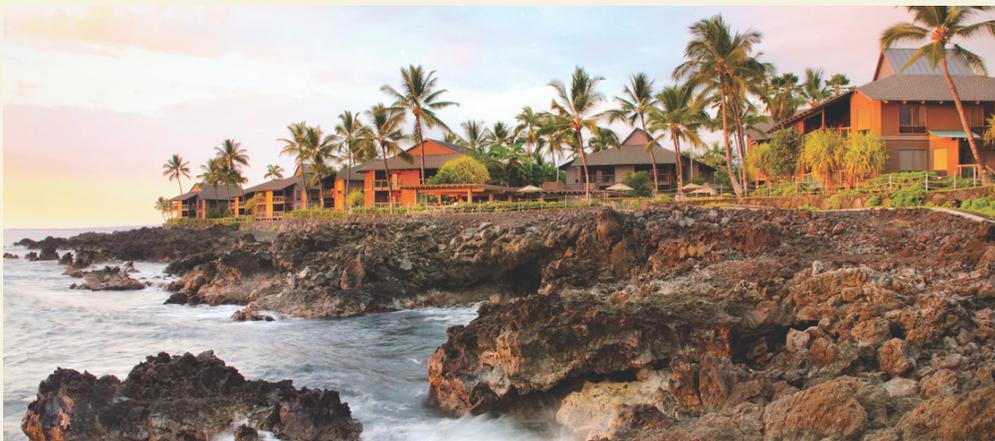




# Top 10 Vacations for Toddlers to Teens

[that aren't the theme parks!]





## Did you know?

- Families have more options than ever to make exciting and memorable vacations
- 85% of travelers plan vacations "to see my child excited about the experience."
- 81% of families travel to "make memories for fun, excitement & adventure"

You're busy, even when you're not. You don't have the time to spend hours a day researching, planning and booking your trips. Vacations are meant to be stress-free but the **PLANNING** can be overwhelming and frustrating when doing it on your own and you're not sure if you're getting what you want. I help busy people like you choose, plan and book fabulous vacation experiences without all the added stress and anxiety.



You'll save time and feel more excited about your upcoming travel. Choosing where to go and what to do and second guessing your plans can play with your head when you're trying to do it all yourself. Errors with timing or missing a detail you didn't know about can wreak havoc, causing your vacation to be full of meltdowns and headaches and can cast a cloud over your trip.

## ABOUT MY GUIDE

Nothing says family vacation like a theme park. And Theme Parks are usually the popular option for families with children of all ages. However, lots of families are seeking fresh and distinctive experiences. And many are choosing trips that can include extended family, like grandparents. Whether your family prefers to stay at a beachside resort, drive up a coastline, or go camping, you can find ways to have a perfect vacation for you and your children without opting for a theme park. This article gives your some incredible alternatives for your next family vacation.

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Why spend all your time in one place? Hit the road with a truly **customized itinerary of the California Coastline** -- from San Diego to L.A. or L.A. to San Francisco -- that's sure to please ALL ages with diverse, exciting and beautiful cities, incredible beaches and stunning parklands.

**Take an Alaska railroad tour** to witness an exceptional view into Alaska's backcountry "soul." Alaska railroad vacation packages and train tours bring visitors to places that can only be accessible by train, through awe-inspiring landscapes and to some of the state's most colorful communities.



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**Hawai'i** offers a seemingly endless stream of things to do for families. Sun & sandcastles on gorgeous beaches. History buffs can explore the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. And for a fun introduction to Hawaiian culture, kids of all ages can attend a luau.

**National Parks** like Yellowstone, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Grand Teton, and the Great Smoky Mountains offer activities all year round. From skiing, hiking, horseback riding, swimming or sunbathing - there's something for **EVERYONE**. But be sure to plan almost a year in advance if you're planning a peak season visit.



