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“Wow!” Factor FAMILY GETAWAYS

THESE RESORTS AND HOTELS OFFER OVER-THE-TOP SERVICES AND AMENITIES SURE TO IMPRESS ANY TRAVEL-SAVVY KID BY NUBIA DUVAL WILSON

Family-friendly travel experiences have gone light years beyond kids eating free and getting complimentary robes; Children and teens are *the* new discerning luxury traveler, and are now spoiled for tailored accommodation choices. Tots to tweens can now enjoy swim-up soda and juice bars, farm-to-table experiences, and programs that encourage face time over digital playtime. So, for families who want to plan the ultimate vacation for their hard-to-please adventurous young ones, presenting destinations that are truly on fleek.

The Coral is Atlantis's new family-centric tower that just re-opened after year-long renovations, offering state-of-the-art design and amenities specifically tuned to multi-generational travelers. Its tower offers the closest proximity to The Marina Village, which is overflowing with Bahamian dining and cultural features. Guests can also explore outside the resort and experience nearby city culture, with options for everyone. The Kids Concierge service (open 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. daily) is available exclusively to guests of The Coral; its team plans and customizes vacation experiences, vis-à-vis scheduling family swims at Dolphin Cay, exploring kids' activities on the property, daily itineraries for youngsters, and access to children menus at dining venues. Coral Pool "Dive In Movies" feature Bahamian-infused snacks, and are perfect for families, or parents eager for a chance to have a kids-free evening.

The lobby lounge is now kid-appropriate, too, thanks to the new Sun & Ice ice cream, gelato, and sorbet experience created by Bahamian Chef Wayne Moncur—the perfect mix of sweet treats and healthy indulgences. Sun & Ice was created as a "farm to table" concept, offering



**ATLANTIS
PARADISE
ISLAND**
The Bahamas,
atlantisbahamas.com, \$\$

a blend of organic, seasonal fruits, herbs, teas, spices, and seeds from throughout the islands of The Bahamas. For a break from the beach, visit the resort's waterscape park, Aquaventure. **Starting at \$215 per night.**

ULTIMATE BOOKING: Families who want an over-the-top experience can opt for the Bedroom Regal Suite. The two-bedroom accommodation stretches out over 3,585 square feet, and offers pre-arrival concierge services along with in-suite check-in, 24-hour butler service, and pint-sized amenities like robes for youngsters. Stays include access to 18 waterslides, 11 swimming pools, 14 lagoons, three white-sand beaches, and two river rides. **\$1,400 per night.**



