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6 Unexpected Kid-friendly Destinations That Offer Plenty of Adventure, History, and Culture

From Fiji to Uganda to Patagonia, these unexpected kid-friendly destinations around the world offer experiences the whole family will enjoy.

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Editor's Note: Travel might be complicated right now, but use our inspirational trip ideas to plan ahead for your next bucket-list adventure. Those who choose to travel are strongly encouraged to check local government restrictions, rules, and safety measures related to COVID-19 and take personal comfort levels and health conditions into consideration before departure.

We know that the [impacts of climate change](#) and population growth mean there are [places in the world that will be different](#), if not lost, when our children become adults, so my partner and I decided that there are destinations they need to visit now – as they are and should be experienced.



Among the many lessons this year has provided, we fully understand that [travel](#) is a [privilege](#), and it can be taken away at the drop of a hat, as can the spectacular gifts the world has given us – elephants, coral reefs, ancient forests, art, and architecture. Travel – regenerative, conscientious, and intentional trips – has the power to change us all.

So, yes, we are dreaming big for the future. And if pandemic restrictions, [vaccines](#), political stability, and dreams allow, we will make it to one of the following destinations soon.

Fiji: Snorkel the Great Astrolabe Reef



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The first time I dove into the waters of the Great Astrolabe Reef, I couldn't believe my eyes. Bright corals in pink, red, purple, and blue resembled an underwater wildflower garden. I resolved then and there to return with my children, so they could see with their own eyes how a healthy coral reef should look and appreciate its place in the ocean ecosystem. To experience this natural wonder, stay at [Kokomo Private Island](#) resort, where the diving team led by on-island [marine biologist Cliona O'Flaherty](#) can guide families at Great Astrolabe Reef and introduce them to its Coral Restoration Project, which grows and restores the resorts house reef. If the timing is right, manta rays may be migrating past the island, and kids can swim along with these beautiful, gentle giants and help advance the Kokomo Manta Conservation Project, which tags, identifies, and offers an Adopt a Manta program in collaboration with the Manta Trust Fiji.

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