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TOP 100 KID-FRIENDLY PLACES TO STAY AROUND THE GLOBE

PLUS **CRUISES, ADVENTURE OUTFITTERS,
AND 7 GREAT DEALS TO BOOK NOW**

Kicking back at Disney's Animal Kingdom Lodge, voted No. 1 for families in the U.S. and Canada by T+L readers.



Iconic U.S. inns, Caribbean beach getaways, and African safari lodges: T+L presents the top kid-friendly hotels, cruises, and adventure outfitters to book (as chosen by readers in our annual World's Best Awards poll). This is one list you'll refer to the whole year through.

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U.S. + CANADA

1 DISNEY'S ANIMAL KINGDOM LODGE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA **95.72** Next to the theme park, a little piece of Africa: spot free-roaming zebras and antelope from your private balcony overlooking 33 acres of savanna. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$350.

2 SANDERLING RESORT & SPA DUCK
NORTH CAROLINA **94.44** Newly renovated 88-room beachfront retreat bordering an Audubon sanctuary, with a seafood-centric restaurant in an 1899 former lifesaving station. 800/701-4111; thesanderling.com; doubles from \$300.

3 BEAVER CREEK LODGE COLORADO **93.85** Tucked into a village just steps from the lifts, with fly-fishing and white-water rafting in summer. 800/525-7280; beavercreekodge.net; doubles from \$599.

4 ELIOT HOTEL BOSTON **93.75** Family-owned Back Bay boutique property, around the corner from Newbury Street and minutes from Fenway Park. 800/443-5468; eliothotel.com; doubles from \$285.

5 FOUR SEASONS RESORT JACKSON
WYOMING **93.64** An in-house biologist leads excursions to track moose and mountain lions—that is, if you can pry your crew away from the Xbox 360 in the kids' club. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$550.

6 RITZ-CARLTON BACHELOR GULCH
BEAVER CREEK, COLORADO **93.48** Winter heaven, with an affordable ski-nanny program, doggie spa treatments, and fire pits. 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$549.

7 TETON MOUNTAIN LODGE & SPA
JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING **93.33** Tall-timber resort abutting the entrance to Grand Teton National Park; the new 16,000-square-foot spa has a rooftop yoga studio that offers kids' classes. 800/631-6271; tetonlodge.com; doubles from \$389.

8 DISNEY'S WILDERNESS LODGE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA **93.21** Totem poles, carriage rides, and a man-made geyser are just a few of the features of this

Craftsman-style homage to America's national park lodges. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$375.

9 GREAT VALUE SAGAMORE RESORT
ADIRONDACKS, NEW YORK **93.10** Storied 1883 hotel on the shores of shimmering Lake George, where cruises take place on a handsome replica of a 19th-century wooden boat. 800/358-3585; thesagamore.com; doubles from \$189.

10 GRAND WAILEA MAUI **93.09** Calling all swimmers: this seaside complex has nine pools, a baby-friendly beach, and seven waterslides (some with white-water rapids). 800/232-4604; grandwailea.com; doubles from \$519.

11 CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND GEORGIA **92.94** Eighty-three-year-old grande dame with a coastal flavor (crabbing off the dock, anyone?). 888/732-4752; seaisland.com; doubles from \$395.

11 TRAPP FAMILY LODGE STOWE, VERMONT **92.94** Yes, it's owned by *that* von Trapp family—thus the Austrian-style décor and the weekly *Sound of Music* sing-alongs. 800/826-7000; trappfamily.com; doubles from \$325.

13 SANCTUARY AT KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT SOUTH CAROLINA **92.84** Barrier-island resort that has wide-ranging activities: tie-dye lessons, all-ages golf, and Surf Kayak Rodeo. 800/654-2924; kiawahresort.com; doubles from \$460.

