

5 Dreamy Family Getaways

We've led ourselves to believe that it's impossible to go anywhere cool with kids, but writer Monica Mendal makes a case for seeing the world together. Hotels are making it easier than ever with new experiences just for them—from horseback riding with gauchos to map reading in Scotland, even farming under the Tuscan sun.

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Estancia Vik

José Ignacio, Uruguay

José Ignacio is one of those if-you-know-you-know types of places, making it a less obvious choice for a family-friendly destination. But with its abundantly rich landscape and cultural offerings, like the art and food scene in the storybook town of Garzon or the subtle beaches paired perfectly, if improbably, with the rural gaucho life of José Ignacio, there's truly something for everyone here for families with kids 6+. Stay at [Estancia Vik](#), because while

you can always visit Bahia Vik in town for a beach day, the experience at the estancia is unlike any other. Situated on 4,000 acres of land, the estancia's Spanish colonial building, with its white adobe walls and red tin roof, serves as the base for your week of culturally-rich outdoor adventures. Family fun is served in various ways – from long lazy days at the pool to more active days playing tennis at the hotel's grass courts or taking polo lessons on the property's private polo field. Or, live the gaucho life canoeing or horseback riding at sunset or going bareback in the morning to swim with the horses. In the evenings, experience an authentic Uruguayan BBQ at the estancia's own restaurant, El Asador.