

5-STAR KIDS CLUB

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Royal Maui Island

You'll never hear: *'There's nothing to do'* when you choose these Navigate Oceania lodges and resorts. Up and down the country there are fantastic opportunities for young ones and their folks to experience New Zealand's unique wilderness and wildlife, its superb beaches and water sports. You might find surfing lessons, ocean kayaking or bubbling mud pools and hot springs. There are fabulous cruises on rivers or harbours, sand duning or horse trekking. For quieter days there might be a Galaxy Tour followed by fish and chips on the beach, cooking lessons, astonishing inter-active museums, fishing from a local wharf or strawberry picking. Whether you stay in the city or in the countryside there's always something to do for the younger ones. Actually, it's probably what the grown ups wanted to do anyway.

PAIHIA BEACH RESORT & SPA | BAY OF ISLANDS

An amazing family base for exploring New Zealand's famous beaches and water sports, and also to discover the cultural heritage and craftsmanship of New Zealand Maori and to discover modern New Zealand's birthplace at Waitangi Treaty Grounds. Top harbour trips see the famed 'Hole in the Rock' or follow the Cream Trip to inhabited small islands. Explore locally on jet-skis or drive overland to speed along the black sands of 90-mile Beach. Fishing and surfing are other great local pleasures – older family members might play the superb Waitangi Golf Course.

WAIPOUA LODGE | WAIPOUA FOREST

World famous Maori guides lead you to see Tane Mahuta, the gigantic Kauri God of the Forest, and perhaps find a flightless Kiwi bird. The Kauri Museum gives kids a personal work book on arrival. Explore our galaxy with New Zealand's largest private telescope at Astronomy Adventures, followed by fish and chips at Funky Fish Café. Professional surfing classes for teenagers at Bailey's Beach plus kayaks, picnics by lakes and waterfalls and bikes to ride around the lodge. Sand duning on the Hokianga sand dunes – boat ride across the sand dunes and keep going into the waves!

TAKATU LODGE & VINEYARD | MATAKANA

Superb rural countryside and six magnificent beaches within ten minutes drive from the door mean terrific opportunities for families to enjoy together. Ride 4WD quad bikes along the sands of Pakiri beach or take a gentle glass-bottom boat to Goat Island Marine reserve, seeing abundant marine life both above and below the water. There's excellent outdoor trekking, riding, body boarding, canoeing and amazing interactive Sheep & Dog shows. Matakana is a unique Slow Food centre and offers not just fantastic family friendly restaurants but the biggest ice cream cones in New Zealand!

STAFFORD VILLA | AUCKLAND

Set in a smart, quiet Auckland central suburb and yet Hinemoa Park and a children's playground are minutes away. Kids who like to fish will love fishing from the nearby ferry wharf – Stafford Villa will provide rods, the bait and advice. Otherwise take a 10 minute ferry boat to Auckland City and leap from Sky Tower, sail on a 'real' America's Cup yacht on the harbour or climb to the top of Rangitoto Island – yes a real Volcano!. More gently, share a family cruise on sparkling Waitemata Harbour aboard Lady Lolene, the Stafford's 1960's Kauri Carvil motor boat. Plenty of family-oriented restaurants within walking distance of the villa.

SEAFIELDS | WHITFORD

A fabulous Kid's Sleepout and Playroom is an optional add-on to the Seafields Pavilion and The Shed luxury suites; it includes funky furniture, PlayStation, games and an outsized bean bag. Plenty of space for ball games in the extensive grounds, too. As well as a dedicated children's swimming pool, Seafields' has its own beach frontage and offers kayaking, rock pool explorations, paddling, flat-fish spearing and great nature walks. Horse trekking and pony rides along the beach – and then a family barbecue by the big pool. Treasure hunts can be arranged.

TREETOPS LODGE & ESTATE | ROTORUA

An amazing 'Children in the Treetops' programme introduces families to the wonders of Treetops 2500 acres of natural wilderness and to indigenous Maori culture. Classes include flax weaving, pumice carving, poi making plus Maori songs and dancing. Soak together in a natural hot spring and walk together to plant a your very own tree. For older kids there's Archery/Clay Bird Shooting and Target Shooting, kayaking on a private lake and horse trekking. A Teddy Bears' Picnic will be a highlight for smaller ones and the whole family will be excited by Geo-caching, an up-to-the minute style of treasure hunting on the estate.

WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE | MARTINBOROUGH

5000 acres of working sheep station are ideal for outdoor family adventure and exploration. Quad-bike around the property to learn how modern farms still have to muster and husband sheep and cattle - the old way. Animal lovers and bird watchers will be happy just to wander about this amazing estate. Fabulous riding offers include horse trekking on old trails and cantering on the

beach. Clay pigeon shooting is fun for the older kids. Expeditions further afield introduce you to a Brown Fur Seal colony and the Cape Palliser Lighthouse. Thrill lovers will adore jet-boating up Lake Onoko to the Ruamahanga River.

BOLTON HOTEL | WELLINGTON

Do something different every day when you stay in the heart of New Zealand's capital city. Te Papa Museum is our National Museum and absolutely stuffed with kid-oriented interactions – you can even stand in a house during an earthquake. Heaps on colonial New Zealand life and Maori culture too. Outdoors, you might spend a day at Zealandia – Karori Wild Life Sanctuary: in 2255 ha of native bush and wildlife you can view flightless Kiwi, nesting Pied Shags and the Tuatara, New Zealand's dinosaur throwback with a third eye. Closer is Wellington Botanical Gardens, perfect with a picnic lunch and you must all take a trip on the Wellington Cable Car. When you are back, swim in the Bolton's indoor pool.

SPLIT APPLE | ABEL TASMAN NATIONAL PARK

Prove the family that explores together remembers it forever. The Abel Tasman National Park is an extraordinary playground of walking trails through native wilderness, golden beaches and tranquil lagoons. Explore it by sea in your own private yacht or motor boat, kayak together on a guided safari, snorkel and swim in the private Split Apple beach. Plenty of opportunities to fish, from land and sea, too. Great choice for family picnics or gourmet lunches afloat or on the beach. Tops for excitement is being towed in a Sea Biscuit around the National Park's crystal clear waters – maybe even having a sleepover on the boat.

CLAREMONT COUNTRY ESTATE | CANTERBURY

Kids love Claremont's Land Rover Safari adventure with Lulu the resident family dog: chances to feed pet lambs and to see amazing fossils and God's Marbles, 65 million years old. Great rides, walks and hikes on this authentic working farm and nature reserve. River swimming at Claremont's swimming hole with a Tarzan rope for swingers and in the natural rock pools of the stunning Waipara Gorge. Further a field there are the Hammer Springs Thermal Pools and Spa. Other favourite family expeditions include trips up the coast for whale watching or swimming with dolphins. Fishing families might explore both river and sea fishing and the adventurous will love jet-boating through amazing river scenery.

HUNTLEY LODGE | CHRISTCHURCH

Christchurch, the Garden City, is packed with urban delights planned precisely for children and their parents. The Antarctic Centre is a must family visit for those who respect hardship and daring at the South Pole. The Christchurch Museum has an extraordinarily fascinating inter-active kid's area to explore and the beautiful Botanic Gardens have a truly outstanding playground for younger children, which also features a dedicated pool. Kids really like telling their friends about visiting the Willowbank Wildlife Reserve and seeing the flightless national bird, the Kiwi bird. To prove it, every child visitor is given a 'Junior Keeper' Certificate.



Treetops Lodge & Estate

RELEASE PRIVATE RETREAT | WANAKA

Be there in season and kids will adore picking strawberries or cherries from local farms. When they get back, cookery lessons can teach them delicious dishes. A top indoor attraction is Puzzle World specialising in puzzling eccentricity including 1.5 kms of The Great Maze, the Lord of the Rings' Illusion Room used to create tall and little people, and tilted houses where you can't stand up straight. Super adventures in this natural South Island playground include a Kid's Climbing Wall, kayaking lessons, water skiing on Lake Wanaka and gentler Float-Raft Fishing on the mighty Clutha River. Or helicopter together into the heights of the rugged hills and share stunning views as you bike back downhill for an hour.

REMARKABLES LODGE | QUEENSTOWN

A host of quad biking, mountain biking, hiking and riding experiences suit kids of all ages and degrees of fitness. Speed lovers might test their skill on Queenstown's famous feet-first downhill Luge track. Combine a scintillating Shotover River jet-boat ride with a helicopter hop up to the Skyline Gondola on Bob's Peak followed by a leisurely ride down in the gondola with stunning views of Queenstown. Or jet-boat up the Dart River, seeing sites used in the Lord of the Rings trilogy. For gentler moments, steam over Lake Wakatipu on historic SS Earnslaw, built the same year as Titanic or head to the colonial charm of Arrowtown and pan for gold to relive olden-day adventures.

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