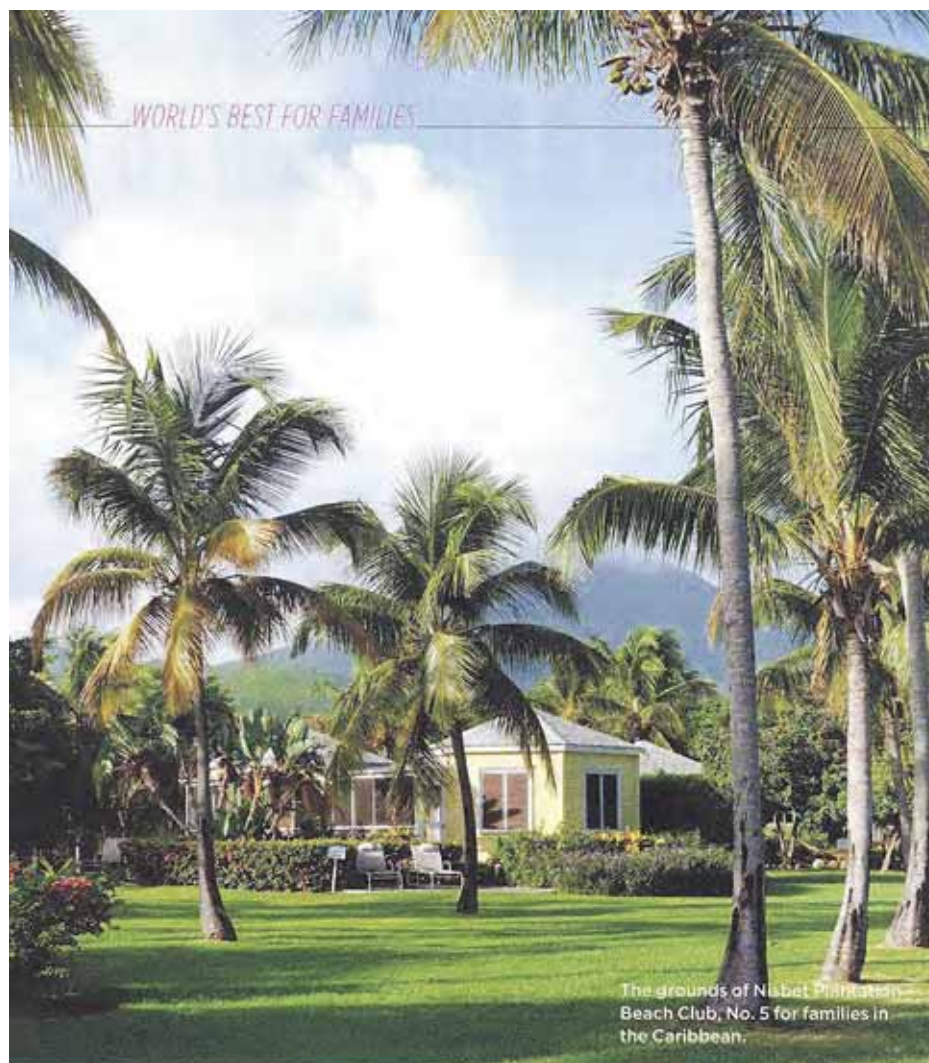
14 THE GREENBRIER WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA **92.83** Recently renovated 1913 property with a Cold War-era bunker that's open for tours. 800/453-4858; greenbrier.com; doubles from \$359.

15 DISNEY'S POLYNESIAN RESORT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA **92.75** Connected by monorail to the Magic Kingdom, this tiki lover's fantasy features everything from a Tahitian ceremonial house to a volcanic pool that "erupts" with water. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$510.

16 DISNEY'S YACHT CLUB RESORT
ORLANDO, FLORIDA **92.69** Near Epcot, a Nantucket-worthy shingled village with three acres of pools. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$465.

17 FOUR SEASONS RESORT HUALALAI
HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND **92.68** Inspired by the golden age of Hawaii; keikis get to make kiddie-size leis and snorkel Kealahou Bay. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$795.

18 DISNEY'S GRAND CALIFORNIAN HOTEL & SPA ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA **92.64** Takes its cues from California's Yosemite National Park, down to an Ahwahnee-like



The grounds of Nisbet Pinckney Beach Club, No. 5 for families in the Caribbean.

lodge and a redwood waterslide. 407/934-7639; disneyland.com; doubles from \$265.

