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## 8 Luxury Hotels that are Super Kid-Friendly, Too

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Once upon a time, family travel was a different ballgame. Back in the '70s, my brother and I thought splashing in a motel swimming pool was living large, a hallway ice-machine was high-tech, and the children's menu at Howard Johnson's was fine dining.

Kiss those days goodbye. Just because you're vacationing with kids doesn't mean you can't enjoy a first-class hotel experience. We've rounded-up eight hotels around the country guaranteed to captivate guests of all ages. From clay shooting at a Rhode Island retreat to nightly dancing to a live orchestra at Grande Dame resort in Michigan, these VIP hotels offer pampering pleasures for guests of all ages.

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# The Preserve Sporting Club

Richmond, Rhode Island



The Hobbit House at the Preserve

You don't have to fly across an ocean to feel like you're in a posh British country hotel. The Preserve Sporting Club is a very upscale recreational paradise in Rhode Island, in easy reach of much of the eastern U.S. There's so much to do at the Preserve, you might as well ask what you *can't* do. At its heart, the Preserve is a shooting lodge, where even school-aged guests may learn to take aim at clay pigeons under the tutelage of expert guides. There are ponds for fly fishing, an outdoor rock-climbing wall, ziplining, and miles of trails for mountain biking and hiking. Grass and clay tennis courts, a championship 18-hole golf course, an outdoor pool, and a new equestrian center with indoor and outdoor riding areas are also on tap.

The Hilltop Lodge's new guest suites have fireplaces and a kitchen that puts my New York City apartment's kitchen to shame. Hearty fare is served at the restaurant but dinner at one of the private Hobbit Houses—inspired by the works of J.R.R. Tolkien — is worth the additional splurge. It's a fantasy immersion that will have the kids speaking elvish by the time dessert is served. From about \$600 a night, [preservesportingclub.com](http://preservesportingclub.com)