Cape Point

Daily game drives for a chance to spot the Big 5 at Royal Madikwe in the Madikwe Game Reserve

Traditional boma dinner with stargazing experience

Soak in the soulful melodies of marimba instruments as you enjoy a champagne breakfast in a beautiful natural setting





Left to right:  
Stone Town; Baraza Resort & Spa; Zuri Zanzibar



### *The Indian Ocean alternative*

Off the coast of Tanzania lies an easy-going archipelago. Subtle in its pride when it comes to its Maldives-rivalling sands and mellow pace, Zanzibar is the natural place to reflect and spend time together – whether as post-safari relaxation or equally as a stand-alone destination.

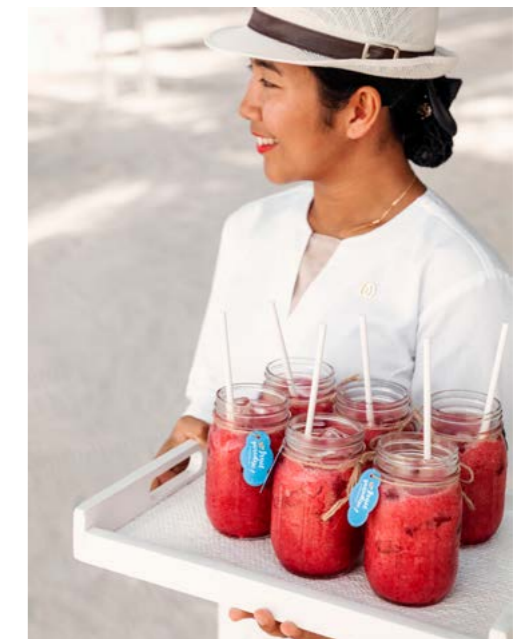
A bohemian ambience fills historic Stone Town where labyrinthine alleys lead to bustling bazaars, the stalls brimming with exotic antiques and hand-carved furniture that hint of India and the Middle East. Beyond the urban maze, palms and thatched cottages fringe pale sandcastle-worthy beaches, where little toes paddle in the warm waters.



## *Let them eat cake*

Maybe not too much cake, but even fussy eaters shouldn't have to compromise when it comes to flavoursome fare. Think delicious children's menus that sneak in their five-a-day, world-class all-inclusives where they can pick and choose until their hearts are content, hotels that deliver re-energising poolside snacks in the blink of an eye, and the heavenly resorts that come prepared with dedicated ice cream and chocolate rooms.

When it comes to pleasing the picky, we make sure they can have what they want when they want it.



# Arabia

*The powerhouse of dynamism*

Searing Martian deserts and visionary futuristic cities, all with an underlying pulse of Arab tradition. You'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else that brings the same level of exquisitely clashing and boredom-busting landscapes straight out of a sci-fi novel than cutting-edge Arabia.

All along this strip of the Persian Gulf coastline there doesn't seem to be a bedtime. Even when the midday heat is scorching the tarmac or the stars twinkle in the early hours, the blue-smartie-energy remains. A metropolis that's constantly on a growth spurt, Dubai's aim is to be a cut above the rest. From the tallest building in the world to malls akin to cities, trust us, if somewhere has 'the best', this urban pioneer probably has it better.

Where Dubai is the playground, Abu Dhabi is the classroom, dedicated to the teaching of its culture and heritage to all who visit, but particularly young minds. Luring them in with the likes of art museums and architecturally-marvellous mosques and palaces. Meanwhile, over the border the rusty sands of Oman know how to please the majority. Breaking out of the hotel shell here is a must, with a tasty trio of city, coast and desert to explore.



*Glitzy cities, hair-raising mountain thrills and languid desert days, this joyride through all of Arabia's best bits is the perfect antidote to boredom.*

## Arabian nights & desert delights

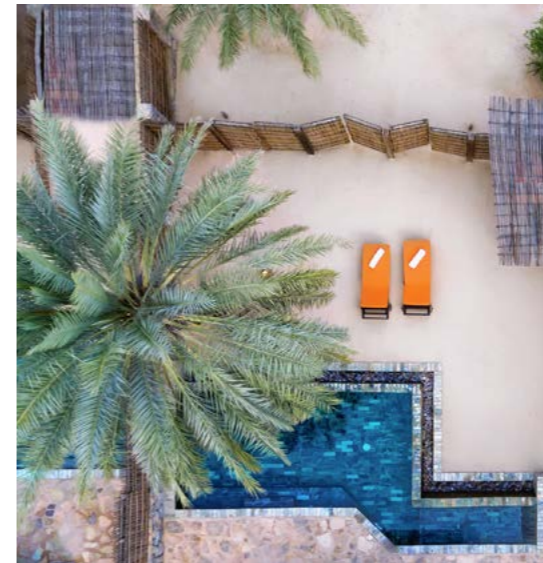
Ideal time: 8 nights | Best for age: 10+ year olds

Few places know how to entertain like Arabia, its ideal mix of parallels creating a heady concoction of chaos and calm. The razzle-dazzle of Dubai kicks things off on the very tip of the Palm Island, at the iconic Atlantis, The Palm. There's so much going on here there's almost no reason to leave, with the likes of The Lost Chambers Aquarium, helicopter tours and Aquaventure Waterpark – home to over 100 snaking slides and attractions, where the daredevils test their nerve on the iconic Leap of Faith.

Enroute to your sandy finishing line, just two hours away from Dubai yet seemingly a world apart, are the mountains of the Musandam Peninsula in Oman. Beyond the peaks, arrive onto Zighy Bay beach by 4x4 or by paraglider, either joining in on mountain biking and village treks learning about the local communities or just taking some family downtime. The Al Wadi desert in Ras Al Khaimah then plays host for the last couple of nights. By day, looking out for Arabian oryx and sand gazelles, archery, biking and horse riding fill the schedule, while nights spent stargazing reveal crystal-clear skies you only get without light pollution.



*Right:* The Ritz-Carlton, Ras Al Khaimah, Al Wadi Desert *Below:* Six Senses Zighy Bay, Oman *Opposite:* Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Access to Atlantis Aquaventure Waterpark – the world's largest – and dining at a plethora of celebrity-chef restaurants

The multi-room villas at Six Senses Zighy Bay make the most of secluded downtime with The Private Reserve being the largest of its type in the Middle East

Unearth life in the mountains on a trek to the village of Sabatyn to meet with the locals

Desert archery classes held either during the day or in the evening and riding down the world's longest zipline – Jais Flight

Equine-enthusiasts are in their element at The Ritz-Carlton, Ras Al Khaimah, Al Wadi Desert Equestrian Centre with lessons and treks into the dunes on the back of a horse or camel

Learn about outdoor survival, Bedouin traditions and native flora and fauna on the Ritz Kids Rangers programme

*The unhurried atmosphere of calm that permeates the air here has mellowed-out families forgetting the desert metropolis sitting just outside of its walls.*

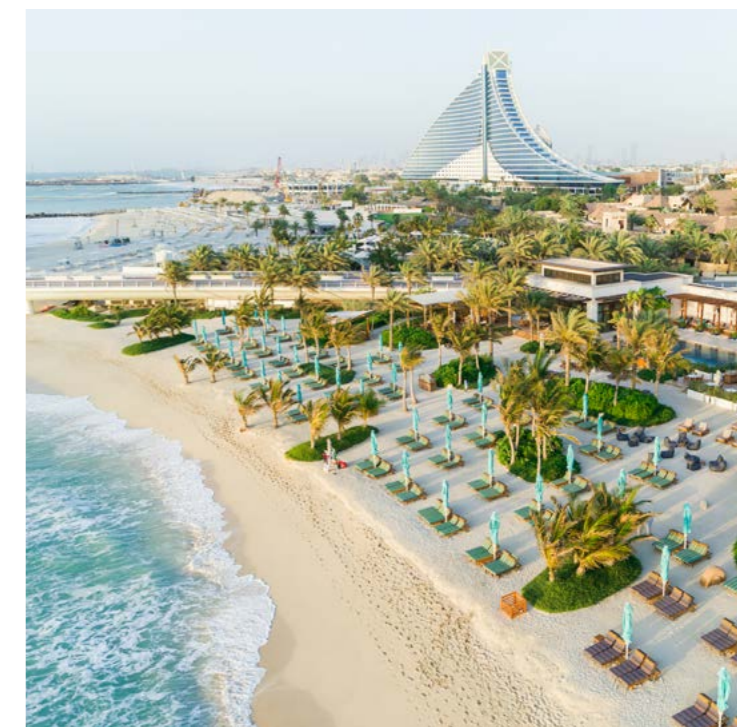
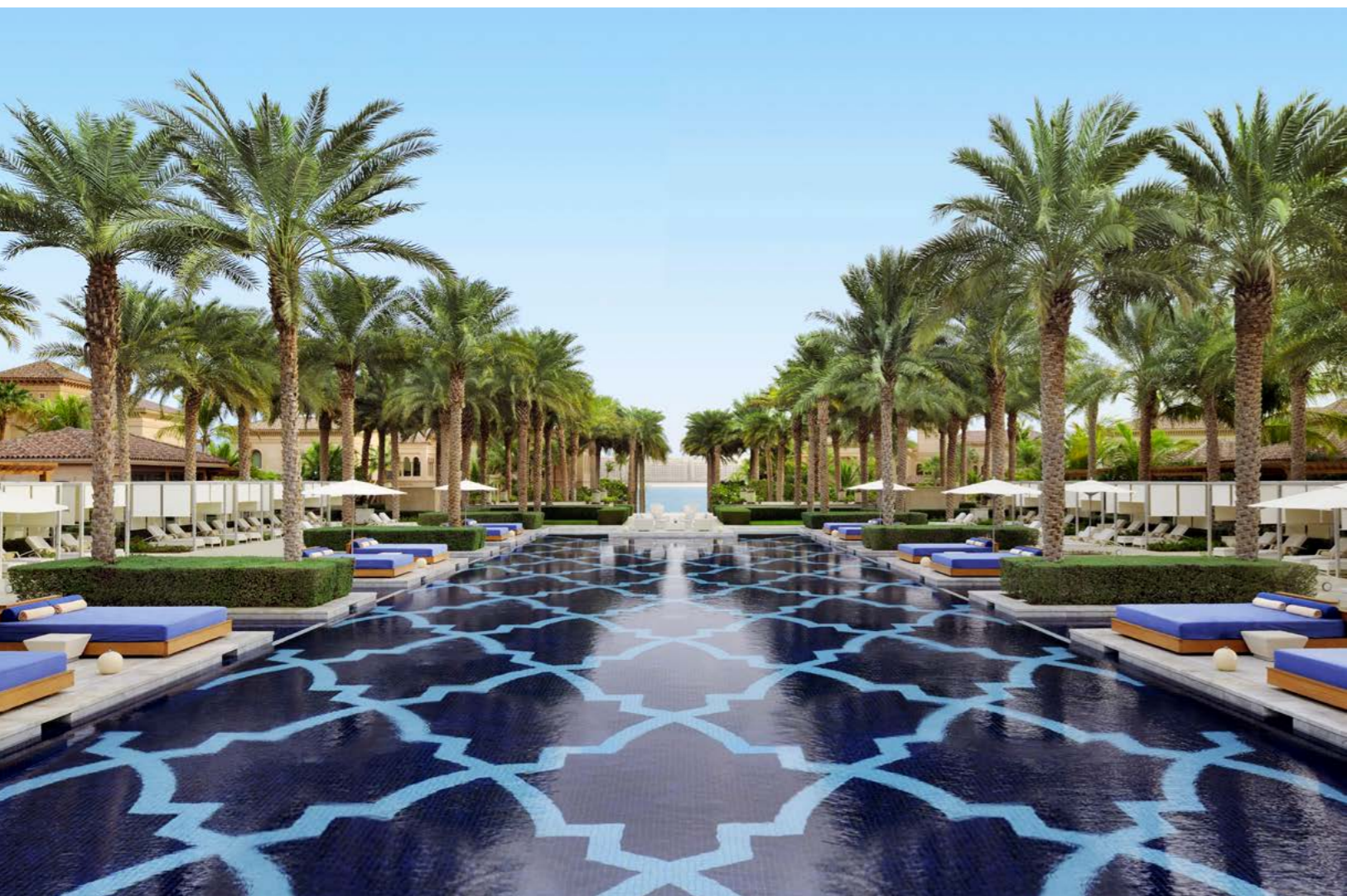
## One&Only The Palm

A surprising sanctuary on the furthest frond of Dubai's Palm Island, this is a quiet, boutique-style hideaway set aside from an ever-changing skyline of skyscrapers. While space is a premium in much of Dubai, here it is celebrated with large walkways carving through Moorish archways that lead to an expansive pool lined with cabanas and fragrant frangipani trees. Its low-rise advantage is felt best in the Palm Beach Mansion suites or the two-bedroom family-focused villa with its home-from-home comforts and team of dedicated butlers – take note, a luxury hotel suite with private swimming pool and direct beach access is a rare find in Dubai.

Lapped by warm Arabian Gulf waters the exclusive silky sand beach provides the perfect aquatic playground for teens and grown-ups, while the KidsOnly Club is prepared to keep younger ones occupied with fun workshops and special events where they can run riot without disturbing the peace.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by car  
90 rooms and suites with connecting options; 4 beachfront villas  
All-day dining and child-friendly menus  
One-to-one swimming lessons and tennis coaching programmes  
Access to Aquaventure Waterpark at Atlantis, The Palm



*A base for families looking to land and head straight to the beach, this is a veritable playground for kids, with lots of attention lavished on parents too.*

## Jumeirah Al Naseem

Jumeirah Al Naseem stands among three other properties that together make up Madinat Jumeirah resort. Think of it as a self-contained Arabian town-like complex, that's so vast and all-encompassing that it's quite possible to holiday here without ever leaving. Waterways serviced by traditional abra boats connect the bustling souk, plenty of shops and over 50 restaurants and bars.

The youngest and most modern of its more traditional-looking Madinat counterparts, rooms at Jumeirah Al Naseem are fresh and vibrant; there's plenty of interconnecting options as well as family rooms and suites. There's no such thing as a bad view here with all rooms looking out to either the pool, sea or lagoon. The lagoon itself is home to the onsite turtle sanctuary where injured and sick turtles are rehabilitated before being released into the wild. A choice of pools, play areas, and the complimentary kids' club keeps even the most energetic of children busy.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 30 minutes by car  
389 rooms and 46 suites  
Set on an exclusive section of private beach with the best view of the iconic Burj Al Arab  
5 swimming pools including an adult-only pool  
All guests receive unlimited access to Wild Wadi Waterpark™

## One&Only Royal Mirage – Arabian Court

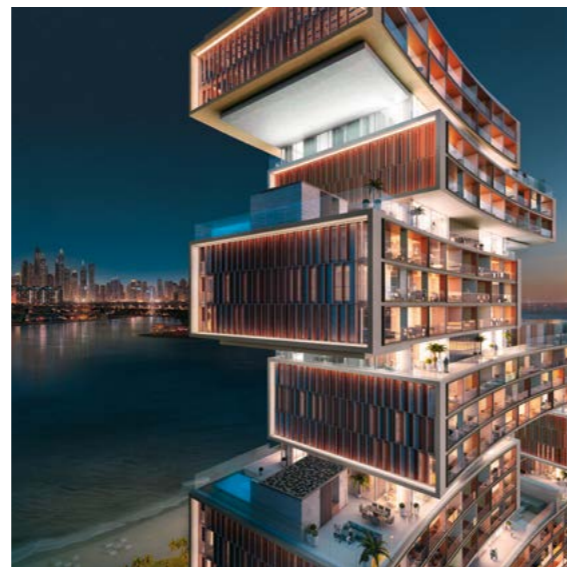
While parents relish the prime position at the centre of a plush resort shared with two other properties, children are transported into Arabian folklore complete with camel rides, henna painting, camping and traditional games.