19 DISNEY'S BOARDWALK INN & VILLAS ORLANDO, FLORIDA **92.50** Americana, everywhere: think carnival games and enough street theater to rival Atlantic City. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$500.

19 WHITE ELEPHANT NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS **92.50** Kids get pails and shovels upon check-in at this quintessential New England beach retreat, where expansive green lawns lead to the harbor's edge. 800/445-6574; whiteelephanthotel.com; doubles from \$720.

21 GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA 92.47 Close to Poipu Beach, with an inventive youth spa menu (hair braiding; Polynesian temporary tattoos). 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$365.

22 HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND **92.32** Water, water everywhere, from the saltwater lagoon to

the tropical-fish-filled canals. 800/445-8667; hilton.com; doubles from \$369.

23 HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES RESORT & SPA TEXAS **92.31** Twenty-three miles east of Austin, with draft horses for mascots and a "Don't Mess With Texas Animals" program where children learn about the wildlife of the surrounding habitat. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$319.

24 STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE VERMONT **92.17** The only ski-in, ski-out hotel on one of the best slopes in the East, with an après-ski spa for all ages. 888/478-6938; stowe-mountainlodge.com; doubles from \$259.

25 DISNEY'S VERO BEACH RESORT FLORIDA **92.00** Two hours from Orlando: beachfront breakfast with Goofy for the kids, wine-pairing classes for you. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$375.

26 STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE PARK CITY, UTAH **91.43** Five minutes from Main Street and right beside the lifts, with ski valets for

every age. 800/453-1302; steinlodge.com; doubles from \$639.

27 LOEWS PORTOFINO BAY HOTEL AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO FLORIDA **91.23** Lavish re-creation of a picturesque Italian town, complete with nightly operas sung from the balconies. 888/464-3617; loewshotels.com; doubles from \$349.

28 GRAND HOTEL MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN **91.11** Open from May to October, this legendary 19th-century resort on Lake Huron features 100 rocking chairs on the world's longest porch. 800/334-7263; grandhotel.com; from \$279 per person, including children's activities and most meals.

28 GREAT VALUE HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA **91.11** Near the Gulf of Mexico, with adventure—a rock-climbing wall; corkscrew waterslides—around every bend. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$199.

30 HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY RESORT & SPA SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS **91.00** SeaWorld is your neighbor, but the fun begins on site: the four-acre water playground includes a 950-foot tubing river and a zero-entry kiddie pool. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$349.

31 HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA 90.84 Set along a three-mile stretch of Maui's crescent Kaanapali Beach and fresh from a \$15 million face-lift, the stargazing nights are a hit. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$279.

32 RITZ-CARLTON NAPLES, FLORIDA **90.65** Eleven aquariums, eco walks, and naturalist-led boat tours give young guests a crash course in conservation. 888/856-4380; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$769.

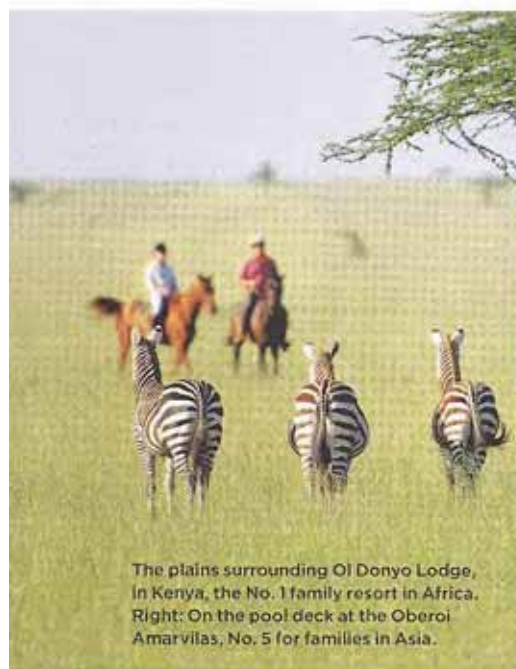
33 LAPLAYA BEACH & GOLF RESORT NAPLES, FLORIDA **90.63** Order piña coladas by the Gulf of Mexico after dropping the kids off at Aquatic Camp. 800/237-6883; laplayaresort.com; doubles from \$439.

