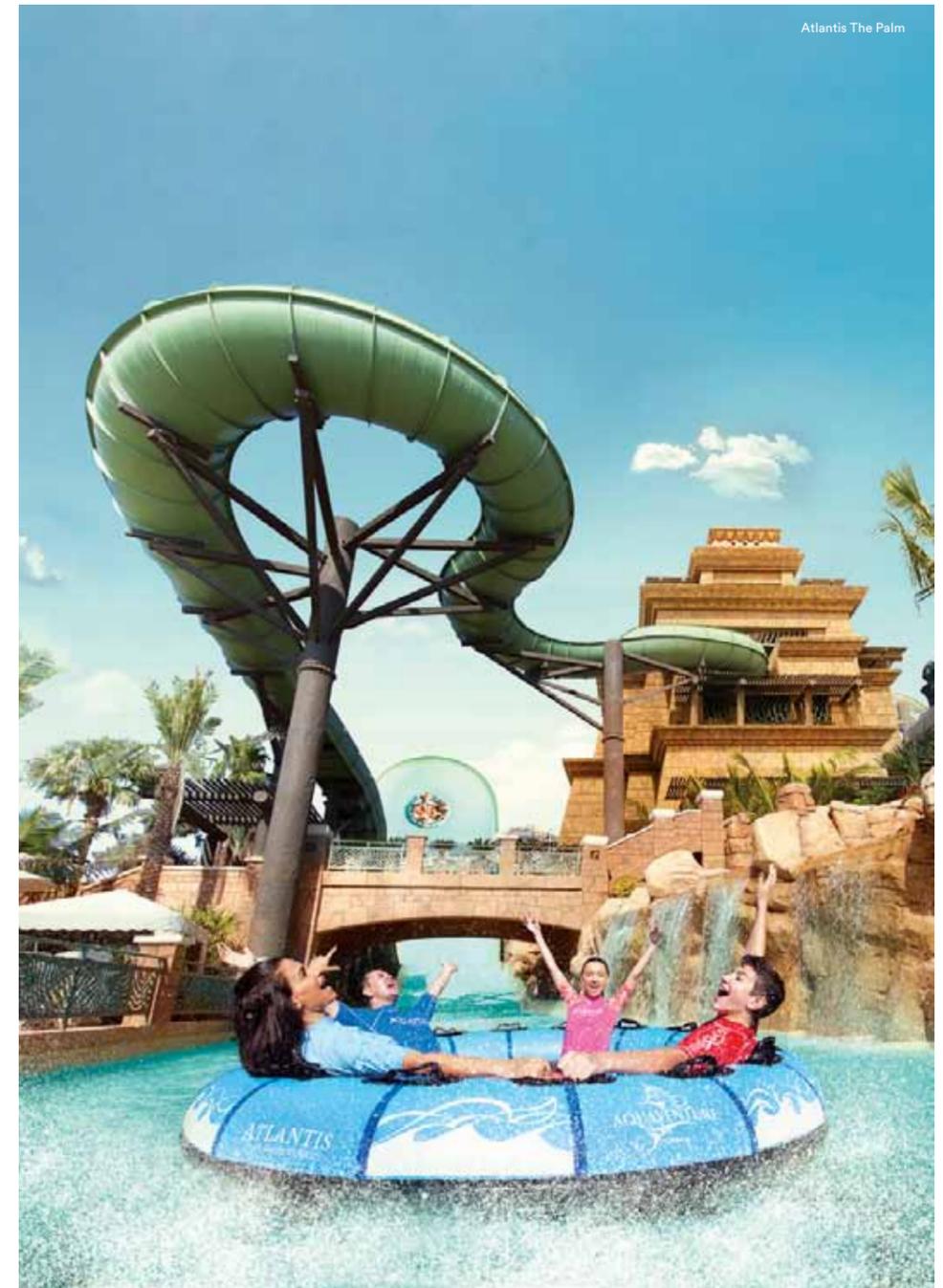


# 10 Hotels *with a* Difference

*Young travellers are in for a treat with fun-filled adventures and out-of-this-world experiences at these top hotels*



## **The one with the... warrior school**

*Sasaab Lodge, Kenya*

Perched on a rocky ridge above the mighty Ewaso Nyiro River, this nine-bedroom lodge has superb game viewing and close ties with the local Samburu tribes. Children can learn how to make a traditional bow and arrow or a toothbrush from a native tree. The tribesmen also teach would-be warriors how to collect water, make a fire and survive in the bush with the help of special 'medicine trees'. Meanwhile, the fabulous family suite comes with a private plunge pool and magnificent views, plus kids under-three stay for free. [thesafaricollection.com](http://thesafaricollection.com)