## Jumeirah Beach Hotel

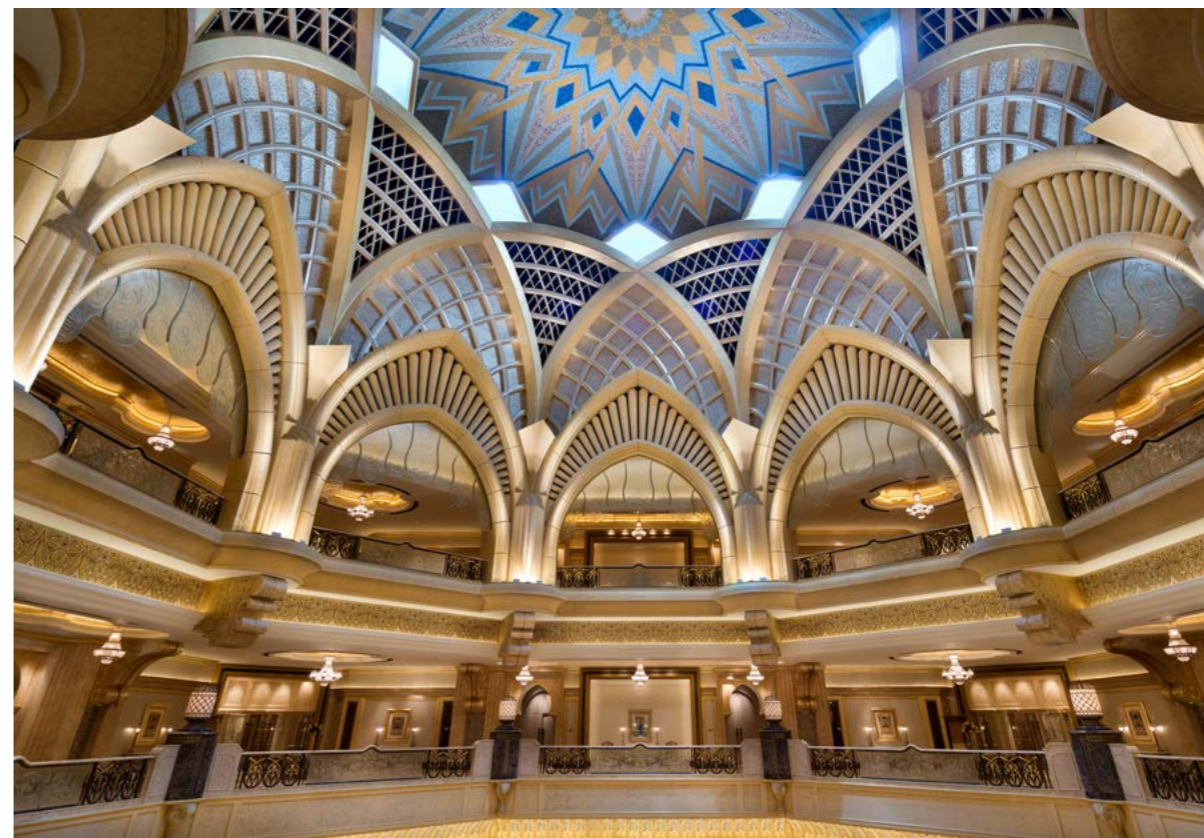
With an iconic silhouette of a breaking wave on the Dubai skyline, the hotel itself is an even more iconic family favourite. Perhaps because the endless activities here let every member of the family release their inner child.

## Atlantis The Royal

With the largest private beachfront in Dubai, premier dining across eight celebrity-chef restaurants, suites and penthouses with pools that float in the air – you could be living your best life at The Palm’s most extravagant address.



*Clockwise from right:*  
Emirates Palace; Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara; One&Only Royal Mirage – Arabian Court; Jumeirah Beach Hotel; Atlantis The Royal



## Emirates Palace & Qasr Al Sarab Desert Resort by Anantara

Little ones shouldn't mean shying away from the lavish and the jaw-dropping; combine the unashamed opulence of this palatial residence where there's sumptuousness at every turn, with a desert fortress that appears like a mirage amid wind-swept dunes.

## Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel and Villas

Slip into an exclusive sanctuary set beside a private stretch of protected beach on Saadiyat Island. A developing art district and home to the Louvre and long-awaited Guggenheim museums, it's an ideal hotspot for cultural explorers.



*Sleep soundly*

Sleep: a simple yet essential ingredient for helping young minds flourish.

We're dedicated to the smallest of details of a journey, especially when it comes down to where and how you and your loved ones lay your heads. From ensuring interconnecting rooms to securing the largest family suites, you can be sure you'll rest easy when travelling with Carrier.



## Asia

*Because some places are just worthy of the long-haul*

With so much to pack, the threat of baby jetlag, and plane journeys that can eat up two days in one, longer trips are often sacrificed in favour of short-haul neighbours. But when it comes to the likes of Asia, distance really does make the heart grow fonder.

There's a big importance placed on family and hospitality in these parts so tribes of all shapes and sizes are welcomed with open arms. You won't find many kids' or teens' clubs, instead, it's all about spending time together and introducing every generation to something new. Thailand embraces the culturally curious who are just dipping their toes into the continent, showing off its eclectic mixture of serene spirituality, bustling cities and chilled-out beaches. A short yet deliciously sweet tour of Singapore and Indonesia oomphs up the exploration factor, adding an emphasis on foodie culture, sustainability and natural surroundings. While the hardy souls with their teens in tow head to the cacophony that is India, leaving their culture shock behind ready to be replaced with explosions for the senses and meetings with the colourful characters both from real life and out of the pages of *The Jungle Book*.



*Dip inquisitive toes into the Asian continent on a classic tour of Thailand, taking in the country's bustling capital, natural wilderness and picturesque beaches.*

## Eat, play & explore

Ideal time: 17 nights | Best for age: 12+ year olds

It's little wonder Thailand is the first long-haul voyage parents are keen to introduce their brood to – it's the perfect gateway into the East. Starting in on-the-go Bangkok, rumbling tummies are satisfied with a day tour of the local restaurants and street vendors – walked off only by exploring the winding streets of the city's neighbourhoods, shrines and churches.

Travelling north, Chiang Mai, with its tranquil countryside and magnificent temples, proves to be a closet adrenaline junkie with tuk tuk tours, helicopter rides and cycling adventures. When little (and big) legs are in need of some downtime, Phuket enters stage left with blissful beaches just begging to be lounged upon. Getting out and about a little bit can't be helped though, especially when there's cooking classes and kayaking on offer.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Walking tour through Bangkok's riverside communities and temples, before a trip to the flower market with author and Thai expert Philip Cornwel-Smith

A multi-transport journey via skytrains, tuk tuks and canal boats with a private Thai puppet performance enroute

Tour Chiang Mai's old town and food markets at dusk with an archaeological site visit to Wiang Kum Kam along the Ping river

Learn to drive a tuk tuk through Chiang Mai's lush countryside and visit an elephant sanctuary to say hello to the gentle giants, before drifting down river on a bamboo raft

Helicopter ride up to Doi Mae Salong to sample oolong tea and hike through the tea plantations, followed by a blessing ceremony by resident monks

Kayak tour around the lagoons and caves of Phang Nga Bay's karst islands learning about the unique flora and fauna in the area



*When an archipelago swathed in lush rainforest and the ultimate urban playground unite, it proves that jumping between islands isn't just reserved for the Mediterranean.*

## Eastern island hopping

Ideal time: 8 nights | Best for age: 8+ year olds

Proud to be a melting pot of cultures that has just got bigger over the years, Singapore has the evidence to show that it's more than just a gateway city. A busy four days wandering the streets that blend restored colonial architecture with futuristic designs introduces both newbies and long-time returners to the history of the region, with sidecar tours and a visit to a Peranakan-dedicated house museum. Meanwhile, fussy eaters have their developing taste buds tickled with an explosion of flavours that will earn them a new favourite dish.

Heading into the wilds of Bawah Reserve in Indonesia, the vibe couldn't be more different. Here it's all about island life and reconnecting with each other. Wake up to an orchestra of wildlife before heading out for the day to snorkel the psychedelic lagoons, sail between the six islands and test your skill at batik art.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

A visit to The Intan museum and a private meeting with owner Alvin Yap who tells all about his artifacts from Peranakan history

Walking tour around the Katong and Joo Chiat area to discover the Peranakan food scene and architecture dating back to the 20s and 30s

Sample a variety of dumplings before everyone gets to try their hand at wrapping their own

Climb into a vintage Vespa sidecar to tour the city including the Civic District on the banks of Singapore River and Kampung Glam, the oldest part of Singapore

With no televisions and limited Wi-Fi at Bawah Reserve, outward-bound families fill their time with early morning hikes, snorkelling with giant bump head parrotfish, or picnicking and having movie nights on a private beach

*In a country known for its dazzling opulence, explore the innumerable facets of India's most precious gems.*

## Golden Triangle & golden sands

Ideal time: 14 nights | Best for age: 12+ year olds

The crown of the nation, the Golden Triangle holds precious stones of ruby and quartz hued architectures within its three grand cities of Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. Begin in the beautifully chaotic bazaars and forts of scarlet and gold, unearthing the Arabic inscriptions engraved within the silky marble of the Taj Mahal and following the intricate paintings lining Jaipur's City Palace hallways; stepping little feet into the shoes of Mughal emperors and Maharajas.

Follow by flying south to the aquamarine coastline of India's smallest state, Goa. Said to have once been greater than London or Paris, Goa's Portuguese origins make it home to an array of aged Roman Catholic churches; including the Basilica of Bom Jesus, the final resting place of St. Francis Xavier. Staying on a peninsula beside the Arabian Sea, you can't help but be engrossed in Goa's unparalleled charm that is both tranquil and electric.

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### *Itinerary highlights:*

A half day tour of New Delhi taking in sites like the UNESCO Qutub Minar, 16th century Humayun's Tomb and a visit to Bangla Sahib Gurudwara

A rickshaw ride around Old Delhi reveals famous monuments like Red Fort and Jama Masjid before lunch in a haveli with an Indian family

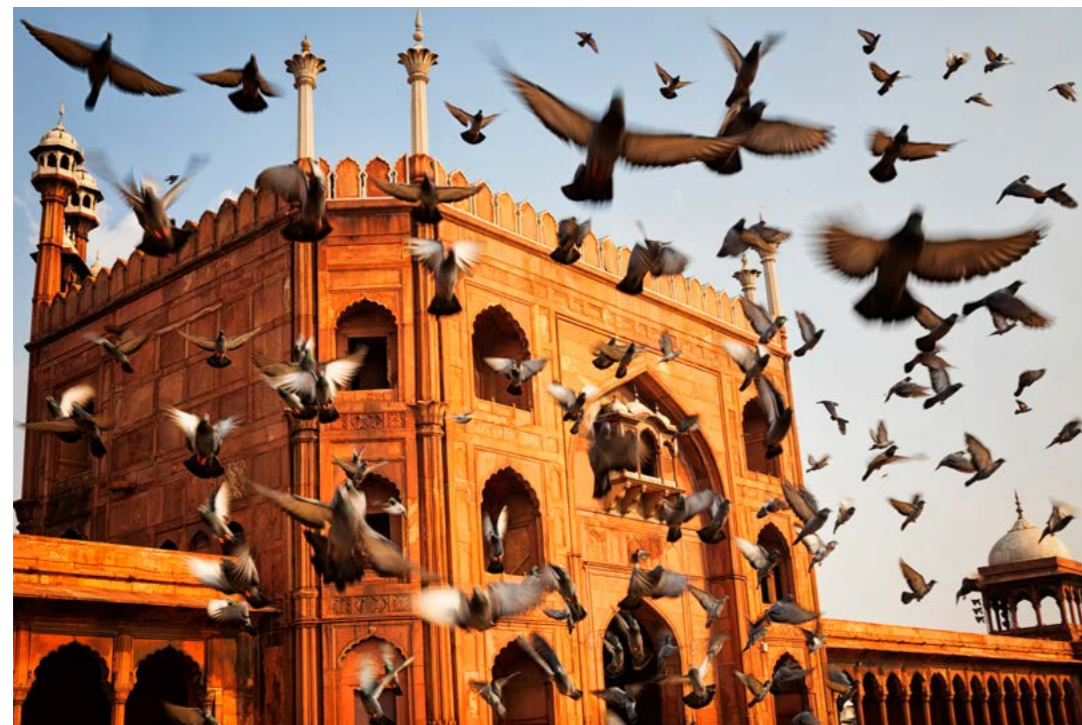
See the Taj Mahal at sunrise in Agra and wander the pavilions, gardens and mosques of Agra Fort

Exploration of Alwar's surrounding villages to learn about the daily lives of locals

Meet up with the current custodian of DeraMandawa hotel to talk all things art, history and culture over a cup of chai

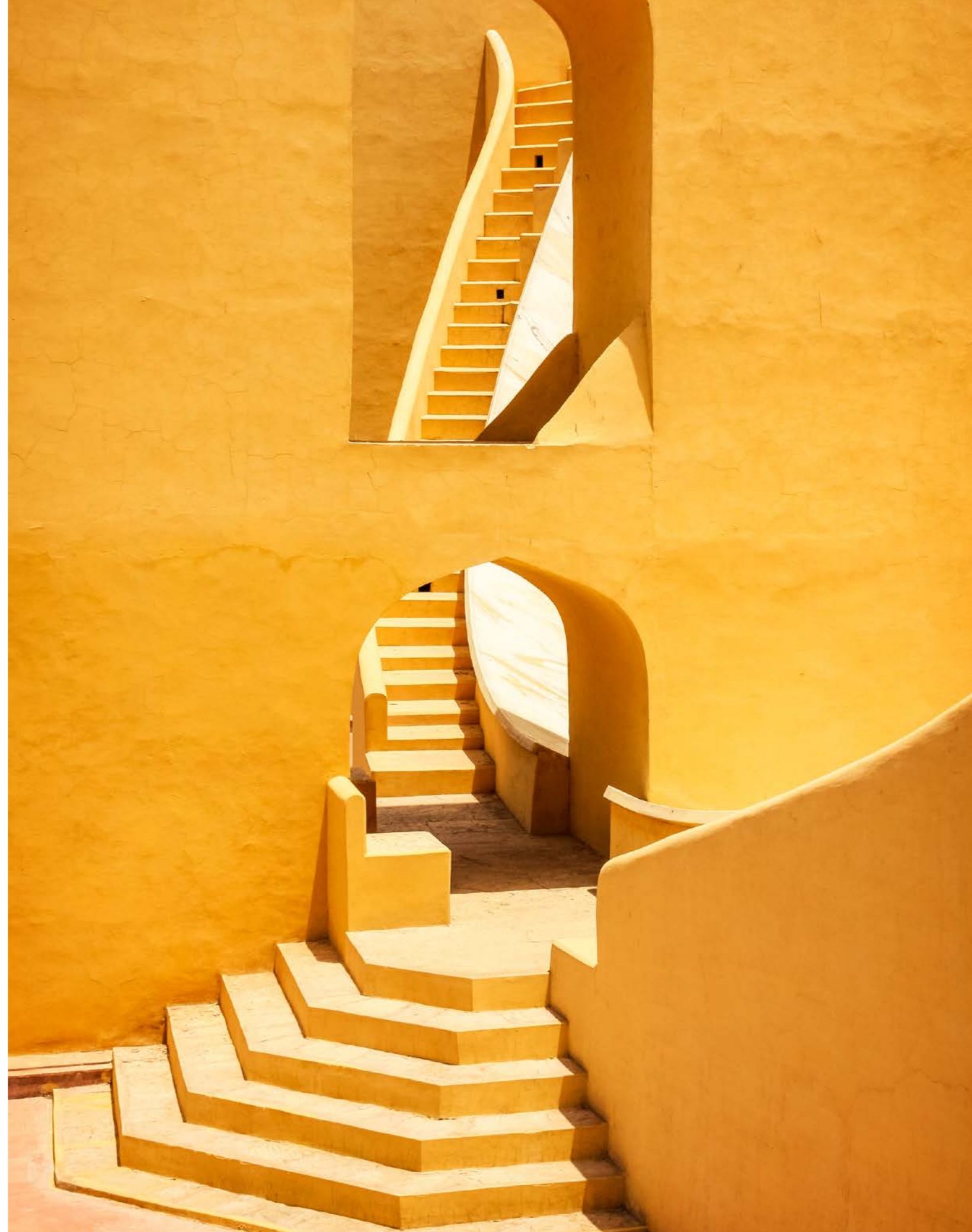
Visit a community of students and farmers who showcase the organic agriculture in their village

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*Above:* Stepwell near Jaipur, Rajasthan, India  
*Right:* Jantar Mantar monument in Jaipur, Rajasthan, India