34 MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND **90.48** Built by Laurence Rockefeller in 1965, with lanais for all rooms and a Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed golf course. 888/977-4623; prince-resortshawaii.com; doubles from \$500.

35 DISNEY'S GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT & SPA ORLANDO, FLORIDA **90.38** Turrets and plenty of gingerbread trim turn Disney's flagship property into a showcase of Victorian style. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$505.

36 HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND **90.37** On a fabled stretch of fine white sand overlooking the Kahala Coast. 888/977-4623; princeresortshawaii.com; doubles from \$415. »

METHODOLOGY Rankings are based on reader evaluations collected in *Travel + Leisure's* 2011 World's Best Awards survey. Respondents rated hotels on how well they cater to families. Scores are indexed averages of responses, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a true tie, properties share the same ranking. For full survey details, visit TravelandLeisure.com/worldsbest.



The plains surrounding Ol Donyo Lodge, in Kenya, the No. 1 family resort in Africa. Right: On the pool deck at the Oberoi Amarvilas, No. 5 for families in Asia.



37 JW MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO HILL COUNTRY TEXAS 90.32 Texas-size everything in the heart of Hill Country—close to SeaWorld, Six Flags, and the River Walk. 866/882-4420; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$359.

38 LONGBOAT KEY CLUB & RESORT SARASOTA, FLORIDA 90.27 Golf, tennis, and other country-club pursuits on 410 acres overlooking Sarasota Bay. 800/237-8821; longboatkeyclub.com; doubles from \$329.

39 GREAT VALUE WILD DUNES RESORT ISLE OF PALMS, SOUTH CAROLINA 90.21 On a barrier island near Charleston; families can take part in eco-tours, crafts, and watersports. 877/221-0901; wilddunes.com; doubles from \$249.

40 HOTEL HERSHEY PENNSYLVANIA 90.15 Got a sweet tooth? This 1933 hilltop resort pulls out all the stops—chocolate bingo, a Cocoa Kids Club, and more. 800/437-7439; thehotelhershey.com; doubles from \$419.

41 LANGHAM HUNTINGTON (formerly the Ritz-Carlton) **PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 90.00** Manicured haven with a host of warm-weather offerings (bike rentals; frozen treats by the pool). 800/591-7481; langhamhotels.com; doubles from \$269.

41 PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK RESORT & SPA COLORADO 90.00 Guests have access to one of the nation's top ski schools, plus a

restaurant you can only reach by horse-drawn sleigh. 877/875-4658; hyatt.com; doubles from \$399.

41 GREAT VALUE WALDORF ASTORIA ORLANDO, FLORIDA 90.00 New York sophistication near Walt Disney World Resort, with theme nights, relay races, and all the gaming equipment a kid could desire. 888/353-2009; waldorfastoria.com; doubles from \$249.

44 THE BROADMOOR COLORADO SPRINGS 89.83 Nearly a century old, it's popular for family reunions thanks to 18 restaurants and a wealth of outdoor activities. 866/837-9520; broadmoor.com; doubles from \$420.

45 LOEWS ROYAL PACIFIC RESORT AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO FLORIDA 89.80 Saturday-night luaus and a lagoon-style pool call to mind the South Seas at this kid-friendly complex connected to the theme parks. 888/464-3617; loewshotels.com; doubles from \$279.

46 FOUR SEASONS RESORT MAUI AT WAILEA 89.71 Learn to captain an outrigger canoe, then take a snorkel or scuba class for free. 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$495.

47 RITZ-CARLTON, KAPALUA MAUI 89.71 On a 23,000-acre historic pineapple plantation, with a Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program.

Bonus: Children eat free. 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$719.