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With a plethora of entertainment options, **New York** is an extremely popular destination for families. Catch a Broadway show or tour the countless museums in NY City. Central Park with its 20 playgrounds, amusement park, ice-skating rink and Loeb Boathouse is a popular spot for kids. Or perhaps visit upstate to Niagara Falls or Cooperstown, NY - home of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Explore the world in ways that every member of your family will enjoy. **Guided Tour trips** are curated to offer unique itinerary items—from more sophisticated experiences for adults to indulge while kids enjoy special activities tailored especially for them. Wine tasting for adults while the kids make infused oils in Italy; Make your own Tzatziki in Greece; or gaze at a sunset on a South African safari.



**Ocean Cruise** lines boast phenomenal kids clubs - many separated by age groups so that teens can have their own spaces while the younger kids and toddlers have play areas of their own. PLUS, some cruise lines even have their own **PRIVATE** islands complete with water parks and other activities. These are terrific for multigenerational trips!

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**Small ship "cruises"** are trending! It's a great way to experience wilderness, wildlife, history and cultures together. For example, one distinctive itinerary sails through all five Great Lakes. Unforgettable experiences like a cruise through the Great Niagara Gorge and visits to the Henry Ford Museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Other destinations include Hawaii, Alaska/Pacific Northwest, and even the Galapagos! These are ideal for older kids (like 8 and up).



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**All Inclusive Vacations** help families visit South American & Caribbean destinations safely while having just about every need met at no additional cost while there. At most resorts, **EVERYTHING** is included - from all meals and beverages to water sports & activities to entertainment. Even gratuities may be included! Family centered resorts may include water parks, teen clubs and even nannies for the younger kids.

And now for something completely different: Families can explore more distant destinations like Thailand, Vietnam, Egypt, Australia, Costa Rica and the Galapagos. Usually booked as either a small group tour or cruise, these trips offer kids (usually 4 and up) immersive cultural experiences.



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## \*Honorable Mentions\*

### NEW ENGLAND

Fill up the itinerary with outdoor activities or take them to sandy beaches along interesting cities or scenic villages. Try exploring cultural attractions or dive into a history lesson. New England offers all of it.

### U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

The U.S. Virgin Islands offer numerous beachfront resorts with organized kids clubs and activities. Between the resorts are pristine preserves like Virgin Islands National Park, where families can hike and take in the beauty of nature. Plus, families can book snorkeling excursions and kayaking tours to explore the picturesque scenery. The beaches here are nothing to scoff at, either.

### WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington D.C. offers plenty of attractions, famous museums, The US. Capitol, Washington Monument and of course the famed White House. The National Zoo, with a huge 1,500 animal population is a must see for little ones. With its explosion of malls, cool restaurants, clubs, cafes and boutiques, there is lots to do in Washington D.C. for parents and older kids.

### THE GULF COAST

The Gulf Coast of Florida really encapsulates the laid-back lifestyle that you may be aiming for the next time you go on a vacation. The Gulf borders five states – Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. While some states may have more beaches than others, each one promises a unique Gulf Coast experience.

### SMALLER AMUSEMENT PARKS

OK. I know I said this wouldn't include the Theme Parks. We all know the big guys (Disney and Universal Studios). But there are some fun smaller ones that are worth the visit when you're nearby: Hershey Park or Sesame Place in Pennsylvania, Busch Gardens in Florida, Cedar Point in Ohio, and even a Legoland in Orange County, NY.



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## What do you get from me that you don't get from the bot sites?

- Extensive destination research - Studies have shown that people spend as much as 4 weeks researching prior to booking their trips! I've already done that for you.
- Travel Checklists & Itineraries
- Phone and video consultations and check-ins
- Personal emails to keep you excited about your trip, including tips, packing lists and reminders.
- Extended hours of availability during your trip - I'm around to help with anything unexpected.
- As a Certified Autism Travel Professional by the IBCCES, I'm prepared to meet the recreational needs of families who have a loved one with autism.
- Comprehensive Theme Park Bundle: Customized touring tips and detailed strategies to maximize your family fun, assistance making dining & park reservations & more!

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