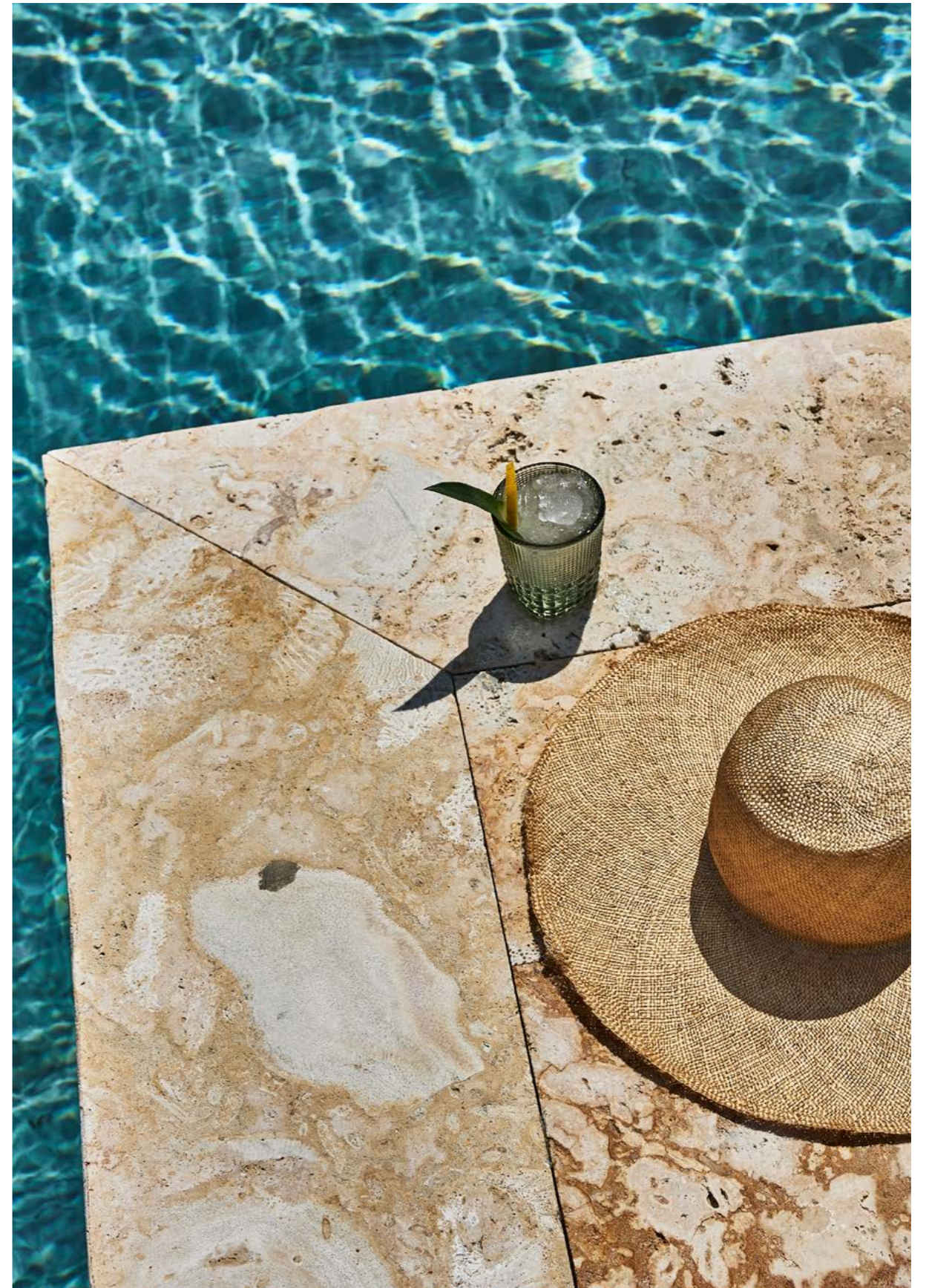
## Caribbean & Mexico

*The irresistible lure of colourful variety*

It's all idyllic landscapes, take-it-easy vibes and tales of buried pirate treasure in the Caribbean... at least, that's what the newbies think. But those in the know, they see that not all of these islands are cut from the same cloth.

Take Barbados for example, where a love for cricket and polo brings out its sporty side, contrasting with Antigua's peaceful coves, yet complementing the adventurous fit-families that hike through the dense wilderness of St Lucia and the Dominican Republic. The playground of the Bahamas beckons with shipwreck dives and all-singing-all-dancing water parks and fresh-faced musicians quickly pick up Jamaica's languid rhythm, while the only effort required in low-key Grenada is to learn about bean-to-bar chocolate making. If the grandparents are along for the ride, you can find the group on charming Nevis or heading out of the area altogether to alight on the shores of spiritual Mexico. And while the BVIs and St Barths compete over who has the most stylish shores, the chicest of clans are hidden away on Canouan's discrete sands.

At the end of the day, differences really matter not, because the Caribbean's ability to bring families together in unhurried bliss is second to none.



*Considered one of the most prestigious hotels in the world, this iconic resort promises to pamper adults and thoroughly spoil children.*

## Sandy Lane

A Barbadian institution synonymous with conspicuous luxury, Sandy Lane exists in its own Palladian-style microcosm made up of chauffeured Rolls-Royces and celebrity patrons who treat it as a home-away-from-home. And yet, despite all this grandeur, the homely atmosphere ensures its enduring popularity is ever tangible. Committed to a certain kind of traditional service where no detail is overlooked, life here is so intrinsically easy and unhurried.

Unsurprisingly, the kids' club is one of the best on the island and with a multitude of age-appropriate activities, complaints of boredom are quickly exchanged for squeals of joy. Sailing lessons and annual summer sports camps nurture younger children's self-esteem, while outdoor movies, island tours and mocktail parties mean the older ones are just as indulged. This is the type of place that sees families return year after year.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 35 minutes by car

113 rooms, suites and penthouses; a private villa

Complimentary kids' club access for little guests

The Den is the teenagers' hangout complete with games and a jukebox

A pick of 4 restaurants; the famed Sunday buffet brunch is served at Bajan Blue



*Tranquil, secluded and very British in manner, this family-friendly hotel in its tropical garden setting stands out for its warm welcome and genuine hospitality, even by Bajan standards.*

## Coral Reef Club

Resolutely old-school in feel, Coral Reef Club is very much one for those who relish a country house vibe. Its success is a tribute to the O'Hara family who came to run the hotel in the 50s and never wanted to leave; it's still managed today by the following generation of O'Haras.

Quiet rooms with nothing but a barely-there rustle of palm fronds sets the tone for a week or two unencumbered by distractions. The pace here is a gentle one, where most kid-approved distractions come in the form of non-motorised water sports. The beach is beautiful and spotlessly clean; ideal for swimming and snorkelling – there are well-planned areas, roped off from boaters. Older children especially will be happy with complimentary kayaking and paddle boarding. To help channel their exuberance, swimming and sailing clubs are run during the summer holidays.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by car

88 rooms and suites, some with private plunge pools

Less to pack: baby equipment available on request at no extra charge

Daily changing menus at signature restaurant; plus children's menus and early room service

Complimentary tennis club 6 days a week with visiting pros





## Blue Waters & The Cove Suites – Antigua

Guests return time and again to this Caribbean favourite, family-run by the Randalls. The only resort on Soldier's Bay means three practically-private beaches, as well as freshwater pools, tropical gardens and a giant dose of Antiguan hospitality.

## Carlisle Bay – Antigua

A sloping safe beach good for small people; flexible menus for their hungry little bellies; two-room suites to spread out in; and the chance to sink into island life on boat trips direct from the jetty – it's little wonder why families love it here.

## The Landings Resort and Spa – St Lucia

Excellent for larger gatherings, villa suites here have all the home comforts plus luxury extras – we're talking plunge pools and butlers. Set around a private marina, it helps that the other major plus point is the beach is one of the best on St Lucia.

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Guests return time and again to this Caribbean favourite



*Clockwise from right:*  
Saint Peter's Bay Luxury Resort & Residences; The Fairmont Royal Pavilion; Carlisle Bay; Blue Waters & The Cove Suites; The Landings Resort & Spa



Roll out of bed and on to the sands

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## Saint Peter's Bay Luxury Resort & Residences – Barbados

Just a short pootle from historic Speightstown and perfectly positioned for exploring, high spec one- to five-bedroom residences and penthouses with fully-equipped kitchens are supremely spacious and ideal for groups.

## The Fairmont Royal Pavilion – Barbados

Roll out of bed and on to the sands at this tropical beach house hotel. Where adults will love the interconnecting room options and children are kept busy with the likes of tie dye crafting, zumba and complimentary non-motorised water sports.

*Set on its own dot of an island a six minute boat ride off the coast of Antigua, this estate's reputation often precedes it, and for good reason.*

## Jumby Bay Island

Much like the Antiguan word that inspired its name (jumbee meaning 'playful spirit'), the laid-back feeling of Jumby Bay Island is tangible from the moment you step onto the welcome dock. The fortunate few who make it here are encouraged to roam wild and free, cosseted in the safety of the private island surrounds.

The needs of minors are considered here as much as adults' are, so there's always some form of school holiday high jinks for them to join. Raft building classes boost confidence and provide the opportunity to form friendships, while film production workshops encourage creativity. Private residences offer the ultimate in family freedom; clustered on an exclusive corner and complete with housekeepers, butlers and personal chefs, these home-away-from-home properties leave the overwhelming impression of space and individuality.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 10 minutes by car and then a boat

40 rooms and suites; 14 villas; 21 private residences

Everything is included from all day dining, fine wines, activities and the kids' club

There's not a car in sight, only lush island trails and winding cycle paths

Learn about wildlife conservation at the hawksbill turtle programme



*This rainforest escape in embrace of the UNESCO listed Pitons is a place where travellers commune fully with the natural world, without foregoing life's little luxuries.*

## Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort

Relax as hard as you like at this pampering spot built around the atmospheric ruins of an 18th century sugar mill – where all accommodation comes with a plunge or infinity-edge pool. Some of the colonial-meets-contemporary styled rooms have walled gardens, while at the top of the pile are spectacular four-bedroom residences that give way to extra space for families; think customised Italian kitchens, games rooms and beach access.

For youngsters, treasure hunts and coconut bowling at the kids' club provide guaranteed entertainment, and although the beach is the stuff of dreams (with the sea deemed safe for little kickers), those that can tear themselves away come home with a spine-tingling experience of the natural wonders of the island. Rainforest canopy tours, volcano hikes or diving trips in the nearby marine reserve are just some of the curated activities that encourage exploration and education.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by car  
96 rooms, villas, cottages and bungalows; plus a collection of residences

All accommodations are serviced by a butler

Scuba diving and dolphin/whale watching at the resort's marine protected bay

Sporting activities include water sports, football, yoga and tennis



### *Just for the grown-ups*

When so much time is spent considering what the kids want, it's easy to forget this time is meant to be fun for the adults too. Like having some me time in the spa or a private dinner on the beach perhaps?

Adventures don't have to drastically change with the addition of travellers in training and taking some time on a family holiday to do something for yourself should be guilt-free, it's a break for everyone after all.

So go ahead, be a little selfish, we've got you covered.

### Eden Roc Cap Cana – Dominican Republic

This has-it-all resort is not only made up of a bustling marina, equestrian centre, gourmet restaurants, golf course and more; all this is scattered within an ecological marvel, alongside pristine beaches, towering cliffs and tropical forests.

### Four Seasons Resort Nevis

Harmony with nature is the watchword at this stylish property with its utterly unforgettable experiences both on land and sea. Here, children can master the time-honoured Nevisian tradition of kite making or learn about protecting endangered sea turtles.

### Mandarin Oriental, Canouan – The Grenadines

While swashbuckling adventures on pirate ship climbing frames and cookery classes at the kids' club are entertainment assured, the truly enriching experience is found at Cargo 4 Kids – a charity initiative where guests can donate much-needed supplies to local schools.

### Silversands Grenada

Snorkelling, kayaking and paddle boarding with views of the capital on Grand Anse beach is sure to keep teens away from their phones at Grenada's sleekest property. If not, perhaps the 100-metre lap pool – the longest in the Caribbean – will help.

### GoldenEye – Jamaica

An idyll of hidden cottages, villas and beach huts, it was here where Ian Fleming felt inspired to write 14 James Bond novels. There's plenty to keep you busy too. Stargazing, child-friendly beaches, nature walks – you'll create your own stories here.

### Etéreo, Auberge Resorts Collection – Riviera Maya

All ages are encouraged to connect with the encircling mangroves and culture. Delve into a Mayan way of life through art and culinary experiences, while stories with the in-house Shaman and expeditions with the resident archaeologist bring Mayan wisdom to life.



Clockwise from above:  
Etéreo, Auberge Resorts Collection; Mandarin Oriental, Canouan; GoldenEye; Eden Roc Cap Cana



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Étéreo, Auberge Resorts Collection



Spread across 20 acres of emerald lagoon and hidden among greenery, arriving at your overwater bungalow by boat is like checking into your own private islet.

## Rosewood Mayakoba – Riviera Maya

At the centre of Mexico’s Mayakoba development rests a resort masquerading as a wildlife and nature reserve. Swapping indulgent glamour for barefoot luxe living, suites and private residences are built around natural lagoons and jungle. Complete with its own plaza, chapel, cooking school and shops, this pocket of calm is private and exclusive without sacrificing on location – outside there are wondrous ruins, entire lost cities and the world’s second largest coral reef.

The Rosewood Explorers Club and captivating activities, focus on engaging children in the rich heritage of the Mexican Riviera and its immediate surroundings. Eager-to-learn little ones will love the daily 10am biologist-led eco-boat tour through the meandering lagoons. From birds, turtles, and iguanas, as well as a host of flora, there’s no shortage of wildlife for them to marvel at.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 40 minutes by car

129 suites; 12 private residences

Rosewood Explorers programme with storytelling, scavenger hunts and yoga sessions

Children don’t miss out with down-to-earth spa therapies

Aquí Me Quedo is an adults-only hangout spot designed for undisturbed enjoyment



Right and below:  
Rosewood Le Guanahani; Rosewood Baha Mar;  
Rosewood Little Dix Bay



## Rosewood Le Guanahani – St Barth

‘Family-friendly’ is not a term synonymous with St Barths, yet Rosewood offers glamour not only for couples, but for those with children by their side. Despite the air of tranquil seclusion, the kids’ club and water activities mean there’s plenty to keep them amused.

## Rosewood Baha Mar – The Bahamas

A secretive slice of the Baha Mar resort, this address manages to feel exclusive and suave in a way only Rosewood knows how. Recreational activities take influence from the local surroundings; think flamingo yoga sessions and learning about Bahamian wildlife.

## Rosewood Little Dix Bay – British Virgin Islands

Each Rosewood Explorers kids’ club focuses on edutainment tailored to its location. Here, it’s all about Caribbean culture and the natural environment. For a shared experience, hop on the daily boat trip and explore some of the neighbouring islands and bays.



*Nurturing nature*

Travel is one of the best teachers we have – it makes us fall in love with the world in all of its diverse glory. Nowadays, the younger generation arguably know more about the planet than most adults, so when it comes to edutainment of the environmental variety, experiences tend to go far deeper than just The Big 5 on safari and tigers in India.

They shed light on the likes of the anti-poaching units in Cambodia that invite guests out on patrol, the 1920s camp in the Maasai Mara that encourages seed dispersal bushwalks and works closely with the region's only all-female conservation team, and the Tuscan villa that imparts age-old practices of bee-keeping and perfume mixing with the resident herbalist. With so many ways eco-advocates can engage with nature, they'll soon be able to show the grown-ups a thing or two.







## Flying the nest

*Journeys that help your teens thrive as they start their next chapter*

Captured so sweetly on the shelves of card shops, the number of family milestones over the years is seemingly infinite. But there's one precious time that families can take for granted – those fleeting summer months just before teens strike out into the world by themselves. These moments should be savoured and while you'll never stop being parents, their growing independence may change a few things – particularly family trips together.

That's why the journeys taken at this turning point hold so much more meaning; they're a study-detox, a lesson in life skills, values and mindsets to help them succeed, and a time to cement those close family bonds even deeper before they fly the nest.

The following pages and the trips within them have been thoughtfully designed to enrich your time together in the weeks leading up to that big but exciting change. To not only help teens navigate this time, but the whole family too...

... pushing comfort zone boundaries by *introducing you to new cultures* and showcasing life from different perspectives, drawing lessons from locals and their brilliantly diverse backgrounds to spark the urge to continue learning from people far beyond your inner circle...

... *encouraging challenges to be embraced* and taken head on – testing abilities, maybe invoking some friendly sibling rivalry, growing in bravery, but mostly building confidence to help you all navigate the shifts and opportunities ahead...

... broadening perceptions of the world and *nurturing a caring side* by engaging with the community and giving something back. New skills are gained and positive behaviours and values solidified to stand them in good stead for the future...

... reaffirming the importance of taking a moment (or several) to gain back all the hours lost to tech or revision, to *spend some real quality time together* in search of reconnection with your nearest and dearest...

... and at the end of it all, to *encapsulate the memories* within something physical and tangible. A memento serving as a reminder of those joyful and fulfilling additions to the great-time-memory-bank.

## Wholesome reconnection at Six Senses Ibiza

Northern Ibiza

*Its reputation as a party animal sometimes keeps Ibiza on the no travel list when it comes to family bonding time, but head up to the bohemian north and the reality couldn't be more different. Here, families dance to their own rhythm; from the slow tempo of island farming culture and a digital detox to recharge the brain, to the accelerando of scientific underwater workshops and cliff jumping.*

### ***A different way of life***

After all they've heard about Ibizan nightlife, teens will probably be surprised to learn that farming is actually in the island's blood. A guided tour through the grounds of an authentic farm introduces the agricultural heritage that goes way beyond the clubbing era – introducing tips and tricks for planting their own crops before tucking into a field-to-fork lunch or dinner in the orange orchard.

### ***The caring side***

Donning masks and fins, the underwater world surrounding Ibiza's sun lounger-studded beaches is put on a pedestal by your personal marine specialist guide. Whether the conservation of our oceans is at the forefront of your thoughts or something the family are eager to know more about, diving below the Mediterranean's surface teaches the importance of this rich eco-system and how it can be protected.