48 DISNEY'S BEACH CLUB RESORT ORLANDO, FLORIDA 89.68 Fishing, sailing, and cycling are all part of the yacht-clubby culture at this lakefront retreat. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$465.

49 THE AHWAHNEE YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA 89.67 Book now—the crown jewel of the national parks is fresh from a multimillion-dollar refurbishment. 801/559-4949; yosemitepark.com; doubles from \$339.

50 MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH CALIFORNIA 89.64 Craftsman-style resort with top-notch kids' clubs on a bluff overlooking the Pacific break. 866/271-6953; montagelaguna.com; doubles from \$695.

CARIBBEAN, BERMUDA + BAHAMAS

1 BEACHES TURKS AND CAICOS RESORT & SPA 95.73 Something for everyone: there's a Martha Stewart craft center, a Scratch DJ Academy, a staffed nursery, a spa, and more. 800/232-2437; beaches.com; from \$515 per person, all-inclusive.

2 REGENT PALMS TURKS AND CAICOS 90.77 White-on-white resort with 72 rooms, many of which connect for maximum sprawling. »

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800/545-4000; regentturksandcaicos.com; doubles from \$850.

3 RITZ-CARLTON GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS 87.95 Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment program keeps kids busy—and thank goodness, because the world's only Silver Rain La Prairie Spa awaits you. 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$499.

4 RITZ-CARLTON ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS 87.01 Set on the secluded East End, but only 20 minutes from the airport. 800/241-3333; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$599.

5 NISBET PLANTATION BEACH CLUB NEVIS 86.25 Former sugar plantation with 36 villas and a beloved weekly barbecue on the sand. 800/742-6008; nisbetplantation.com; doubles from \$670, including breakfast and dinner.

6 ROUND HILL HOTEL & VILLAS MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA 85.83 Compound that seems straight out of a Ralph Lauren ad (in fact, he designed the beachfront Pineapple House). 800/972-2159; roundhill.com; doubles from \$599.

7 ATLANTIS PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS 85.56 Over the top, in more ways than one; introduce your little ones to sushi at Nobu, then plunge—via an enclosed waterslide—through a pool of sharks. 888/877-7525; atlantis.com; doubles from \$440.

8 JUMBY BAY, A ROSEWOOD RESORT ANTIGUA 85.46 Forty-room hotel owned by the island's residents, making for a strong community vibe. 888/767-3966; jumbybayresort.com; doubles from \$1,420, all-inclusive.

9 CURTAIN BLUFF RESORT ANTIGUA 85.33 Staffers are encouraged to share their island's culture with guests (they'll happily show you how to play a steel drum). 888/289-9898; curtainbluff.com; doubles from \$775, all-inclusive.

10 CASA DE CAMPO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC 84.89 One to watch, thanks to a recent \$40 million renovation and new nonstop flights from JFK. Young equestrians will love the extensive on-site stables. 800/877-3643; casadecampo.com.do; doubles from \$495.

10 GRACE BAY CLUB TURKS AND CAICOS 84.89 Resort with 82 rooms and a genius setup: 22 rooms are for adults only, the other 60 are for families. 800/946-5757; gracebayclub.com; doubles from \$980, including breakfast.

AFRICA + MIDDLE EAST

1 OL DONYO LODGE MERRIAMI GROUP RANCH, KENYA 99.31 Sleep under the vast African sky in this 20-bed lodge with views

of Mount Kilimanjaro. 254-20/600-0457; greatplainsconservation.com; from \$850 per person, all-inclusive.

2 SERENGETI MIGRATION CAMP SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK, TANZANIA 97.33 Twenty elevated canvas pavilions with rain showers and 180-degree views of the Serengeti. 255-27/250-0630; elewana.com; from \$745 per person, all-inclusive.

3 SINGITA GRUMETI RESERVES SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK, TANZANIA 96.84 Enroll your kids in the Mini Rangers course, where they can track wildlife through the Serengeti. 27-21/683-3424; singita.com; from \$1,095 per person, all-inclusive.