## **The one with the... awesome kids' club**

*Atlantis The Palm, Dubai*

Dubai's sprawling family resort has plenty of waterborne fun with Aquaventure Waterpark, The Lost Chambers Aquarium and marine mammal experiences at Dolphin Bay and Sea Lion Point. It's also got two dedicated kids' clubs, one for 3-12-year-olds and the other for teens aged 13-18. Whether it's indoor rock climbing or wheelbarrow relays, learning origami or decorating freshly-baked cookie, you'll find something for everyone here. There's even a 'nightclub' for teens with music and mocktails. [atlantisthepalm.com](http://atlantisthepalm.com)

### The one with the... indoor camping

*The Bloomsbury Hotel, London*  
This chic hotel lies at the heart of literary London, just down the road from the British Museum. Little ones can 'camp out' in their very own tepee bed, which can be set up in mum and dad's suite or in an interconnecting room. The tepee comes with a mattress and bedding, indoor camping lamp, hotel teddy bear, and a gourmet 'midnight feast' of cookies and a flask of warm milk. Under-5s eat for free in the hotel restaurant, too. [doylecollection.com](http://doylecollection.com)



### The one with the... old-school activities

*Disney's Vero Beach Resort, USA*  
After you've done Walt Disney World, head two hours southeast to this hideaway on Florida's scenic Atlantic Treasure Coast. It's the perfect spot for low-key family activities like miniature golf, beachcombing, bike riding, campfire sing-a-longs and kayaking adventures. There's a Mickey Mouse-shaped pool, Disney Discovery Club and sea turtle beach walks, while teens will love the GPS-aided scavenger hunt and surf school. Parents, meanwhile, can indulge in spa treatments or a round of golf. [disneybeachresorts.com](http://disneybeachresorts.com)



### The one with the... mini-rangers' course

*Singita Boulders Lodge, South Africa*  
Revamped in 2014, this 12-bedroom lodge in the private Sabi Sand Game Reserve bordering Kruger National Park welcomes kids of all ages. Young adventurers can sign up for the mini rangers' course where they'll track animals and learn bush survival techniques. There's also flower-pressing, game-spotting competitions and nature quizzes, followed by a Ranger's Test and certificate to recognise their newfound knowledge. Other activities include baking lessons, swimming, archery, mountain biking and visiting a local school. [singita.com](http://singita.com)



### The one with the... unique breakfast

*Giraffe Manor, Kenya*  
Set in a forest on the outskirts of Nairobi, this elegant manor house has ten rooms, landscaped gardens and sunny terraces. Its main draw, however, is the resident herd of Rothschild giraffe that often visit morning and evening, poking their long necks into the windows in the hope of a treat. Families can visit the AFEW Giraffe Centre next door and then take a jeep to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, where they can meet, feed and even adopt baby elephants. [thesafaricollection.com](http://thesafaricollection.com)



### The one with the... cultural classes

*Alila Villas Soori, Bali*  
Located on the beachfront in southwest Bali and surrounded by World Heritage-listed rice fields, Alila is the ultimate place for parents to recharge their batteries. Kids can learn how to make and fly a traditional Bebean (fish-shaped) kite, or take lessons from a local painter. For a true cultural immersion, young travellers can visit a village to spend the day with local children, listening to Balinese music, learning traditional dances, picking fruits and feeding the fish. [alilahotels.com](http://alilahotels.com)

### The one with the... jungle adventures

*Andaz Peninsula Papagayo Resort, Costa Rica*  
Sandwiched between ocean and mountains, this upmarket resort is made for tropical adventures. Zip-line between tree canopies and monkeys, spend the afternoon at an indigenous reserve, and explore the incredible slopes of the Rincón de la Vieja volcano. Hike on forest trails and soak in hot springs, or try stand-up paddling, snorkelling and kayaking. Cambi Kids' Club will keep 4-12-year-olds entertained while mum and dad enjoy the adults-only infinity pool and spa. [papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com](http://papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com)

### The one with the... creative workshops

*Le Royal Monceau, Raffles Paris, France*  
This palatial hotel in the 8th arrondissement is renowned for its Philippe Starck-designed rooms and Michelin-starred restaurants. Le Petit Royal kids' club is just as inspirational, with a line-up of fun workshops held during Saturday Brunch so mum and dad can relax. Led by professional artists, each one is inspired by major exhibitions happening in the city. There are also pizza-making classes and DJ lessons for teens, along with treasure hunts through the Louvre and 'pirate' boat trips down the Seine. [raffles.com](http://raffles.com)



### The one with the... teen arcade

*Grand Hyatt Playa del Carmen, Mexico*  
Just opened on Mexico's famed Riviera Maya, this beautiful beach resort has striking design, lavish swim-up suites, three spectacular infinity pools and a 6,000 square-foot spa. As stylish as it may be, it's also family-friendly with the state-of-the-art #Hashtag teen arcade, complete with table tennis, foosball, video games and 10-seat cinema. Younger guests, meanwhile, can enjoy wildlife shows, games, crafts and activities at the Camp Hyatt kids' club. [hyattplaya.com](http://hyattplaya.com)