### ***Take on a challenge***

What's a family holiday without a bit of friendly and lovable rivalry? Here, it's who can kayak the furthest, snorkel the longest,

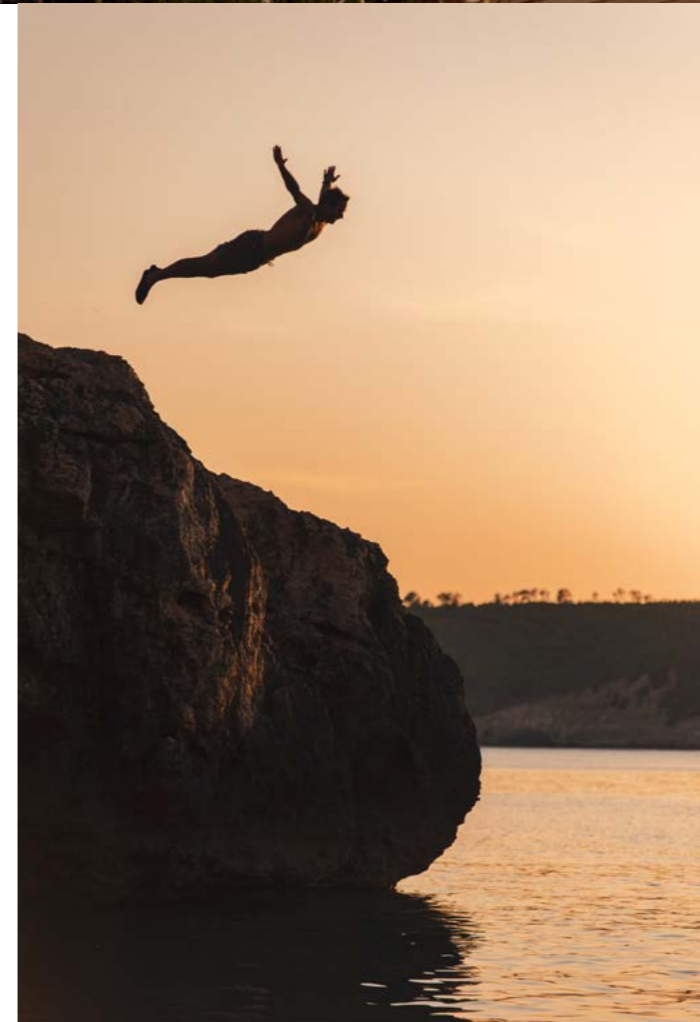
and jump the highest – cliff jumping that is. Everyone's nerves are overcome in that moment of weightlessness before splashing into the crystal water, gradually working up the courage to head higher. Cementing a memory of bravery to look back on.

### ***Take some downtime***

A private open-air cinema, equipped with bean bags, blankets and popcorn, on the rooftop of the farmer's market shows everyone's favourite film to seemingly infinite views of Xaracca Bay. But it's a digital detox that really brings everyone together. With a focus on calming and caring for the brains of the family, learn the best foods to eat, activities to do and ancient methods to practice to maintain a healthy head for life.

### ***A way to remember***

The ocean invites you to play again, but this time not in the name of science. Camera in hand, a famed local photographer joins the family underwater to capture how they interact with the ocean and its biodiversity. Creating beautifully unique mantel-piece-worthy art that demands to be displayed.





Six Senses Ibiza

## Community spirit at the Kasbah

Atlas Mountains

*Tucked away in the Atlas Mountain foothills, Kasbah Tamadot acts as basecamp for a week of reflection and cultural immersion. Visiting local families and partaking in age-old traditions put inquisitive travellers right at the heart of the Berber community – where lunching with residents, mint tea ceremonies, and charity organisation visits reveal life in this corner of the world.*

### ***A different way of life***

A sweet cup of mint tea welcomes you into Moroccan culture in the traditional kitchens where you learn how to brew your own while preparing a bread staple – khobz. The next day, a mule trek into the mountains sheds light on the Berber community and what daily life looks like here. Hungry stomachs are then rewarded with lunch on the roof terrace of a local family with Toubkal – North Africa's highest peak – as a backdrop.

### ***The caring side***

With a maximum luggage allowance, there's plenty of room to pack with a purpose. School supplies, toiletries and clothes all make it into the suitcase when it comes to donations to the various charities looking for support in Ansi. What makes it most meaningful is spending time at the creche, preschool and girls' boarding house where the donations are heading.

### ***Take on a challenge***

Bleary eyes from an early start are soon cleared hiking Asloun peak, with the whole family motivating each other to get their blood pumping and make it to the top. That encouragement then remains along the dusty

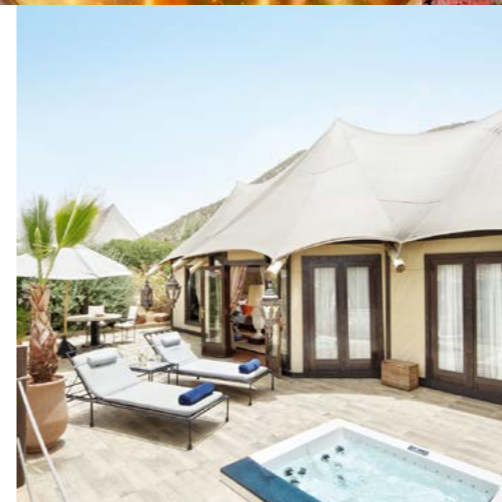
track flanked by juniper trees and panoramic views of the valley's contours all the way to Tamgounssi Pass. Later, an optional trekker spa treatment – an invigorating twist on the traditional hammam involving alternating hot basalt and cool marble stones – does wonders for tired legs.

### ***Take somedown time***

Nothing brings the family together quite like food, especially when the whole tribe are making it from scratch. Kasbah's chef heads a hands-on three-course cooking class on the rooftop terrace, exploring Moroccan cuisine and the traditional ways to cook using Kanouns – tiny wood burning stoves akin to a classic barbecue.

### ***A way to remember***

Venturing to the Tamgounssi Weaving Centre, the women of the Eve Branson Foundation introduce the ancient craft of weaving. The creative sorts thrive here, hand-crafting their own keepsake to take home while getting to know the women and what the Foundation does for the local community. An embroidered cushion would be our choice, to cuddle up with the memories of Morocco when you're back home.





## More than just the kingdom of safaris

Nairobi | OI Derkesi Community Conservancy | Borana Conservancy

*Patchwork farmlands, the savanna's most notable characters, and a landscape of flat plains that billow into hills, Kenya is archetypal Africa. Going far beyond the humble safari (although there's plenty of them too), this country opens its arms to inquisitive families, welcoming them in and showing off the native cultures, sustainable initiatives and the protective side it's proud of.*

### ***A different way of life***

Residents dressed in vibrant colours poke their heads out of manyattas in greeting as you arrive at a Maasai village. To say there's years of tradition and history in this culture would be an understatement, but the whole family get a flavour of it when wandering the community hubs and local market brimming with crafts and clothing; and learning how the tribe have adapted to modern life.

### ***The caring side***

Home of the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife, Nairobi's Giraffe Centre is the place for both visitors and locals to delve deep in the country's diverse and vulnerable wildlife. Specialising in the protection of the Rothschild giraffe, the clan are introduced to these long-necked wonders and encouraged to discover the ways in which they can help them and other endangered species too.

### ***Take on a challenge***

Sometimes, a challenge doesn't have to be a personal one. Out in the hills of Borana Conservancy, rangers take you on one of their daily anti-poaching patrols. Visiting

the headquarters with the Head of Security and taking the time to assist the 'boots on the ground' illuminates the great efforts they (and now you) go to to protect the sanctuary's rhinos and other big game wildlife.

### ***Take some downtime***

Abandoning the long drives and busy activities, time is spent together foraging in the Maasai Mara. After gathering wild ingredients with local expert, Letilet, sit down to a meal made from your harvest to chat about what you've found out about the native fauna. When the sun sets, congregate around the campfire to swap stories from the day's highlights – arguably one of the best and most bonding parts of any safari.

### ***A way to remember***

A trip book-ended by mementos, adopting an elephant with the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust before you travel ramps up the excitement of what's to come. While during the adventure, a photographer is on hand to capture the memories of a tour guided by Cottar's 1920s Camp owner, Calvin – sending you home with a framed copy of the best one.

## Two sides of the same Far Eastern coin

Jimbaran | Ubud | Sumba

*Being the largest archipelago in the world, it would make sense that not all the islands of Indonesia are made the same. While some rush by at the pace of Bali's scooter traffic, other relish the unhurried way of life where anxiety and stress don't feature in the vocabulary. Both ways are a glorious shock to the system that come together to make a trip full of possibilities for every generation.*

### **A different way of life**

Visiting a Brahman family in Ubud opens eyes to the importance of the Hindu beliefs in the region, where crafting traditional offerings like Canang Sari baskets and witnessing a Gebogan blessing by a High Priest are on the cards. Later on in the trip, although most time on the remote island of Sumba is spent at leisure, their easy-going and sociable community spirit is very easily absorbed.

### **The caring side**

Studying environmental practices comes a whole lot easier in a place like the Green School. A fusion of thatch and bamboo alongside the Ayung River, the school's aim is to teach sustainable practices to the future generation, but grown-ups certainly aren't left out. Also doing some good is the Sumba Foundation, where guests visit some of the projects that show how they're helping the community in ways like employment, healthcare and education.

### **Take on a challenge**

Cross stepping out of the comfort zone, nothing is quite as freeing as conquering the waves in one of Bali's renowned surfing hotspots. The calmer waters around Jimbaran make it a brilliant place to learn and test skills

with just the right amount of adventure. In the capable hands of a surfing master, all levels learn how to improve and add another seriously cool skill to their repertoire. One that can be practiced over on Sumba at Occy's Left too.

### **Take some downtime**

Emerging from the jungle into a clearing dominated by a cascading waterfall is a sight worthy of a few collective "pinch me"s. As guides set up a picnic lunch by the pool, spend the time floating together as the sound of the flowing water blocks out any unwanted distractions. Taking a moment to appreciate being the only ones in the world doing that very thing, in that very place, at that very time.

### **A way to remember**

Wearable keepsakes are arguably one of the best kinds because they can be taken with you wherever you go. On an in-depth tour of designer John Hardy's jewellery workshop, you not only get an insight into how the Balinese heritage is being preserved, but also get to take a piece of it home. After designing and helping to create a piece of your own jewellery, the trip comes flooding back when the finished product is delivered a couple of weeks after returning home.





*Above:* Balinese people in Hindu ceremony  
*Right:* Rice fields on Bali





## A road trip to remember

Bryce Canyon | Zion | Grand Canyon | Red Rock

*The coasts of the USA get a lot of love and among the cornucopia of things synonymous with them, family road trips are near the top of the list. But sticking to the seaside means you miss out on the beauty of the vast and varied national parks. With private drivers and local guides along for the ride, this tour introduces the clan to a unique take on the rich history, diverse environments and awe-inspiring landscapes of these areas of natural beauty.*

### ***A different way of life***

A community doused in mystery and spirituality, an early start takes you into the lands of the Navajo. A tribal guide leads the way venturing into the sandstone towers of Monument Valley's Navajo Nation Tribal Park, presenting the history of the community and what life is like in this life-on-mars-landscape before sitting down for a traditional lunch.

### ***The caring side***

Hikes and bike rides are of course a sustainable way to explore these wide open spaces, revealing hidden nooks that otherwise would have been missed from the car. But just visiting the national parks is a way to do some good. Tours are always educational and help keep funds within the parks to ensure both the areas and residents (both human, animal and plant alike) who live within them are protected.

### ***Take on a challenge***

Going off-road proves to be a turning point in bravery for your brood. Bouncing over the coral pink sand dunes on an ATV one day, exploring the crevices the tour boats can't

access around Lake Powell's naturally formed 'rainbow bridge' the next, and confronting any acrophobia on a helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon on another. Teaching that the easy way isn't always the best way.

### ***Take some downtime***

Dawn and dusk in these otherworldly scenes are the perfect times to take things slow. An early morning induced mope is soon forgotten about as the sun rises over the Grand Canyon's contours, inviting you to set intentions for the day ahead. Later on, a wander over the rim away from the crowds allows time to reflect on the adventures of the day.

### ***A way to remember***

One-upping the beautiful yet humble photograph, guides are on hand to capture the special moments on film, ready to be pieced together into a personal documentary. Keen to record each family members' highlight, it's a way to not only look back on an amazing trip but to remember how daring, how elated and how connected everyone was.





## Flying the nest

*Journeys that help your teens thrive as they start their next chapter*

*Let us show you what's possible*



*Round up the relatives*

Extended, blended, just-maritally-melded; the beauty of families is that they are all shapes and sizes, boasting their own cast of different characters. With today's hectic lives – busy work schedules, school, globally-scattered relatives – holidays with the whole crew can really strengthen family relationships, from Generation X to Generation Z. But whether it's with grandma or your great niece, the question for families embarking on a multi-gen getaway is much less about the 'where' and 'how', and far more about the 'why' and 'with whom'.

The 'whom' may seem easy, but there's a lot of facets to consider when extending the boundaries past the typical 'nuclear'. Yes, the destination is crucial but it's the personalisation and activities that hop up and down the age gap like snakes and ladders that make it truly special. Mealtimes can be made easier with a private chef, an ordinary museum trip can be transformed with a curated tour alongside an art historian, and all are put on an equal playing field when cruising the Ionian learning about the local flora and fauna.

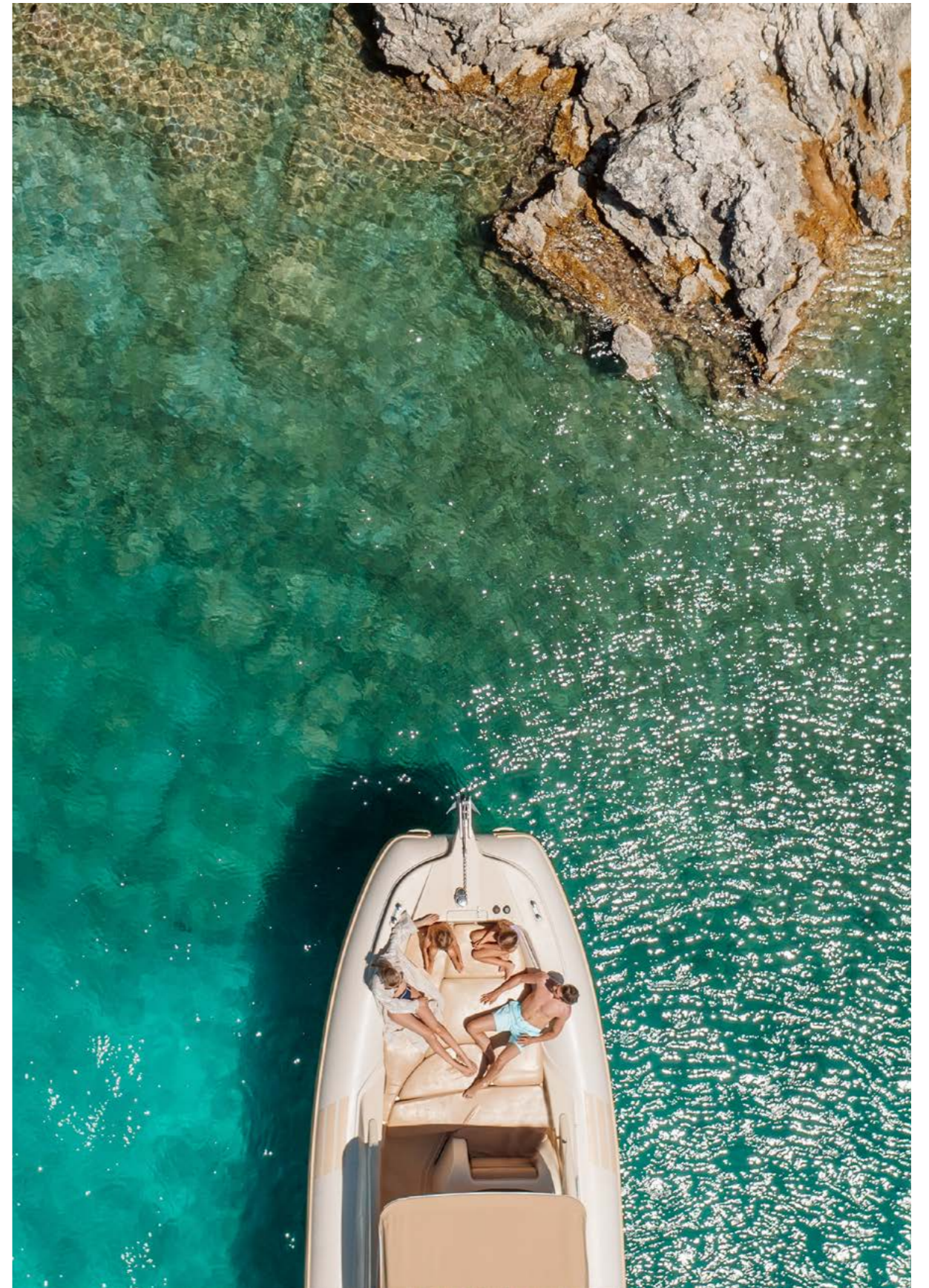
When it comes to the 'why', things get even more interesting. There doesn't have to be a reason but the bigger the event the better the excuse for a blowout. After all, we only get to live a milestone moment once, so those approaching one should mark the occasion accordingly. We're here to take the weight off your shoulders and create a trip that fits the occasion, right down to the last party popper. The only thing left is for you to gather those you hold dearest and get ready to party.