4 NGORONGORO CRATER LODGE TANZANIA 94.60 Stilted, handcrafted deluxe mud-and-thatch suites with eco-focused activities for children (best for ages 8 and up). 888/882-3742; andbeyond.com; from \$1,500 per person, all-inclusive.

5 LONDOLLOZI GAME RESERVE SABI SANDS WILDTURN, SOUTH AFRICA 94.44 Masters of the hands-on approach—upon arrival, each child meets with a ranger to map out nature and cultural activities. 27-11/280-6655; londolozzi.com; from \$890 per person, all-inclusive.

6 FAIRMONT MOUNT KENYA SAFARI CLUB NANYUKI, KENYA 94.29 With an animal orphanage on site and Sweetwaters Game Reserve nearby, this is the place to spot Mount Kenyan antelopes, rhinos, and chimpanzees. 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$329.

7 ROYAL MALEWANE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA 94.12 Unfenced bush lodge with an impressive list of excursions—canyon cruises, helicopter flights over waterfalls, and golfing among hippos and giraffes. 27-15/793-0150; royalmalewane.com; from \$1,572 per person, all-inclusive.

8 FAIRMONT MARA SAFARI CLUB MASAÏ MARA, KENYA 93.04 Posh family tented compounds come with verandas over a hippo-filled river. 800/441-1414; fairmont.com; doubles from \$709, all-inclusive.

9 SINGITA SABI SAND AT SABI SAND PRIVATE GAME RESERVE (EBONY LODGE, BOULDERS LODGE, CASTLETON CAMP) KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA 92.73 Group getaway of a lifetime? Book the connecting family suites on the banks of the Sand River. 27-21/683-3424; singita.com; from \$1,742 per person, all-inclusive.

10 GIRAFFE MANOR NAIROBI, KENYA 92.00 Near Nairobi National Park, a 1930's manor house where giraffes might sneak a bite of your breakfast. 254-20/251-3166; thesafaricollection.com; from \$440 per person, all-inclusive. »

ASIA

1 THE PENINSULA MANILA 95.56 Kids rule here: the Children's Academy holds Filipino arts lessons, and an extensive ice cream menu is on hand in the lobby (order the 19-scoop concoction if you dare). 866/382-8388; peninsula.com; doubles from \$484.

2 DISCOVERY SHORES BORACAY, PHILIPPINES 93.79 On a soft white beach built for sandcastles. 63-2/720-8888; discoveryshoresboracay.com; doubles from \$768.

3 DUSIT THANI LAGUNA PHUKET, THAILAND 93.33 Batik painting and kite flying are de rigueur at this beachfront resort. 66-76/362-999; dusit.com; doubles from \$1,489.

4 ANANTARA GOLDEN TRIANGLE RESORT & SPA CHIANG RAI, THAILAND 92.22 Learn how to ride, feed, and bathe elephants in their sanctuary with the help of skillful mahouts (elephant drivers). 66-53/784-084; anantara.com; doubles from \$484.

5 OBEROI AMARVILAS AGRA, INDIA 91.48 Overlooking the Taj Mahal, with

endless activities on eight acres of landscaped gardens. 800/562-3764; oberoihotels.com; doubles from \$952.

6 OBEROI UDAIVILAS UDAIPUR, INDIA 90.83 Watch your child enjoy a camel ride up the path to this domed palace. 800/562-3764; oberoihotels.com; doubles from \$841.

6 TAJ LAKE PALACE UDAIPUR, INDIA 90.83 Set in the middle of crystalline Lake Pichola, where you can dine aboard an 18th-century barge. 866/969-1825; tajhotels.com; doubles from \$830.

8 JW MARRIOTT PHUKET RESORT & SPA THAILAND 90.63 Family-focused programs include Thai Ginja cooking courses and circus training. 800/228-9290; jwmarriott.com; doubles from \$269.

9 FOUR SEASONS RESORT CHIANG MAI, THAILAND 89.68 Thai-style pavilions among scenic rice paddies and water buffaloes. 800/819-5053; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$645.

