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STAY & PLAY

By Katarina Alaupovic

Traveling with children can be great. It also can be challenging.

How do you keep the kids occupied and happy while squeezing in some “me” time for a spa treatment or a round of golf? That’s easy – just leave the planning to the pros and kick back for a vacation full of sun and fun at these family-friendly Scottsdale resorts.

ACTIVE ESCAPES

There comes a point in life when even your youngest has outgrown kids’ clubs and teddy-bear teas, and that’s when it’s time to check into the Boulders Resort & Spa. Active families with teens and up

love this high-desert escape for its spacious one- to four-bedroom villas, not to mention a jam-packed list of adventure options: night biking, rock climbing, desert fly-fishing and water rappelling, just to name a few. Its award-winning golf club caters to families, too, with short courses and a 30-minute golf camp.



BLAZING NEW TRAILS

You can keep tots tiny and tall busy all day long at Fairmont Scottsdale Princess’ Trailblazers Kids Club. Each day of the week brings a different hands-on activity, like exploring the resort’s wildlife or roasting s’mores in a solar oven. Mornings are all about sports or arts and crafts, while afternoons bring swimming and poolside games. And speaking of pools, the Princess has six of them, plus 830 tons of white sandy beach and two of Arizona’s longest resort waterslides.



FUN FOR ALL SEASONS

At Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale, kids and teens are welcomed with age-specific, regionally inspired amenities upon check-in and have their choice of diversions through the Kids for All Seasons program, including a movie theater, ping-pong, foosball and cultural crafts, plus a weekly calendar of stargazing, hiking and other desert-dwelling outings. Proof, An American Canteen entertains the whole fam with shuffleboard and a vintage Etch-a-Sketch, as well as special Sundaes on Sunday for an extra-sweet treat.



CULTURAL EXPLORATIONS

If you can peel your kids away from Hyatt Regency Scottsdale's pool – and it'll be tough, because it's really a 2.5-acre aquatic



FAIRMONT SCOTTSDALE PRINCESS

SEASONAL SOIRÉES

No matter what time of year you travel, there's always something fun happening at Scottsdale's resorts. Here's a sampling of the seasonal activities Scottsdale resorts have to offer.

Winter

Christmas at the Princess glistens with a four-story musical tree, more than 3 million twinkling lights, a desert ice skating rink and enchanted snowfall, plus a visit from St. Nick.

The Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa rings in the holidays with a life-sized Gingerbread Cottage nestled in a snow-capped forest, 54 lighted palm trees and serenading gondoliers strolling the resort grounds.

Spring

From upscale champagne affairs to family-style brunches with Easter Bunny photo-ops, Scottsdale's resorts celebrate spring in grand style. Check with your resort concierge for details.

Rides on the Bunny Express train, family-friendly concerts, a petting zoo and pony rides – you'll find it all at Fairmont Scottsdale Princess' BunnyPalooza.

Summer

The Hotel Valley Ho and Talking Stick Resort are known for their epic, adults-only summer pool parties, which feature live bands, talented DJs, signature cocktails and a see-and-be-seen atmosphere.

Swimming and movies combined – what's not to love? Dive-in movies are a summer staple at several Scottsdale resorts, including the Hyatt Regency Scottsdale, Fairmont Scottsdale Princess, The Phoenician, Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale and The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa.

Fall

The 5K Turkey Trot meanders through The Phoenician's scenic golf course, and a portion of the proceeds from the \$20 entrance fee benefits a local charity.

Thanksgiving buffets abound at Scottsdale's resorts and include all your traditional favorites as well as a few Southwest specialties. Check with your resort for individual program details.



THE PHOENICIAN

playground with 10 swimming pools, 16 fountains, 40 waterfalls and a 30-foot, high-speed waterslide – they'll flip for Camp Hyatt Kachina. Here, mini explorers learn about the Sonoran Desert through creative crafting of dream catchers, rain sticks and Southwestern sand art. Fridays bring free Native American song and dance performances, and cowboy storytellers roam throughout the resort.

HIGH-FLYING FUN

There's much to dig into at The Phoenixian's Funicians Club, including crafts, games and activities that shine a light on Grand Canyon State history. October through April, the resort offers 90-minute I.FLY Trapeze classes for guests 4 and up, where you'll learn timing and techniques for swinging, locking your legs on a bar and completing the famous wrist-to-wrist catch. Meanwhile, iScavenger hunts provide fun

on the ground with a journey of puzzles, games and exploration of the resort.



S'MORES, SURFING & SCAVENGER HUNTS

It's impossible not to have a good time at The Westin Kierland, where there's a staff member whose job is to make sure that you do! The resort's "Director of Fun" runs

a kid-friendly check-in at Kierland Mining Co., where tykes receive a specialized scavenger hunt. Rotating resort activities range from s'mores roasts and PJ parties to Kids in the Kitchen cooking lessons. And lest we forget, water babies (and kids and grownups) go gaga for the Adventure Water Park, complete with lazy river, waterslide, pop-jet fountains and FlowRider surfing simulator. 🌊

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