## Europe & North Africa

*Where chronicles go beyond the confines of the classroom*

Europe is timeless. From the still vivid paintings of Knossos Palace's walls all the way to Marrakech's spirited Medina, it's the continent's history and that of its neighbouring countries of the Maghreb that fascinate and draw in. All of this has led to the region achieving what we thought impossible. Yes, Europe has mastered edutainment.

The lesson starts by taking a step back to Turkey's Roman roots exploring the "golden age" of the now crumbling Ephesus city, while in Italy, little aesthetes have their taste for art tickled with Villa Romana del Casale's mosaics. The more hands-on approach continues in sun-scorched Greece, where budding archaeologists finally have permission to play in the dirt as they experience what it's like to uncover artefacts on an excavation and, bypassing the Mediterranean altogether, crafty creatives learn the traditional art of carpet weaving and pottery in Morocco. A cooking class demonstrates Cyprus' regional recipes and fiery Spain gets blood pumping with family flamenco lessons, cooled off only by a dolphin cruise headed by a WWF biologist in Portugal. While the pace is slowed altogether sailing the calm waters of Montenegro's Boka Bay to explore the area's old towns and ancient palaces.



*Snapping up the best spot on Boka Bay, this nautical playground has been created as the ultimate retreat with literally every age in mind.*

## One&Only Portonovi

With its auburn roofs and seamless walk-out access to the marina, it's hard to believe that this wonderfully secluded seaside resort hasn't always been there. Perched next to the Adriatic wreathed by soaring peaks, family-sized rooms and suites with balconies make the most of Boka Bay's beauty. But it's the signature villas that take the cake, with access to their very own beach (a rarity in Europe), they are just crying out to be used for celebrations.

You may have a hard time tearing youngsters away from thrill-packed lessons and sessions such as ice block science, musical instrument craft and scavenger hunts. But if you do manage it, explorers of all sizes will appreciate the emphasis on experiences making the most of the surrounding Italian-lakes-meet-Norwegian-fjord landscapes. Set sail on the Adriatic, a day of discovery for all the family includes seeking out secret islands and hidden beaches.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by car

123 rooms, suites and villas including 10 private homes with beach

For date night, babysitting can be arranged

A trio of beachfront pools, one of which is thoughtfully reserved for adults only

5-7-minute walk to Portonovi Riviera centre and its high-end boutiques, galleries and restaurants



*In a destination where image is everything, this wholesome wonderland welcomes back its loyal guests, young and old, each year.*

## Marbella Club Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 35 minutes by car

35 rooms; 80 suites; 14 villas  
3 pools; beach with water sports; equestrian centre; and golf course

Fit for Hollywood royalty, the kids' club was once enjoyed by Audrey Hepburn's children

Don't worry if you forget something; the concierge can supply baby supplies and more

Evolving from a rural finca that formally housed Prince Alfonso, everything at this Andalucian tree-sheltered coastal haven is geared up to help you, and your little ones have the most enriching stay possible. Down by the pool is the central meeting hub, where parents and grandparents tell of their day spent cooking with a local Spanish family, and children gush about their time making pizzas and mixing fragrances from the ingredients they tended in their own garden patch.

The transformative wellness retreats are also a shining example of the intuitive and deeply nurturing approach to well-being here. Each retreat is crafted to fit your lifestyle, so you can introduce these new practices into your everyday routine. For instance, new parents should jump at the chance to sign up for the tranquillity and sleep retreat – a gentle course teaching proven techniques and routines to utilise both on holiday and at home to improve the quality of that precious slumber.

## The Ritz-Carlton, Abama – Tenerife

This is a place that knows families with the various accoutrements that accompany travelling with a child thoughtfully provided. While in the kids' club, there's a staggering eight different zones and explore and discover sessions for little eco-warriors.

## Bahía Del Duque – Tenerife

At this resort-meets-fairy-tale-town, no child-friendly stone has been left unturned. Five pools for family splashing sessions and enthusiastic entertainers leading treasure hunts around the resort's winding paths and bridges, ensure there's no time for boredom.

## The St. Regis Mardavall Mallorca Resort

Wide lawns and gardens mean there's so much space for carefree children. But the main draws are the amenities in miniature in interconnecting suites and the bonding time on the Family Traditions Programme's Mallorcan-inspired activities.

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No child-friendly stone has been left unturned



*Clockwise from right:*

La Residencia, A Belmond Hotel; Puente Romano Beach Resort; The Ritz-Carlton, Abama; Bahía Del Duque; The St. Regis Mardavall Mallorca Resort



Foodie families take paella classes and yogis zen-out on the beach

## Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort – Lanzarote

Within the distinctly Canarian-style walls of this Playa Dorada resident, there's an incredible array of facilities for young guests at Yaiza's Kikoland. An adventure paradise for children stocked with an amphitheatre, games room and play houses.

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## La Residencia, A Belmond Hotel – Mallorca

A dose of the undeniably cute is welcomed by all ages on a trek of the Poet's Walk and Deià's winding trails with the lovable resident donkeys. While back within the 18th century sage-shuttered buildings, pottery lessons are on the agenda.

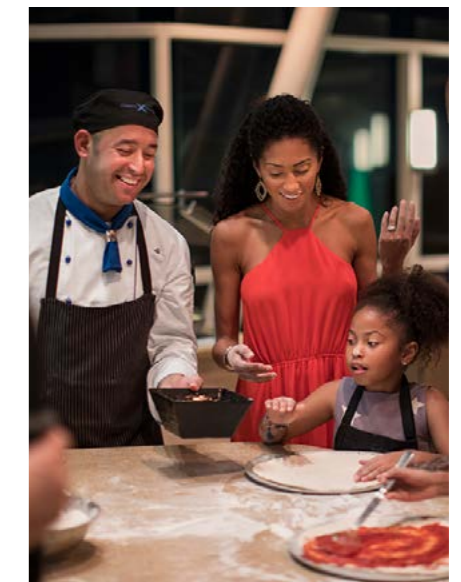
## Puente Romano Beach Resort – Andalucía

Younger guests love spending the day on their own terms at the tennis and paddle academies, while all ages appreciate the spectrum of recreations. Foodie families take paella classes, explorers go Guadalmina River canyoning, and yogis zen-out on the beach.



## *On the water*

The only thing better than feeling the salty sea air on your skin is when it hasn't yet struck land. When the breeze hits you straight from the source on the teak deck of a yacht or the trampoline nets of a catamaran. From on-board Michelin-starred fare and soothing spa treatments to let's-go-again adventures ashore, these maritime-marvels offer privacy not easily found when at sea and expertly crafted bespoke journeys that show a destination from a unique perspective.



Sizing up somewhat, The Retreat aboard Celebrity Cruises puts the cruise scene firmly onto parents' radars. On board, two-storey suites and an exclusive sundeck act as a hotel on water, while Celebrity's programmes, clubs and built-for-families excursions keep boredom firmly at bay.

Welcome to an elevated all-inclusive concept, where everyday stresses slip away with a curated list of exclusive privileges just for you.

## Ikos Andalusia

Ikos Resorts' first foray outside of Greece takes on the Iberian Peninsula where it lies sandwiched between an exclusive golden beach and acres-upon-acres of landscaped gardens. With their 'infinite lifestyle' ethos, the whole family is encouraged to live the Ikos way, which means no restrictions when it comes to wants and desires. Everything from Michelin-starred creations, beachfront tipples and picky-eater's plates, to Anne Sémonin Paris treatments and copious family distractions can all be included.

Entertainment is bursting from the seams catering to every age imaginable; from live jazz and musicals in the evening to supervised animation programmes. But while it may seem tempting to stay within the resort, a friendly nudge out the door to discover more is provided in the form of a complimentary self-driven Tesla tour. Passing Andalucía's whitewashed villages, armed with local museum and art gallery tickets, you'll really understand what drew Ikos to this neck of the woods.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 1 hour by car  
411 rooms and suites, including the Carrier recommended Deluxe Collection

The chance to sample local restaurants as part of the all-inclusive experience

Freshly prepared baby food on request and children's menu in all restaurants

Kids' and teens' clubs for those from 4 months to 17 years and a football academy



Right and below:  
Ikos Aria; Ikos Dassia; Ikos Olivia



## Ikos Aria – Kos

It's hard to top what's included in every Ikos stay, so the places they call home make all the difference. A vast serene stretch of Kefalos beach is reserved for Aria guests only, making the views of Basilica of St. Stefanos and Kastri islet seem even more exclusive.

## Ikos Dassia – Corfu

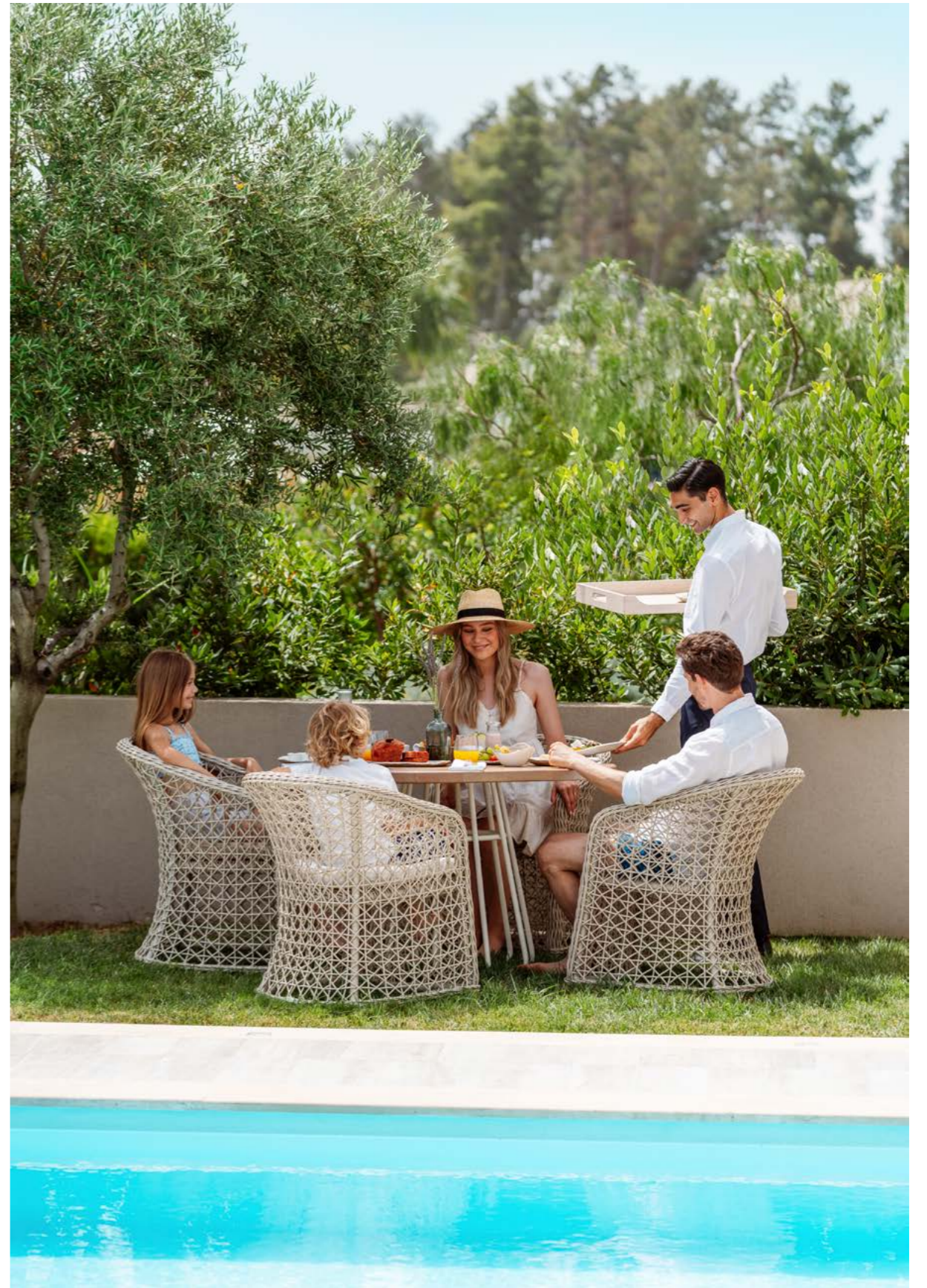
Ikos Resorts have a habit of making luxuries seem limitless, and it's no different at this class act framed by fragrant woodland and the azure Ionian Sea. Just a 20 minute transfer from the airport, Dassia is the easiest and quickest of the portfolio to get to.

## Ikos Olivia – Halkidiki

Even its location leaves guests wanting for nothing. Ancient olive trees and fragrant firs provide privacy and relief from the sun's rays, while boys and girls wander through the spacious grounds and explore the lush forests that reach down to the beach.



*Above:* Ikos Olivia, Halkidiki; Ikos Dassia, Corfu  
*Right:* 24 hour room-service dining at Ikos Resorts

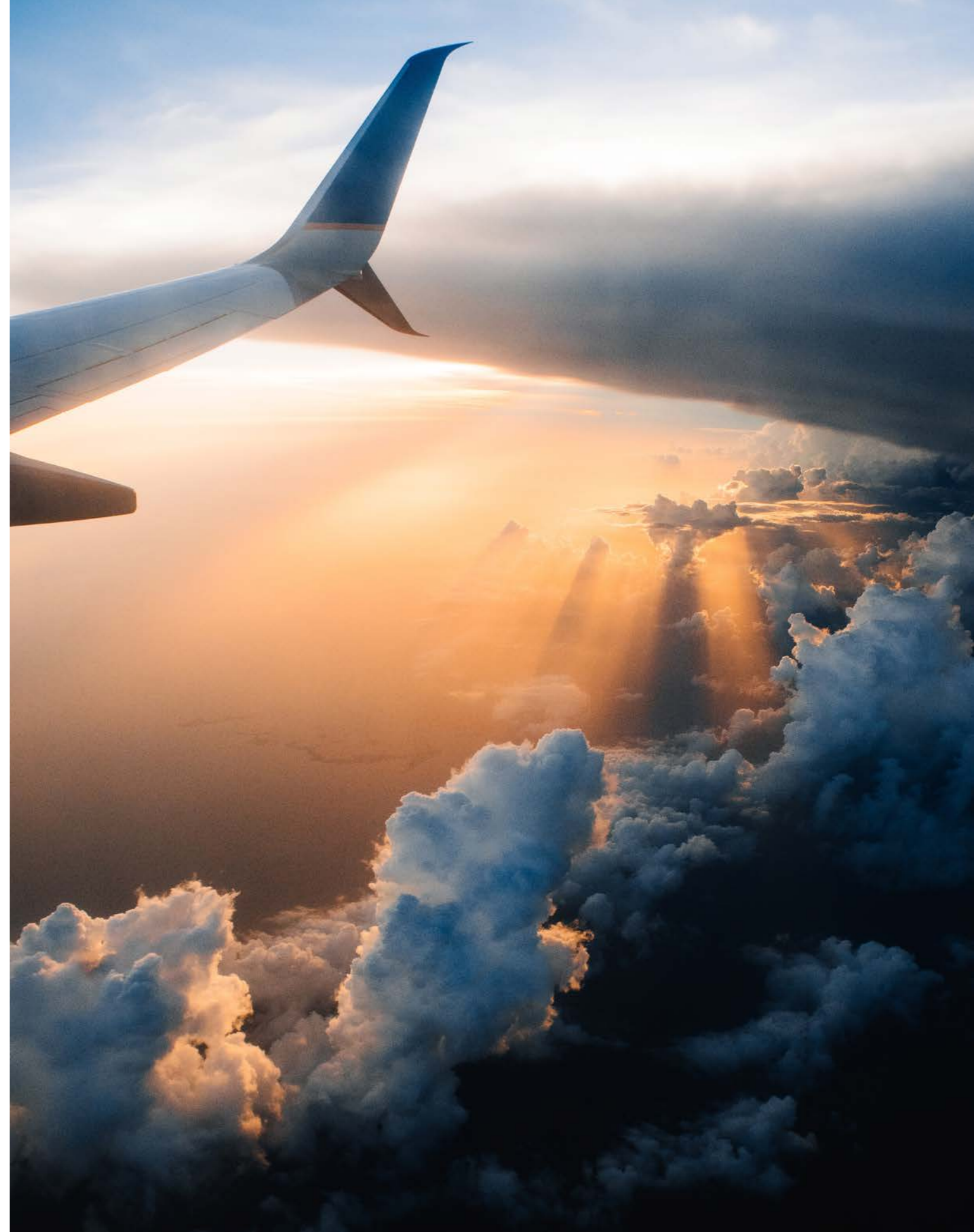




## *Upgrade me*

For some, the airport is the exciting start of the holiday, but for others, the quicker they're through and out the other side the better.