10 GREAT VALUE ROYAL ORCHID SHERATON HOTELS & TOWERS BANGKOK 88.89 Surrounded by tropical foliage, with a

saltwater terraced pool and resident peacocks. 800/325-3535; sheraton.com; doubles from \$200.

CENTRAL + SOUTH AMERICA

1 INKATERRA MACHU PICCHU PUEBLO HOTEL PERU 92.86 Deep in the cloud forest, the setting for 200 native species of birds and a rescue center for endangered Andean bears. 800/442-5042; inkaterra.com; doubles from \$548.

2 FOUR SEASONS RESORT COSTA RICA AT PENINSULA PAPAGAYO 91.74 Zipline through a cacophonous forest canopy before settling into your tree-house suite. 800/819-5053; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$595.

3 LLAO LLAO HOTEL & RESORT, GOLF-SPA SAN CARLOS DE BARILOCHE, ARGENTINA 91.67 Kids practice rappelling and making musical instruments at the Nahuelito's Club. 54-2944/448-530; llaollao.com; doubles from \$495.

4 GREAT VALUE VICTORIA HOUSE AMBERGRIS CAY, BELIZE 90.59 Plantation-style getaway with snorkeling and diving excursions nearby at Hol Chan Marine Reserve. 800/247-5159; victoria-house.com; doubles from \$185.

5 GREAT VALUE HOTEL ATITLÁN, SOLOLÁ GUATEMALA 88.75 Spanish-colonial hacienda a quick walk from the Atitlán Nature Preserve (and its wild spider monkeys). 502/7762-1441; hotelatitlan.com; doubles from \$140.

EUROPE

1 STAFFORD LONDON BY KEMPINSKI 92.00 Recently renovated compound near Buckingham Palace and St. James's Park—where kids can feed the ducks with chef-provided bread. 44-20/7518-1119; kempinski.com; doubles from \$708.

2 HOTEL SPLENDIDO PORTOFINO, ITALY 90.00 On the bay of Portofino and an easy stroll from Gelateria San Giorgio, where Pietro will teach you how to hand-make gelato. 800/237-1236; hotelsplendido.com; doubles from \$1,639, including some meals.

3 DROMOLAND CASTLE COUNTY CLARE, IRELAND 89.50 With a trout-filled lake on 410 acres of woodland, all ripe for exploration. 800/346-7007; dromoland.ie; doubles from \$773.

4 GRAND HOTEL QUISISANA CAPRI, ITALY 88.24 Garden-filled oasis in the pedestrian-friendly island center, overlooking a seemingly endless sea. 39-081/837-0788; quisisana.com; doubles from \$523.



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4 MILESTONE HOTEL LONDON 88.24

Little ones get a behind-the-scenes tour with management and a chance to perform small tasks (icing tea cakes; shaking mocktails). 800/223-6800; milestonehotel.com; doubles from \$426.

6 PARK HOTEL KENMARE COUNTY KERRY, IRELAND 88.00

Seal-watching cruises and horse stables, all from a Victorian country mansion. 800/525-4800; parkkenmare.com; from \$280 per person, including breakfast.

7 HOTEL EXCELSIOR VENICE 87.78

White huts dot a private beach; a water shuttle takes you to Venice's historic center. 39-041/526-0201; hotelexcelsiorvenezia.com; doubles from \$748.

8 ASHFORD CASTLE COUNTY MAYO, IRELAND 87.10

What could be better than staying in a 13th-century medieval castle? Learning to handle hawks at its School of Falconry. 800/346-7007; ashford.ie; doubles from \$680.

9 HOTEL ALFONSO XIII, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL (reopening in 2012) SEVILLE, SPAIN 87.03

New-Moorish landmark close to the Santa Cruz quarter; go boating on the Guadalquivir River or just laze around the palm-shaded pool. 800/325-3589; luxurycollection.com; doubles from \$557.

10 HOTEL GRANDE BRETAGNE, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL ATHENS 86.94

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1 FOUR SEASONS RESORT, PUNTA MITA 93.33

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2 VIKING RIVER CRUISES 67.31

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800/555-8333; uniworld.com.

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