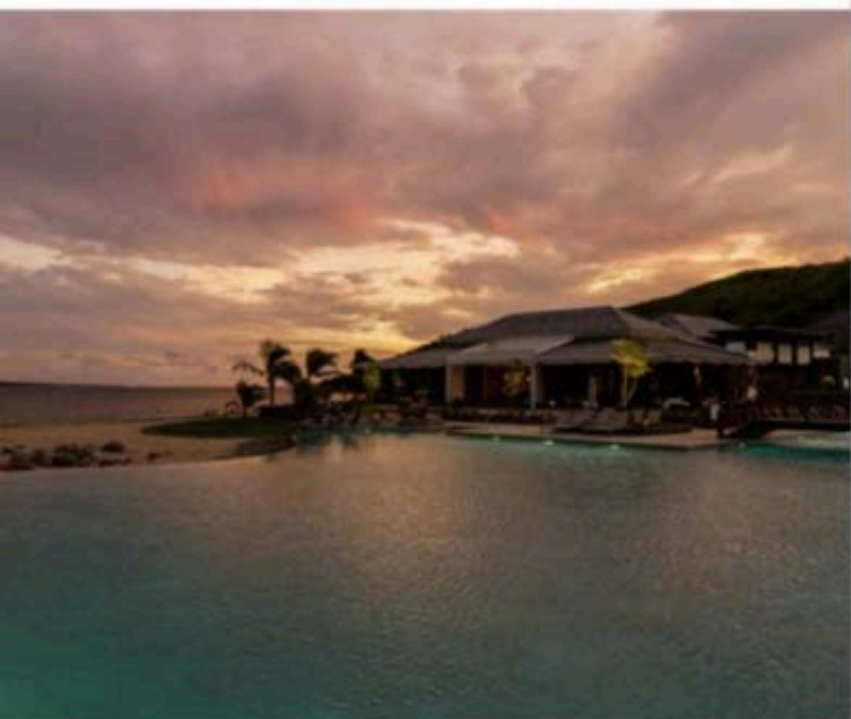


→ **PARK HYATT
ST. KITTS**

St. Kitts, hyatt.com, \$\$\$

This gem recently opened as the Caribbean island's first luxury branded beachfront resort. Each of its 78 rooms and 48 suites face Banana Bay and has either a private balcony or terrace. The hotel offers direct beach access, separate adult and family designated pools, a spa with nine treatment rooms, and a 1,750-square-foot, 24-hour health club. The Great House restaurant, the heart of the resort, features a rum bar, herb garden, chefs table, and a conservatory serving plantation afternoon tea. In addition, The Fisherman's Village offers an "ocean to table" family dining experience, and The Stone Barn presents adults-only dinner from its beautiful hearth.





The Island Fort by Camp Hyatt is open to kids as young as three up to 12 years old, and offers numerous activities and services. Parents will love that on Wednesdays and Fridays, the camp is open until 8 p.m. (Adult early night out, anyone?) Hands-on activities include sea turtle monitoring, making healthy snacks with the food and beverage team from the indigenous herb garden, kite flying every Wednesday and Saturday on the beach, and creating costumes-included theater productions for parents in the intimate theater. **Starting at \$400 per night.**

ULTIMATE BOOKING: The Presidential Villa is great for families of four or more who want a “home away from home” feeling. Each three-bedroom villa is an expansive 5,210-square-foot space—a residential experience...only in paradise. Enjoy a private infinity pool, games room, and wellness area. Guests are served by a dedicated butler, and a private chef will create bespoke meals under the expert guidance of the hotel’s executive chef. Additional amenities include daily cabana access, private airport transfers, private security service and laptop-sized safe, Yu Lounge access upon arrival, and two 50-minute spa treatments. **\$2,900 per night.**

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GRANDE LAKES ORLANDO

Orlando, Florida, grandelakes.com, \$\$

This resort is committed to sustainable farming and other local culinary initiatives, and incorporates them with vigor into services for guests. The Grande Lakes Resort encompasses Ritz-Carlton Orlando and JW Marriott, both of which offer world-class accommodations, dining, activities, and amenities. The property launched "Whisper Creek Fables" in 2017, which has a series of unique farm-inspired gourmet experiences on the property's 18,000-square-foot Whisper Creek Farm. (Pedi-cabs or shuttle vans chauffeur guests from the hotels to the farm.)

The Whisper Creek Fables experiences provide guests a chance to get up close and personal with food, via interactive journeys that show how ingredients are sourced and transformed into meals and beverages. It hosts three kinds of educational programs: Farm to Fare, Farm to Family, and Farm to Foam. The middle selection, a guided-tour of growing and other production areas, gives kids a hands-on farming experience, and they're then invited to feast on a picnic lunch featuring items they handpicked. The goal is to teach them about sustainable farming, as well as learn techniques from knowledgeable growers. Parents can enjoy The Brewery at JW Marriott and get educated on the garden fruits and herbs that are sourced to create on-site drafts and bottles. After a visit to The Brewery, guests participate in "beer & bites" samplings in the Farm to Foam experience. Experiences range from \$75 to \$160 per person, although farm tours can be complimentary upon request.

Starting at \$295 per night.

ULTIMATE BOOKING: The Ritz Carlton's Ultra luxury Royal Suite stretches over 4,293 square feet, and is available with up to four bedrooms. The common area includes living, dining, and powder rooms, with up to *eight* personal balconies as well as views of the lake, golf course, and swimming pool. The suite also includes a grand master bathroom, walk-in closet, an ultra-modern kitchen, and a high-end media room (with soundproof walls!), along with a Bose Wave music system with iPhone connection. **\$800 per night (suites available starting in October).**