Whichever camp you fall into, we're here to make sure the process is as seamless as possible. From private jets, security fast-track and private check-in, to your own departure lounge and the option to board first or last, we work closely with exclusive airport service providers around the globe to make sure your holiday isn't just about the destination, but the journey too.



### Porto Zante Villas & Spa

At one of the island's best kept secrets, a handful of sleek pool villas offer a decadent way to unwind. With a private beach, in-villa board games and intimate al fresco dinners, this is where families relax and reconnect with one another with no distractions.

### Porto Sani – Halkidiki

This chic all-suite hotel is set within the ecological reserve of Sani Resort. From private nanny services and beachside babysitting to toddler splash pads and baby equipment, you'll have everything you need to keep infants happy.

### The Westin Resort Costa Navarino – Peloponnese

This sustainability-focused resort has the best of both worlds. Its home in unspoilt Messinia puts local culture on the doorstep, while an on-site Aqua Park and bowling alley top a long list of lively family activities in-house.



### Elounda Peninsula All Suite Hotel – Crete

The tranquillity of this all-suite hotel a short stroll from its own beach is almost belied by the variety of sports it offers. Like the Valencia CF Soccer School Camp, where kids can learn new techniques from world renowned coaches.

### Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas – Crete

The private sandy bay location alone is enough to set this resort apart from its neighbours. There's pure commitment to the smaller details – we're talking strollers in villas, bucket and spades on the beach and Residents Club dining upgrades.

### Domes of Elounda, Autograph Collection – Crete

Domes' version of Grecian life is best experienced beyond the walls of the multi-room, private-pool residences. The Core is a unique urban hub of entertainment that features food trucks, a virtual museum, an al fresco cinema and open-air performers.



The private sandy bay location alone sets this resort apart

This sustainability-focused resort has the best of both worlds



Clockwise from above: Daios Cove Luxury Resort & Villas; The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; Domes of Elounda, Autograph Collection; Porto Sani; Sani Treetop Adventure

*Defying the traditional conceptions of a resort hotel, it's easy to forget there's a world outside of this year-round Mediterranean microcosm.*

## Borgo Egnazia – Puglia

Easily mistaken for a quaint village among centuries-old olive groves of the Itria Valley, this Apulian citadel-inspired property that took half a decade to complete is truly an ode to everything that is great about a family escape. Among its honey-coloured paved streets overlooking the Adriatic coastline, expansive grounds reveal a hub of family-friendly merriments with colourful fiestas, high-energy street performers, live music and Fasano-style barbecues in its heart-beating village piazza.

There are four swimming pools including a heated family pool and one indoors; an in-house cookery school specialising in plot-to-plate dining with a local chef; and the sumptuous Vair Spa for pampering perfection. Golfers are within putting distance of 18-hole San Domenico golf course, and kids and teens have the creative clubs. While Borgo Egnazia leaves guests little reason to venture beyond its walls, a personal local adviser is always on hand to orchestrate anything from pasta and pottery making to discovering private beaches.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 50 minutes by car

155 rooms, suites and private townhouses; 28 villas with private pools

Excellent creche for tots, and superb kids' and teens' clubs

5 minute transfer to 2 private beach clubs

Private chefs on hand for carefree dinners together and a dedicated children-only mini restaurant



Above: Borgo Pignano

Below: Verdura Resort, A Rocco Forte Hotel



## Forte Village, Bouganville – Sardinia

Whatever the age, this resort is the stuff of childhood dreams – from sports academies and water slides, to go karting tracks and DJ sets, no stone has been left unturned. At its centre sit Bouganville's bungalows, each with private patios and garden.

## Borgo Pignano – Tuscany

With Chief Farmer, Enzo learn time-honoured practices that keep the delicate environment in check at this rural organic estate. This is the kind of place where you go behind-the-scenes concocting perfume and oil, to collecting honey from beehives.

## Verdura Resort, A Rocco Forte Hotel – Sicily

Away from the overpopulated suntraps and fronted by a magnificent stretch of private beach, most cycle, water-ski and sail to explore. For the little ones, there's also junior football, swimming, fencing and other sporting academies.

*The Algarve in its purest form is found at this full-on destination-resort, that has everything from golf programmes to flying the family-friendly flag... oh and impeccable Michelin-starred dining.*

## VILA VITA Parc Resort & Spa

Meandering around the cobbled walkways highlights the convivial-village-meets-sub-tropical-gardens atmosphere of this clifftop hamlet, making it the kind of place lingering sun-seeking families loathe to leave. In addition to the seven swimming pools, three of them for kids, the array of recreational pursuits is wide-ranging and designed for all.

There's Annabella's Kids Park, kitted out with an amazing playground, complete with trampoline and versatile playroom, while during the summer months teens are particularly well catered for with action-packed days including surf lessons, trips to Slide & Splash water park and Jeep adventures. For parents with tiny travellers, get the babysitters in so you can enjoy a rare stolen moment at VILA VITA Spa by Sisley Paris or two Michelin-starred Ocean Restaurant. Time together includes discovering the Algarve's tiny bays and secluded coves aboard the luxurious VILA VITA private yacht.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by car

203 elegant rooms and suites; 5 private pool resort villas

One of the few resorts in the Algarve to have direct access to a secluded sandy white beach

A total of 7 swimming pools, 3 of them for kids

Complimentary transfers to selected local restaurants



*Right:* Martinhal Sagres Beach Family Resort  
*Below:* Pine Cliffs, A Luxury Collection Resort; Domes Lake Algarve



## Martinhal Sagres Beach Family Resort

A life-guard supervised beach with a private hangout area, spa treatments to suit tots, teens and parents, and dedicated play areas in most restaurants; these are what lift this laid-back resort on the shores of Sagres above simply family-friendly.

## Pine Cliffs, A Luxury Collection Resort

Heading to a place with direct access to a five kilometre sandy beach would be a smart move. And, there, you'll find one of Europe's most celebrated playgrounds with an array of spirit lifting pursuits, from tennis academies and a serene spa, to treasure hunts and mini golf.

## Domes Lake Algarve

Just 20 minutes away from the airport, families can be relaxing by the natural sand bottom pool in no time. It's an easy walk to the nearest beach and Vilamoura harbour, plus with golf in Portugal's DNA there's private coaching for beginners to when-I-grow-up professionals.

## Six Senses Kaplankaya – Bodrum, Turkey

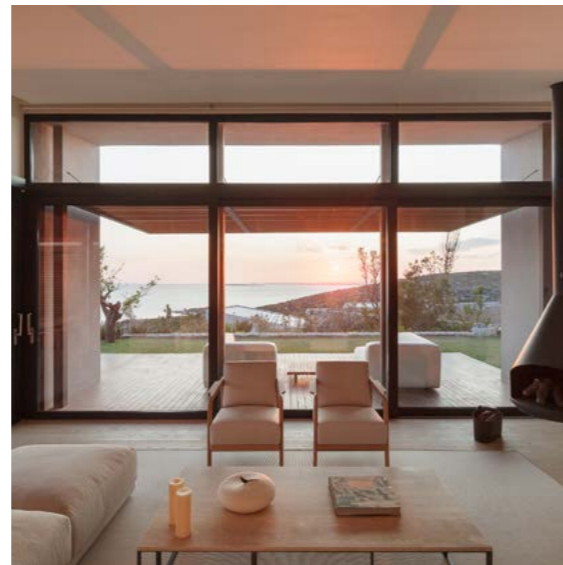
Exciting helicopter or speedboat transfers, seven beaches (three sandy and one just for families) and popup bazaars by local artisans are some of the joys here. Eco-warriors can roll up their sleeves and discover sustainable life-hacks at the Earth Lab.

## Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech – Morocco

Step into an oasis of calm, just ten minutes away from the city's famous Medina. It's hard to get little ones out of the Kids' Kasbah, where they're found picking herbs or playing with the residents of the on-site farm.

## Anassa – Cyprus

Perched on a throne overlooking one of Cyprus' best beaches, this 'queen' keeps her visitors happy with anything from baby amenities to family photoshoots. For the truly magical, go for a private stargazing lesson guided by an expert.



*Clockwise from right:*  
Four Seasons Resort Marrakech; D Resort Maris; Anassa; Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech; Six Senses Kaplankaya



## D Resort Maris – Marmaris, Turkey

No phones, no emails, no distractions – just nature at its purest. The five private beaches are the heroes, all white and golden sanded loveliness, including one perfect for snorkelling, one for the quiet types, and one that goes from laid-back to lively in no time.

## Four Seasons Resort Marrakech – Morocco

Families are ideally placed to explore the Red City. Head to the resort's kids' club for a slice of Moroccan heritage with a traditional kitchen, instruments and pottery making; or join a workshop to learn how to brew traditional mint tea and bargain in the souks.

## Parklane, A Luxury Collection Resort & Spa – Cyprus

With a mantra 'to make everyone happy', there's a little bit for all ages here – from the adults-only pool to the Park Kidz hangout complete with pirate ship and slides. For peaceful privacy, plump for the private pool-accented two- or three-bedroom Park Suites.



### *Be brave*

The comfort zone – the place that makes children feel safe but can also put a cap on experiencing a brand new world outside of their own.

With an expertly crafted adventure and a dash of courage, toddlers to teens can reap the rewards of venturing outside of their boundaries to discover the new, experience the genuine and set the groundwork that will ensure they seek out that sense of wide-eyed wonder forever.

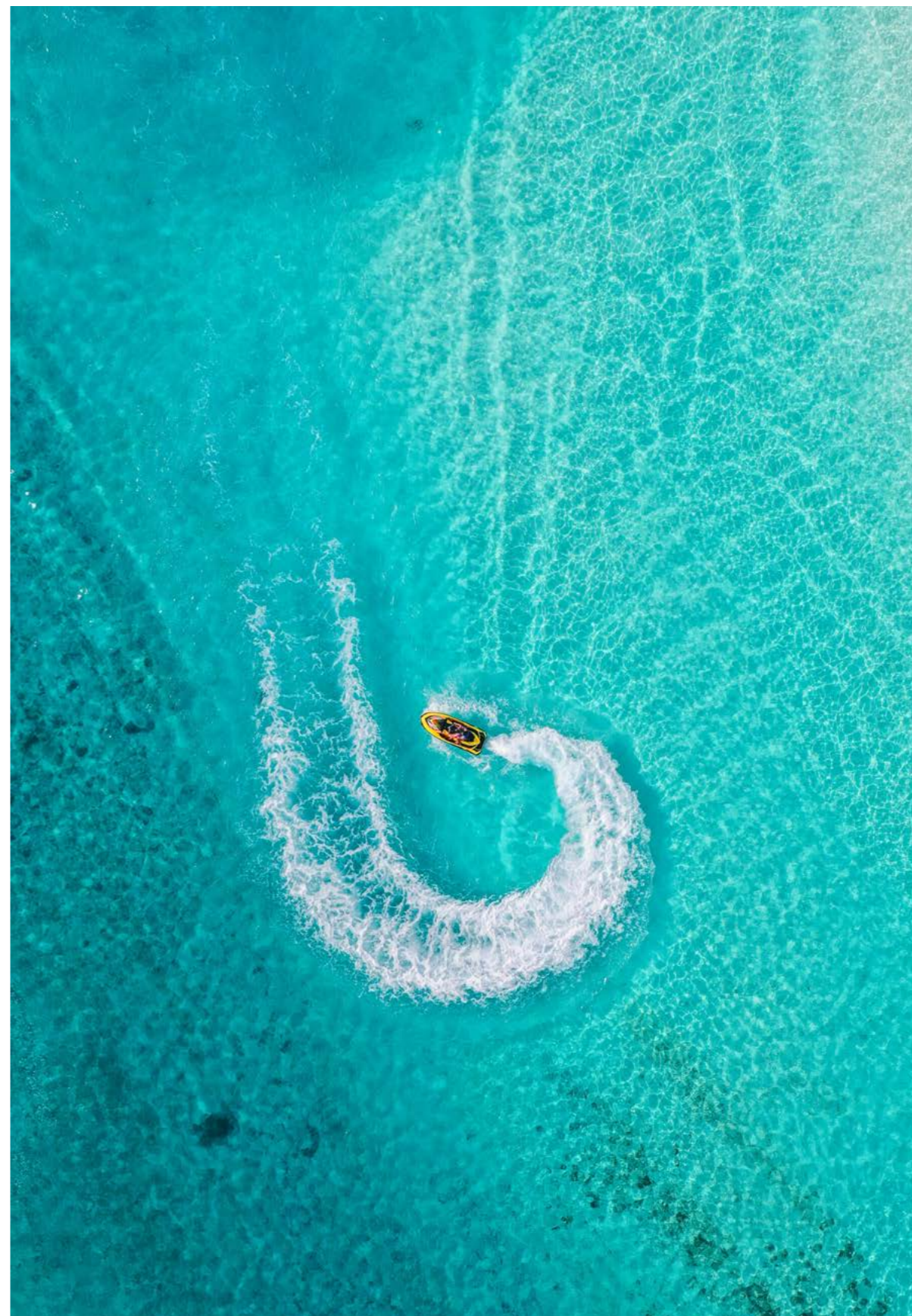
## Indian Ocean

*Where romance and rugrats live in surprising harmony*

Splashing around in expanses of glittery bath-warm water and being surrounded by A-grade sandcastle mortar. That sounds like childhood holiday ideals – that sounds like the Indian Ocean.

The squeal of cheerful children may come as a bit of a surprise in the Maldives, a destination often doused in privacy-seeking couples. But the truth is, the cover has been blown and it turns out little travellers in training are just as transfixed by its tropical beauty. Incredible kids' clubs are a given but it's experiences that can be enjoyed by little (and big) kids together that are the real draw here – whether an exhilarating submarine journey to the depths or escaping to spacious villas complete with water slides for some together time.

Meanwhile, a little further south, while the lapping shallows at the beach's edge are great for a leisurely paddle, there's a daring side to Mauritius. Its fondness for exhilarating water sports further out to sea; spicy national cuisine that fuse a kaleidoscope of Creole, Indian, French and African cultures; forest hikes through Black River Gorges National Park; and showing off its wild and raw nature on airborne tours will lure sulky teens off their devices.



Considered one of the finest water villa resorts in the world, its ‘no news, no shoes’ philosophy demands a much-needed digital detox.

## Gili Lankanfushi

When looking to seclude yourself away with a small group of those closest to you, it’s vital to have somewhere that ticks all the boxes for each of you. Retreating to palm thatched family villas built above water with sustainable coconut, bamboo and teak is the epitome of barefoot chic. The showstopper, however, must be The Private Reserve – the largest over water villa in the world that can only be reached by boat. This sprawling, multi-tiered, fort of dreams is home to a private spa room, gym, cinema, infinity pool and waterslide.

Need help unpacking, arranging dinner reservations, keeping the kids entertained, or a bed set up under the stars? No matter your wishes, your personal Mr or Mrs Friday will make all your Robinson Crusoe dreams come true. And there’s plenty of desert island escapades to be had too; think cooking classes and open-air movies on the beach, to surf schools and dolphin cruises.

### Travel notes

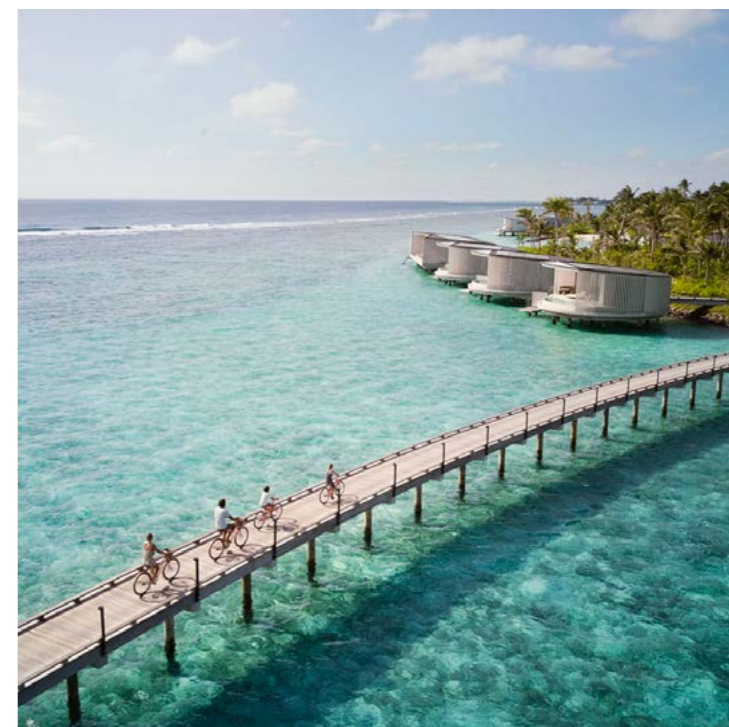
Airport transfer 20 minutes by speedboat

45 over water villas

Every guest gets a bamboo bicycle for island explorations

Kids will love popsicle and ice cream bar Fini Foni, and the underground chocolate cave

Eco-friendly from shore to shore, explore the marine biology shack and organic herb garden



The brand’s debut in the Maldives is a bold one; this striking, eco-friendly private island resort is the kind of place you never want to leave.

