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new **Island Helicopters** tour to the 400-foot waterfalls featured in *Jurassic Park* (islandhelicopters.com), or eschew Hollywood altogether and venture into the forest with **Outfitters Kauai** via a new zip-line course (outfitterskauai.com).
Check in: While elegant, the **St. Regis Princeville Resort** doesn't neglect the kids. Instead, ocean butlers teach island ecology and pint-sized lounge chairs can be found poolside (rooms from \$850, stregisprinceville.com).

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Check in: The just-opened kids-only Surf Club at the shorefront **Harbor Beach Marriott Resort & Spa** aims to outdo the ocean with a clubhouse surf simulator — kids ride a longboard and see their moves on a screen with this Nintendo-Wii-like video game. The club also offers iMacs, Xbox 360s, and a theater with a 65-inch screen (rooms from \$259, marriottharborbeach.com).
Explore: Broward County just erected its **92nd artificial reef** off Hugh Taylor Birch State Park's north end to expand the native fish habitat. Plunge into the underwater world with **Pro Dive International** (prodivesa.com).

AT SEA

Europe

What to expect: **Tauk Bridges'** new family-specific departures are the easiest way to capital-hop through Europe this summer. The Blue Danube: Family Riverboat Adventure trip visits Bratislava, Vienna, Linz, and Regensburg, with an excursion to Salzburg. Enjoy castle visits and sightseeing, plus whitewater rafting, marzipan sculpting, and, onboard the boat, kite-flying from the top deck.
Booking details: Eight-day trips start at \$2,790 per person for July 1 and July 29 departures (tauks.com).

Alaska

What's on: Summer is cruise season in the 49th state, and **Princess Cruises** offers a new family package bundling seven nights at sea with five nights in the inland wilderness. After watching rivers of ice calve in Glacier Bay and hiking on a glacier in Juneau, board a train from Whittier for parts north. Tour via jet boat near Mount McKinley, watch for wildlife in Denali National Park, and pan for gold at a former mining site.
Booking details: Twelve-night tours start at \$1,743 per person for the first two passengers and \$1,191 per person for the third and fourth in the same cabin on weekly departures through August (princess.com).



CULTURAL SPIRIT:

Mongolian children perform a creative camel dance at a mini-Naadam festival.

EXOTIC JOURNEYS

Mongolia

What to expect: This year, **Nomadix Expeditions** introduces family trips for parents with kids ages 3-12. Highlights include riding camels across the Gobi desert, exploring a national park on horseback, meeting nomadic herding families, and uncovering dinosaur fossils at excavation sites.

Booking details: The customized family trips depart May through October for 10-12 days. Prices start at \$238 per day per child, \$289 per day per adult (nomadixexpeditions.com).

Kenya and Tanzania

What to expect: Track the Big Five on family game drives with **Micato Safaris**. Its updated Family-to-Family Safari still visits the famed Ngorongoro Crater, home to 20,000 different wildlife species, and puts you elbow to elbow with Masai children, but now adds a stay at Kenya's Loisaba Lodge. The 60,000-acre private reserve touts camelback safaris, ATV rides, river rafting, and outdoor overnights in cozy four-poster beds.
Booking details: Sixteen-day trips start at \$13,730 for adults, \$10,910 for kids up to age 16, with eight departures this summer (micato.com).

Family-Friendly Resorts

The newest resorts are decidedly young at heart

HOTEL			
Buccament Bay Beach Resort, St. Vincent & the Grenadines	JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, San Antonio	Trump International Hotel Walkiki Beach Walk, Honolulu, Hawaii	Ocean House, Watch Hill, R.I.
SNAPSHOT			
Set to open on July 1, this flagship property for Harlequin Hotels & Resorts will debut a diverting, something-for-everyone beach resort complete with a marina, sports academy, and 12 restaurants, including a Trader Vic's.	This sprawling, 1,002-room hacienda-style retreat in the Texas Hill Country lays out 36 holes of golf designed by Greg Norman and Pete Dye, a 30 treatment-room spa, and pools, pools, pools on 600 acres.	The Hawaiian Trump offers 462 residential-style rooms of up to three bedrooms with kitchens featuring Wolf cooktops and Sub-Zero refrigerators, plus three restaurants and a spa.	Opening in June, the 49-room Ocean House resuscitates Victorian-era seaside retreats, but with a 12,000-square-foot spa, cabana service, sensory-activated wristband room keys for the kids, plus several residential suites.
HIGHLIGHT			
The Harlequin Performing Arts Academy will train budding thespians, ages 8-18, in Broadway dances, pop vocals, acting, even stage management and makeup.	Six acres of pools and water-park-style entertainment include a rapid river, lazy river with rubber duck races, and two pools just for adults.	Lots of kiddie extras, including games, books, and mini bathrobes in the rooms, plus "baby attaches" for help with the smallest guests.	Old-fashioned fun, including a croquet green, clamcakes, and bonfire s'mores on the private beach.
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Rooms from \$450, harlequin-hotelsandresorts.com	Rooms from \$209, jw-sanantonio.com	Rooms from \$340, trumpwalkikihotel.com	Rooms from \$430, oceanhouse.com