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THE Great ESCAPE

Every family could use a little time away, which is why we've listed a quick, close-by, and kid-friendly vacation for every month of the year. Get out your calendar.

BY KARINA GIGLIO

Organizing a family adventure doesn't have to entail airline tickets, or even much advance planning. One or two days off and a few hours in your car are all you need to reach a destination with enough bells and whistles to make your kids feel like they're exploring new turf. Even better, these locales won't leave parents feeling like they're getting the short end of the stick. Check out this list of mini-vacations, where every member of your brood can find their happy place.



Aug.

SALAMANDER
RESORT



Sept.

SHENANDOAH
VALLEY



Oct.

HERSHEY
PARK



Nov.

MANHATTAN
NYC



Dec.

SAVAGE RIVER
LODGE



Jan.

NEMACOLIN
WOODLANDS
RESORT



Feb.

PHILADELPHIA
PA



Mar.

OMNI BEDFORD
SPRINGS



Apr.

WILLIAMSBURG
VA



May

RICHMOND
VA



June

CHEAT RIVER



July

REHOBOTH
BEACH

Salamander

RESORT & SPA



THE KIDS WILL LOVE



Treetop zip-lining and guided hikes where they get to make casts of any critter tracks they find, CSI-style. Once it's dark, they'll get to throw night-vision goggles into the mix. Other daily activities at the new 340-acre retreat include T-shirt tie-dyes, bocce ball, croquet,

ice-cream socials, corn hole—you name it. Teens and tweens can enjoy cooking classes created just for them, and everyone in the family will love roasting s'mores in the resort's spectacular fire pits.



THE ESSENTIALS

Jennifer Bressan

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Mom to AJ, 2, and a baby girl, due in early October



FAVORITE LOCAL GETAWAY:

"Charlottesville is the total package: a 90-minute drive delivers rich history, the Blue Ridge Mountains, lots of art and culture, and a delicious foodie scene."



PACKING MUST:

"An ample printed wrap that connects your travel color palette but can also act as blanket, turban, even an entire wardrobe in the face of lost luggage."



HOT TIP:

"Fill designer-shoe dust bags with baby paraphernalia and toss into a tote to camouflage kid stuff and pay chic homage to stilettos past. I believe actual diaper bags are a plot against personal style."



DREAM DESTINATION:

"A villa on St. John, equipped with nanny, cook, and open wine cellar. You said dream, right?"



Relax after a long day of exploring the region.

PARENT PERKS

As if feeling like you're a million miles away isn't perk enough, the resort's spa will make you forget that you go back to work on Monday. Sunrise Yoga in the Stables is a must (how often do you get to greet the dawn in horse country while doing yoga?). Book any spa treatment just to get some QT in the stunning infinity pool. Make sure to enjoy your own horseback riding lesson at the equestrian center, or muster the entire family for a horse-drawn carriage ride. The resort features a trail that leads into Washington Street in Middleburg, where you can window-shop for antiques or feel like a true Southern belle while munching on shrimp and grits at the historic Red Fox Inn, built in 1728.



Take a yoga class at the stables!

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