## The Ritz-Carlton Maldives, Fari Islands

Opening to grand acclaim on the innovative Fari Island Archipelago, this is arguably Ritz-Carlton’s most future-forward hotel, effortlessly balancing modern, minimalist luxury and fuss-free island life. We’re talking al fresco dinners together on slick villa sun decks by private infinity pools, and butlers known as ‘Aris Meehas’ – a Dhivehi reference to the first confidence of the royal family – to take care of all your needs.

Outside of your pods, on and offshore adventures include a photography studio, dive centre, stargazing garden and spa taking centre stage over water. But if that’s not enough, the Fari Marina – the communal heart of the complex – is built around a beach club and is peppered with luxury shopping, dining venues and workshops focused on local arts and crafts. For all that, the most enriching pastime in our opinion is joining Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ambassadors of the Environment programme, which teaches the whole family how to preserve our planet.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 45 minutes by boat

100 beachfront and over water villas, all with private pool

5 onsite restaurants, plus access to more on Fari Marina

Bicycles are available for every guest

Edutainment at the Ritz Kids’ Club is focused on land, water, environmental responsibility and culture



### One&Only Reethi Rah

The wealth of kid-approved playful pastimes skilfully use Reethi Rah's location to their advantage. Pirate cruises and scavenger hunts charm children with the exoticism of island life, while the PADI-certified dive centre teaches how to explore life beneath the water.

### Patina Maldives, Fari Islands

Travelling with older children? The fresh-faced Patina has guaranteed teen appeal: there's a retro ice cream van and island photographers who share beautiful spots for Instagram worthy pics. The Footprints kids' centre nurtures environmentalists-in-the-making.

### St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort

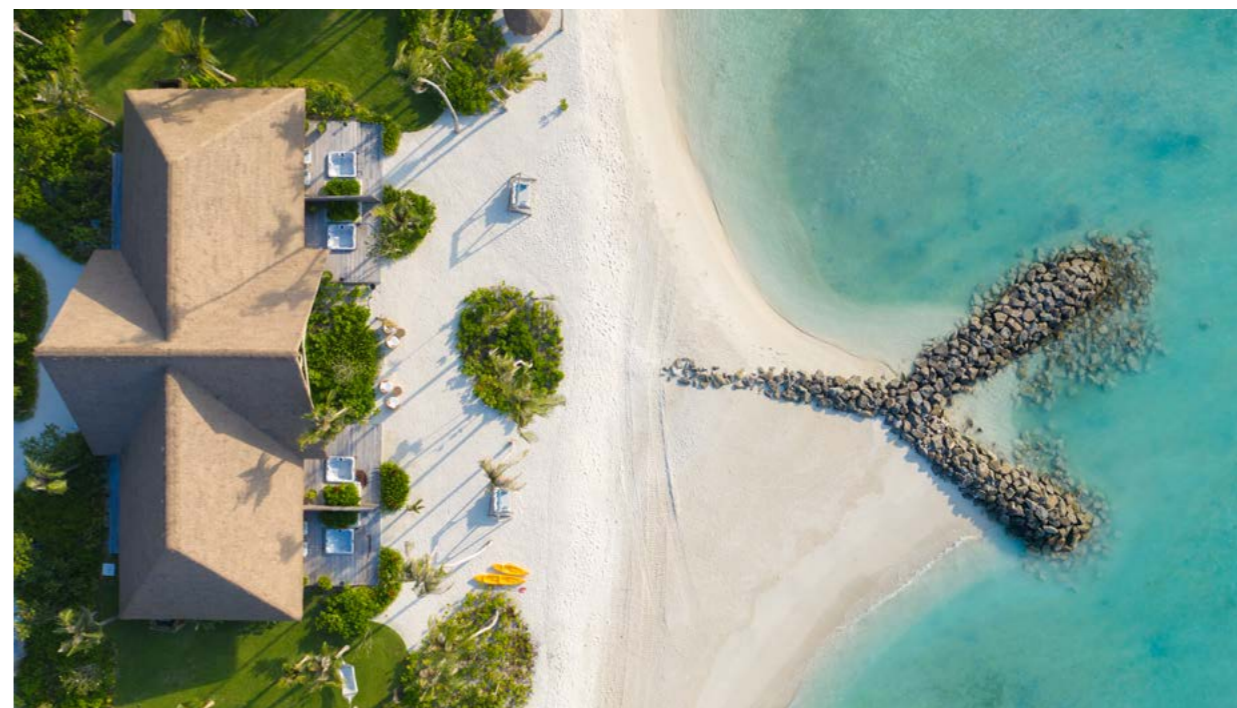
At this natural idyll in the lesser-known Dhaalu Atoll, you'll find a discovery centre inspired by banyan trees – where each 'branch' holds a playroom, kids' culinary school and yoga studio. Rest assured, the iconic butlers, alongside St. Regis' other hallmarks, are here.

### Vakkaru Maldives

Child-centred but not juvenile, Vakkaru hits the sweet spot. Little islanders can spend days at the Parrotfish Kids Club and Coconut Club before settling down in their own enclave; family villas have a special moving wall which separates their bedroom from the master.

### Ithaafushi – The Private Island by Waldorf Astoria

The largest exclusive use private island in the region is fully kitted out with staff, water sports on tap and an entertainment clubhouse. If that's not enough, just three minutes away is a vast kids' club, water park and 11 restaurants to appease even the fussiest of tummies.



Child-centred but not juvenile, this resort hits the sweet spot



Clockwise from above: Ithaafushi – The Private Island by Waldorf Astoria; St. Regis Maldives Vommuli Resort; One&Only Reethi Rah; Patina Maldives, Fari Islands; Vakkaru Maldives

*With a location that none can match, attentive service and a playground of activities, this Mauritian icon has garnered a cult-like following.*

## One&Only Le Saint Géran

An institution where staff are as loyal as its guests, Mauritius' oldest luxury hotel isn't somewhere individuals forget easily. The combination of long-haul escapism with minimal jet lag makes this island perennially popular among families. And despite once being synonymous with couples, Le Saint Géran is now home to some of the most coveted kids' activities on the island – think three-year-olds waterskiing on an inflatable aquaplane.

Multi-generational families arrive comfortable in the knowledge that all will be entertained by the endless distractions that call this place home. Multiple interconnecting rooms, as well as two- and three-bedroom suites provide ample space for all to spread out. However, it's at Villa One where island living is most stylish. A uniquely designed two-bedroom private home complete with direct beach access and a dedicated butler.

### Travel notes

Airport transfer 1 hour by car  
 142 rooms, suites and spacious multi-bedroom family suites; a standalone private villa  
 A playground of sports and activities for both children and adults at ClubOne  
 Boathouse provides complimentary water sports  
 Wellness inspired activities even for the young; a junior spa and healthy kids' menus



*Right and below:*  
 LUX\* Grand Baie Resort & Residences;  
 Constance Prince Maurice; Four Seasons Resort  
 Mauritius at Anahita



## Constance Prince Maurice

You'll enjoy zero guilt leaving little ones to flex their independence while you relax, safe in the knowledge they will be learning and having fun. Days include making pizzas and smoothies, feeding giant tortoises and rock climbing. Villas come with bikes for all ages.

## LUX\* Grand Baie Resort & Residences

Mauritian architect Jean-Francois Adam was inspired by the sailboats of his childhood when he drew up plans for this flagship resort. Situated in one of the most popular neighbourhoods in Mauritius, expect blanket-soft beaches and a vibrant downtown vibe.

## Four Seasons Resort Mauritius at Anahita

When not busy on a treasure hunt or taking part in regatta sailing, you'll likely find children in the Lord of the Rings-inspired kids' club. A place where they are encouraged to express themselves in the mini amphitheatre and discover new skills in the bakery.



*Above and left:*  
Four Seasons Maldives Private  
Island at Voavah; Thanda Private  
Island, Tanzania

*Opposite:*  
Miavana, Madagascar



### *All to yourself*

Whether a big celebration or a family reconnection, sometimes the occasion calls for a holiday where the main focus is just being together. To experience what it would be like to be the only people in the world. A cosseted castaway if you will.

From sumptuously spacious villas and hotel-esque chalets with all the creature comforts, right the way up to exclusive private islands with no one in earshot but a small team of staff, our collection of perfectly private residences are just the ticket when some family bonding is in order.

## USA & Canada

*A medley of thrill-seeking moments from land, air and sea*

There's no sitting still in North America. In fact, it could turn the most docile of dynasties into get-up-and-goers. Yet depending on where you end up, there's a different definition of high-octane – particularly in the trifecta of California, Canada and Florida. Where snow-capped mountains merge into waves that welcome all water babies, the Golden State is one big road trip where the thrills exude Cali-cool in the form of family surfing lessons, VIP movie studio tours and a helicopter ride over San Francisco's iconic landmarks.

Outdoorsy households have it best in Canada, with all ages getting their hands dirty. Outstanding nature is a given so to mix things up it's all about experiencing the great outdoors from different perspectives. Custom made boats give close up encounters of the aquatic variety, while those with a head for heights get a great view from the top of a Sitka fir tree. Later on, tales are swapped around a campfire on a night so quiet it's almost possible to hear the cries of joy all the way in Florida. Bathed in eternal sunshine, this mostly peninsula-based state is where adrenaline-inducing theme parks and lollygagging on stretches of fluffy sand merge perfectly.



*With the dramatic cliffs and crashing waves charting the course, jump behind the wheel and take the whole brood on an iconic road trip.*

## A Pacific Coast rite of passage

Ideal time: 17 nights | Best for age: 8+ year olds

The trendy streets of San Francisco are the first port of call, where some of the country's most well-known landmarks all feature on the agenda, but so too do tours of the city's neighbourhoods – from historical Chinatown to the cool waterfront. Then, behind the wheel of your hire car, take off down California's Route 1 to the rippling landscapes and marine-life-laden bays of Carmel Valley, with a private flight to bid farewell to San Francisco on the way.

After a Pismo Beach pit-stop – book-ended with a sunset meal and morning surf lessons – Santa Barbara calls with its low-key style and leisurely aquatic adventures, before the blinding lights of Beverly Hills appear over the horizon. And after fitting everything L.A. has to offer into three full days, the blissed-out sandy coves of Laguna Beach are a well-deserved break for both grown-ups and tuckered-out tykes.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Guided boat, bike and historic cable car rides through San Francisco and a tour of Alcatraz Island

Shoppers will be in their element at Union Square, where evenings are spent dining in trend setting Michelin-starred restaurants and world-renowned opera and ballets

Private seaplane fly-over of San Francisco and its surrounding landscape

Eco-raft safari to spot the whales, otters and sea lions of Monterey Bay and Point Lobos or Elkhorn Slough, before a behind-the-scenes look at the marine life in the bay's aquarium

Surf lessons at Pismo Beach and horseback ride along the Santa Barbara coastline

The La Brea Tar Pits and Universal Studios® themselves take up two days with in-depth VIP tours

A resident journalist makes for great company while paddle boarding and for a bike ride down Venice Beach boardwalk

At Laguna Beach, LEGOLAND® opens its doors to grant you priority access to rides, attractions and shows with either a private factory tour or building workshop thrown into the mix



*Splash Mountain to space shuttles and street art to alligators, Florida is the archetypal family favourite that brings joy to everyone's inner lost boy or girl.*

## Thrills and spills in the Sunshine State

Ideal time: 9 nights | Best for age: 8+ year olds

Florida hasn't earned its nickname for nothing. Being blessed with year-round sun from coasts to theme parks, it's rare that any endeavour here needs to take a rain check. The nerve centre of theme park thrills – Orlando – is the first port of call on this trip. Hair-raising roller coasters are the obvious and most fun venture, but VIP tours and queue-jumping take the visits to a whole new level.

Then it's onto The Palm Beaches where Gatsby-era architecture rubs shoulders with glitzy designer shops. A cycle around the mansions of the 'Estate Section' provides some serious home inspiration for the grown-ups and the Kennedy Space Centre makes childhood dreams of being an astronaut come true. Then there's two sides of the coin to explore at Bal Harbour; zipping through the Everglades where alligators greet with a grin before living the Miami luxe-life aboard a private yacht.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Be VIPs for the day skipping all the queues, bagging the best show seats and meeting characters away from the crowds on exclusive tours of Walt Disney World® and Universal Studios

Visit the Kennedy Space Centre where astronauts are both your behind-the-scenes guides and lunch companions

Spend a day in Palm Beach cycling around town or practicing your swing on the golf course

After following a local street artist around the graffiti-covered warehouses of Miami's Wynwood Arts District, return to his studio to create your own work of art to take home

Glide your way over the Everglades in an airboat and explore the protected wetlands and prairie grasslands home to alligators, manatees, panthers and eagles

Soak up the Miami sun on the deck of a private yacht complete with water toys and a very gifted chef

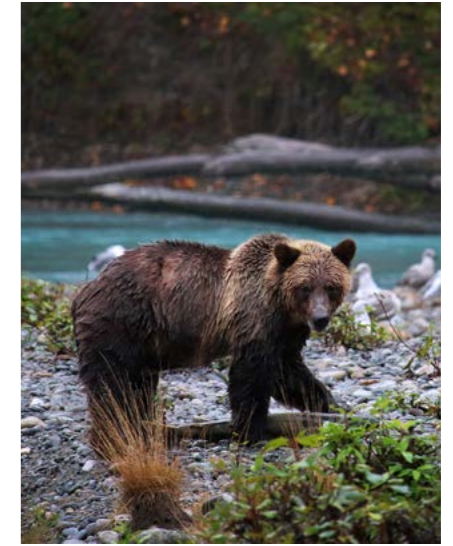
*Round up the troops for a trip where glimpsing a black bear on the treeline, swimming under waterfalls, and a nature cruise up the sound are just the tip of the iceberg.*

## A nature lover's nirvana

Ideal time: 10 nights | Best for age: 8+ year olds

Vancouver's hubbub kicks off the adventures in your own time. With an action-packed week ahead, there's no blame assigned for wanting to start by taking it slow. However, we do recommend checking out what diverse Vancouver has to offer. Head out into the city on a morning tour of Granville Island Market, before the option to tour Capilano Park or board the Skyride to the top of Grouse Mountain.

Then before you know it, a seaplane and a horse drawn carriage later, and you're on the doorstep of Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge. Outdoorsy households have it best here, with canyoning, kayaking, hiking and climbing on the roster; while the naturephiles are found spotting aquatic and land-dwelling wildlife from custom made boats or on horseback. But it's not all high-octane activities. Time slows down a bit when savouring dinner in The Cookhouse to the views across Clayoquot Sound, or over the kids' new favourite snack – s'mores – around a campfire under the stars.



### *Itinerary highlights:*

Picking up a new favourite toy from the Kids' Market or splashing around in the water park on Granville Island

Unleashing baby-botanists within the giant trees of the West Coast forest; and testing parents' nerves on Capilano's 70m high suspension bridge; before watching native carvers hone their craft

Daylight hours bring the likes of bear and whale watching with a side of otters, seals and (if you're lucky) wolves

Biking or climbing gears up for a horseback tour of the trails cutting through the forest, and a hike to Penny Falls leads to a dip in the clear water

The daring sorts can scale the 250 year old Sitka fir tree to the canopy viewing platform where the view is reward in itself

Water babies grab a paddle for an ocean kayak or canoe trip; while the firm-of-feet prefer to take it slow on a cruise out to the ocean or have a time out in the Healing Grounds Spa



*Left to right:*  
Atlantis, The Palm, Dubai; Treehotel, Sweden;  
Chalet Blanchot, Courchevel, France



### *Wildest dreams*

From a UFO hovering between the Swedish pines and a submerged suite that knows it's hotter under the water, to a palatial boutique fit for a princess and a chalet taken straight from the landscapes of Narnia. Whether authentic or just downright audacious, we're always on the search for those magical and otherworldly places that make childhood fantasies come true.



## Winter Ski & Snow

*For the serious slope-skimmers and winter wonderland wanderers*

The swell of pride watching your rosy-cheeked little one glide down the nursery slopes, the stunned joy as they open the door to a festive elf, the playful arguments over who gets the last dip of fondu. Everyone's definition of a winter holiday is different, but it can't be denied, there's nothing quite like filling lungs with crisp air while the sun turns the ground to tinsel.

