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## Our Favorite Family Destinations Across the U.S. for 2024

*Hikes, museums, and train rides await, from Hawai‘i to New York and beyond.*



Our writers have taken their families to New Mexico, New York, and **Kaua'i** this year.

Travel changes when you have kids, but it doesn't have to end; you just need to factor in a few more needs and opinions than before. Thankfully, the United States is packed full of must-visit destinations for the whole family, where parents and children alike can have a great time. I've personally enjoyed roaming southern California with my brood, exploring forests, sea caves, and snowy mountains in Sequoia National Park, La Jolla, and Big Bear, respectively.

We asked a bunch of our contributors who wrangle children as well as words for their family travel memories across the country—and their recommendations for 2024 and beyond. Your next family adventure starts here.



Kids will remember the watery spray of Niagara Falls and the contours of the Buffalo AKG Art Museum in New York State.



A trip to Kaua'i will foster a love for the environment in kids.

# Kaua'i, Hawai'i

With incredible hikes, marine life, and chocolate tours, lush Kaua'i (it's not called the Garden Isle for nothing) is a veritable playground for families. My crew learned all about how cacao is grown, harvested, and processed, and sampled all manner of deliciousness (macadamia nuts, apple bananas, lychee, spiky rambutan, cacao nibs, truffles!) during a three-hour tour at [Lydgate Farms](#), which has won some major awards for its locally grown, sustainable chocolate. For snorkeling, join sailing excursions with [Holo Holo Charters](#), which monitors areas where reef fish and green sea turtles are active. The grand finale of our island time? Taking to the sky (and even managing to catch a double rainbow) with [Island Helicopters](#) for a 50-minute ride over the dramatic Nāpali Coast, Waimea Canyon, and rainforests.

## Where to stay

Try oceanfront [Timbers Kaua'i](#), part of the 450-acre Hōkūala resort, along the island's southeast coastline. Boasting gorgeous multi-bedroom digs, an on-site farm (from which pineapples and papayas are delivered to rooms), a spa (a Lomi Lomi massage is a must), a restaurant, and a stunning infinity pool, the property is pure bliss. —*Tanvi Chheda*

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