When the boots are on and the goggles are at the ready, that's when it hits – the rush of the slopes. There's a plethora of resorts with versatile conditions and lengthy seasons for those later school holidays. Some resorts, however, go the extra mile. Take uptown Courchevel, where even toddlers can have their first taster at the castle-style ski kindergarten, easy-going Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis whose range of runs appeal to all levels, and Whistler where Olympic-standard slopes prove just as good for little legs as for athletes.

Away from the slopes, you can still enjoy the glacial landscape. In Finnish Lapland, a charming and magical meeting with Father Christmas begins with a reindeer-drawn sleigh along a fairy tale path, taking you right to the heart of the forest.



*A place where relaxation and complete wonder collide – there's nowhere else in the world that does well-being, adventure and family time quite like it.*

## Octola Private Wilderness

Immersed in forests and folklore, this vast estate takes you away from the crowds for a mesmerising treat as enchanting as any child – or any grown-up for that matter – could wish for. From the moment you arrive (perhaps by reindeer-drawn sleigh) it's clear that this isn't a hotel, a resort or even a lodge, but the most private of private homes that can be exclusively yours, where everything is within the expansive reindeer-roamed grounds.

For those who wish hard enough, Father Christmas is waiting in his hidden hut deep in the private forest for an exclusive meeting. Afterwards, there's lunch cooked by an open fire at a Lappish kota, where the reindeer herder shares fascinating stories about Sámi culture. Teenagers seeking an alternative thrill will forever remember the day you took them zipping across the frosty landscape on snowmobiles or husky sleds. From the Michelin-level chefs to the wilderness guides, Octola's dedicated team are all local and ready to tailor the day's activities based on your mood.

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### Travel notes

Airport transfer 25 minutes by car with optional reindeer-drawn sleigh to the door  
An exclusive-use lodge and 2-bedroom villa, sleeping up to 38 guests  
For families going alone, the villa or semi-private wings can be used separately  
Meals by Michelin-level chefs and served by a private butler  
Personal filmmaker to capture memorable moments available on request



*In the grounds of Santa's Nordic wonderland, these nest-like cosy dens of childhood dreams provide plenty of frosty fun.*

## Arctic TreeHouse Hotel

In a pristine white wilderness, just eight kilometres from Rovaniemi, you'll find luxury pod-style rooms and suites raised on stilts. The wall-to-wall windows provide a natural Insta-feed of the snow-clad forest and everchanging Aurora skies. Breathe in the nature that surrounds you, cosseted in fur and toasting marshmallows, before you set out on the plentiful ways to truly get to know and connect with the region.

With about as many reindeers in Lapland as there are people, learn more about the antlered icon at a local farm and watch the herders at work. Before whizzing through the forest on a family husky safari, keeping an eye out for the rabbits that dart across the snow-carpeted ground. While slowing the pace down but not retreating indoors just yet, there's sledges and skishoes on offer to explore the area closer to the warmth of the treehouses.

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### Travel notes

Airport transfer 5 minutes by car  
60 treehouse suites and glasshouses, some with kitchenette and private sauna  
Local bistro-style fare at Rakas restaurant and bar  
Complimentary use of fat bikes, Nordic walking poles, toboggans, kick sleds and snowshoes  
Rooms are designed to maximise the chances of seeing the Aurora





*Clockwise from below:*  
Les Barmes De l'Ours; Altapura;  
Four Seasons Hotel Megève; K2 Palace;  
Hôtel Barrière Les Neiges

## Les Barmes De l'Ours – Val d'Isère

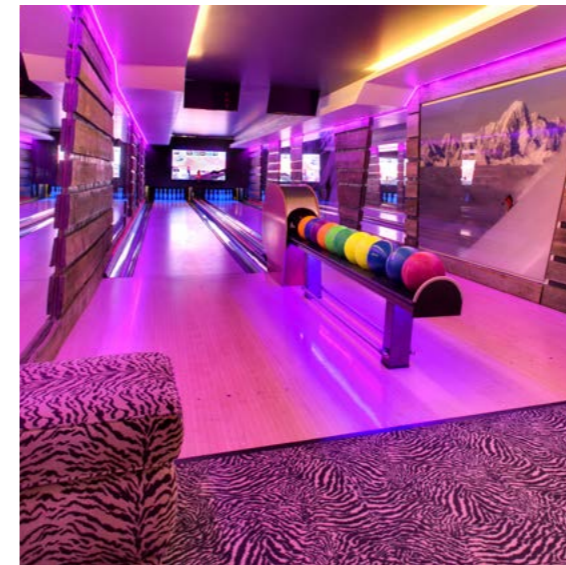
The location alone at the foot of the Belvedere Olympic run wins guests over. It combines effortless ski-in, ski-out with lavish dining and an outstanding spa; for the kids, there's games galore including a family-sized bowling alley.

## Four Seasons Hotel Megève

Personal touches here come in the form of homemade cookies, ski boots warmed daily and horse-drawn carriages around the village. Play time can include helicopter safaris, or all-action snowmobile excursions with their new Kids For All Season friends.

## Altapura – Val Thorens

At the highest resort in Europe in the heart of the world's largest ski area, this sport hotel is more Scandinavian chic than cosy. There's a kids' concierge, bath-water-warm outdoor pool for apres-ski fun and easy access to ski in and out.

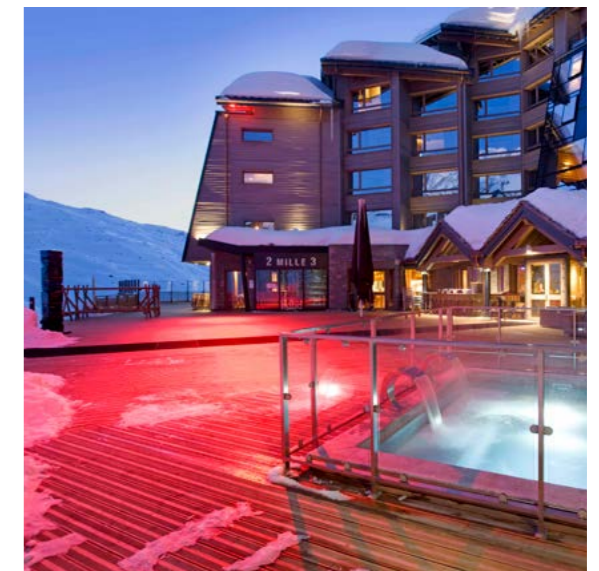


## K2 Palace – Courchevel

With ski-in, ski-out access to the Cospillot piste, this plush hotel and chalet concept is like its own little hamlet. There's two-Michelin starred meals, a spa overlooking the valley and techy distractions like pod simulators and a cinema.

## Hôtel Barrière Les Neiges – Courchevel

It's no wonder the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge chose to stay here. Blending tradition and glamour for a modern alpine feel, high-end restaurants and high-touch service work alongside a fun kids' club, health spa and premium experiences.



### Thurnher's Alpenhof – Zürs, Austria

A fairy tale setting with an exclusive address in the Alps. Forget crowded shuttle rides, steep climbs with equipment or a long journey to the slopes – everything at this family-owned home-from-home is right outside, including a first-class ski school.

### Tschuggen Grand Hotel Arosa – Switzerland

Snow-sure beginner slopes and on-the-doorstep access to over 200 kilometres of intermediate runs make this one of our top family-friendly hotels. This is a smart choice with its own mountain railway and an impressive jutting glass spa complex.

### Fairmont Chateau Whistler – Canada

As stress-free as it comes, this is Whistler's finest when it comes to ski-in, ski-out. Toboggans and snowball fights are perfect off-slope ways to keep kids amused, or head to the Olympic plaza for ice skating beneath thousands of fairy lights.



*Clockwise from below:*  
Thurnher's Alpenhof; Schlosshotel Fiss;  
Tschuggen Grand Hotel Arosa  
*Opposite:* Four Seasons Resort &  
Residences Whistler



### Schlosshotel Fiss – Serfaus-Fiss-Ladis, Austria

Swish down wide slopes and sporty carving stretches; splash your way through the hotel's water park with its loop tube and wave slides; and slow down with snuggly bathrobes, chocolate scrubs and Aufguss rituals at the family spa.

### Chalet Roy Alp Hôtel & Spa – Villars, Switzerland

Directly on the slopes, minutes from the resort centre, this is an easy go-to for impeccable service, spectacular views and spacious rooms. All-important me-time is found in the expansive spa for you, and the playrooms and cinema for the children.

### Four Seasons Resort & Residences Whistler – Canada

All alpine peaks and hanging blue glacier scenes, this towering mountain lodge is firmly rooted in the open wilderness. Yet walk through its doors and a refined intimacy hits with home comforts, hearty food and cart-wheel-calling rooms.

## *The art of the perfect journey*

*The seed has been planted. Whether it's the thrill of a first safari, returning to the kids' favourite sandy paradise or searching for reconnection with the relatives on a private island – the spark has been ignited, and now it's time to embark on a trip that is equal parts excitement and family bonding. It's time to create a journey that is a work of art worthy of putting on the fridge.*

### ***Gather the equipment***

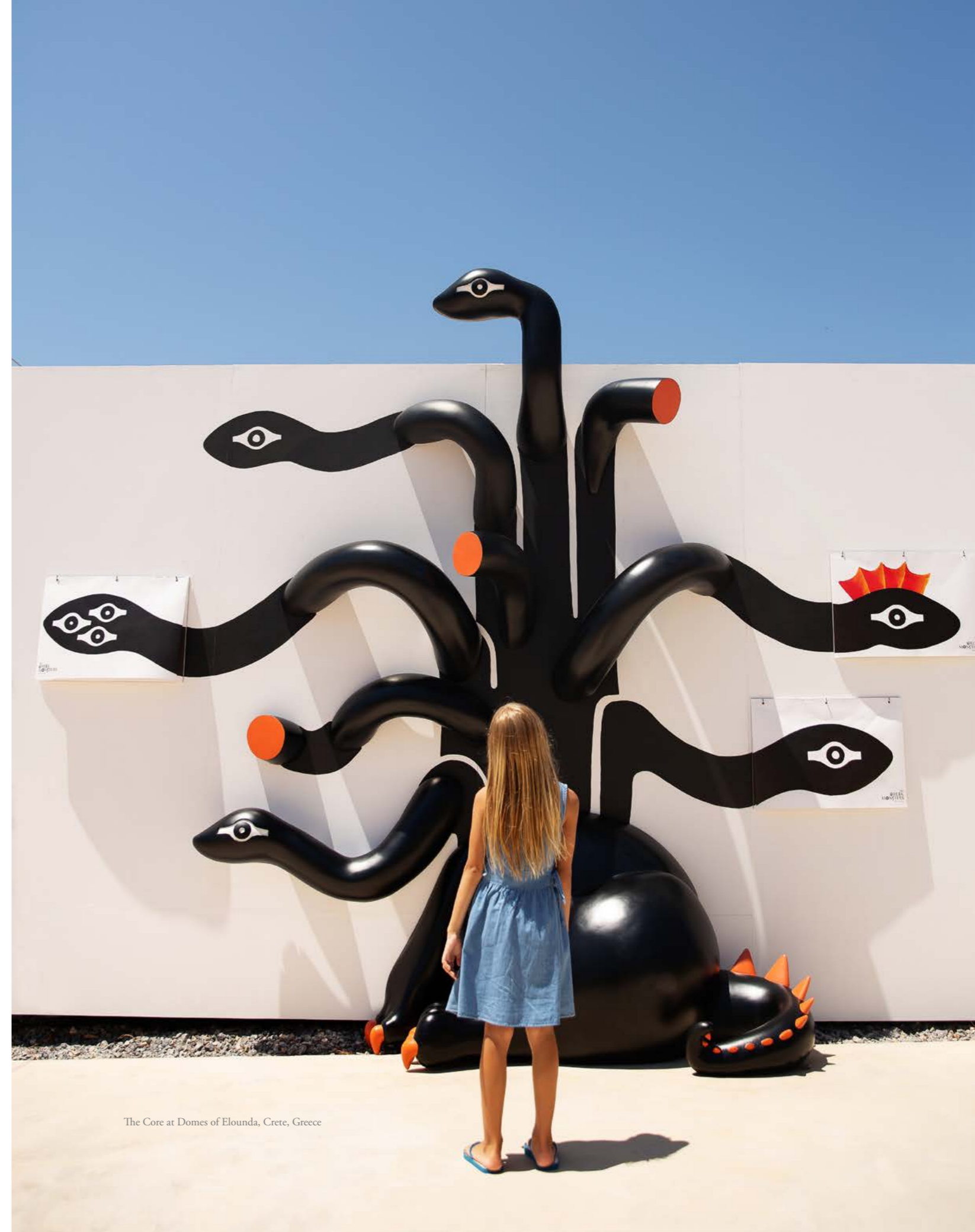
Whether painting, drawing, crafting, or writing, if children don't have the right tools to achieve their creative visions they won't be a happy camper. It's the same when it comes to designing impactful itineraries, whether complex or as simple as a fly-and-flop. Instead of crayons and acrylics, however, the 'tools' that an artist needs for this particular endeavour come in the form of questions: Where? When? And most importantly, Why?

### ***Commission the artist***

Whether it be the USA's wildlife or theme parks, Italy's history or cuisine, or Thailand's beaches or spirituality, now you've gathered the 'tools', it's time to equip your artist, arming them with your desires, goals and ambitions. Like the best work hanging on the classroom walls, a trip doesn't exist until it has been crafted by imaginative minds. It's important to commission the right artist for the result you want because they all have their own style – we call ours a 'Carrier curation'.

### ***Set up the gallery***

Narratives have come a long way, from the human storytelling of South Africa's Zulu tribes akin to bedtime stories to the much more contemporary social media feed. Stories don't become stories until someone tells them – through words, paintings or photographs – and the perfect journey is bound to come with tales worth sharing. So don't hesitate to spread the inspiration to other keen wanderers ready to commission their own work of art.



The Core at Domes of Elounda, Crete, Greece

## Where to go when

Some places are just better at certain times of the year, whether for the best wildlife sightings, the best time for celebrations or simply the best weather.

This is our guide to help you pinpoint those times that a destination is at its peak and roughly how long it'll take before you land on foreign soil. But just because the time and place don't match doesn't mean they're incompatible, so if you need to talk it over, we're here to help.



**Abu Dhabi** 29  
Journey time: 7 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| October half term | Christmas

**Antigua** 48, 50  
Journey time: 8.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Austria** 134-135  
Journey time: 2 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| Christmas

**Bahamas** 59  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Barbados** 44-45, 49  
Journey time: 8.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**British Virgin Islands** 59  
Journey time: 9 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**California** 118-119  
Journey time: 11 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer

**Canada** 122-123, 134-135  
Journey time: 9.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Summer | October half term  
| Christmas

**Cyprus** 102-103  
Journey time: 4.5 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**Dominican Republic** 54  
Journey time: 9 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Dubai** 24-28  
Journey time: 7 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| October half term | Christmas

**Finland** 128-129  
Journey time: 3 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Christmas

**Florida** 120-121  
Journey time: 9.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**France** 132-133  
Journey time: 1.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| Christmas

**Greece** 91, 96-97  
Journey time: 3.5 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**Grenada** 54  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**India** 38-39  
Journey time: 9 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | Christmas

**Indonesia** 36-37, 72-73  
Journey time: 15 hours  
*Best for:* May half term | Summer

**Italy** 98-99  
Journey time: 2.5 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**Jamaica** 54  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Kenya** 70-71  
Journey time: 8.5 hours  
*Best for:* Summer

**Maldives** 108-111  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | October half term | Christmas

**Mauritius** 112-113  
Journey time: 12 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term | Christmas

**Mexico** 54, 58  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | October half term | Christmas

**Montenegro** 84  
Journey time: 3 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer

**Morocco** 68, 102-103  
Journey time: 3.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Summer | October half term  
| Christmas

**Nevis** 54  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Oman** 24-25  
Journey time: 8 hours  
*Best for:* February half term  
| October half term | Christmas

**Portugal** 100-101  
Journey time: 3 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**Ras Al Khaimah** 24-25  
Journey time: 8.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| October half term | Christmas

**Singapore** 36-37  
Journey time: 13 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | Summer | Christmas

**Spain** 64-65, 85-87, 90  
Journey time: 2.5 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**South Africa** 14-17  
Journey time: 11.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| October half term | Christmas

**St Barths** 59  
Journey time: 9 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**St Lucia** 48, 51  
Journey time: 8.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Switzerland** 134-135  
Journey time: 2 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| Christmas

**Thailand** 34-35  
Journey time: 11.5 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | Christmas

**The Grenadines** 54  
Journey time: 9.5 hours  
*Best for:* February half term | Easter  
| May half term | Christmas

**Turkey** 102-103  
Journey time: 4 hours  
*Best for:* Easter | May half term | Summer  
| October half term

**Utah & Arizona** 76-77  
Journey time: 11 hours  
*Best for:* Summer

**Zanzibar** 18-19  
Journey time: 10 hours  
*Best for:* Summer | October half term

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