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1. GET A CITYPASS
For longer stays (three or more days), it may be worth investing in a CityPass. This gains you access to several popular attractions as well as a three-day pass for MUNI (a network of buses, light-rail Metro trains, historic streetcars, and cable cars—so you can snap that iconic San Francisco shot). Start by visiting the Aquarium of the Bay, a showcase of 20,000 marine animals from San Francisco Bay and nearby waters. Next, use your pass to the Exploratorium, a science lab where kids can wander freely and learn about everything from colour, time, gravity and more. The pass also allows you to partake in the eating of the treats. Finish your visit with a dip in the picturesque swimming pool full of approximately one hundred million antimicrobial biodegradable “sprinkles.” (These are not for eating!) Warning: It can get rowdy in the pool. Most kids (and adults) have reached peak sugar high at this point—so meltdowns may ensue when you eventually decide it’s time to leave.

2. EXPLORE THE PRESIDIO
Where kids can run around the notorious prison (which served as both a military post and is now almost a city unto itself. Explore the hilly forests and beaches, and get that classic pic of the fam in front of the Golden Gate Bridge. Every Sunday from late March to late October, city dwellers flock here for the Presidio Picnic, with food vendors, yoga performances and free learn-to-ride bike lessons for the little ones. While you’re here, check out the Walt Disney Family Museum. More for Disney aficionados than kids, the museum is home to the first drawing of Mickey Mouse and gives an extensive history of Walt’s creative journey.

3. LET YOUR TUMMY GUIDE YOU
If you haven’t had a taste of what the locals eat, can you even say you’ve been there? Luckily, San Francisco has enough to please even the pickiest eater—from the fresh seafood at Fisherman’s Wharf to the famous burritos found in the Mission District. Try August (1) Five for modern Indian cuisine (kids can eat with their hands!), Red Dog for a taste of northern California farmhouse cooking or grab a bite at Wipeout Bar and Grill after visiting the sea lions on Pier 39. Parents will love Magnolia Brewing’s new Dogpatch beer garden, which has plenty of space for the kids to run around; Pizzera Delfina with endless breadsticks and homemade pies; as well as International Smoke, a hip barbecue joint from Ayesha Curry. Also, a trip to San Francisco wouldn’t be complete without a stop in Chinatown. China Live is one part marketplace, one part interactive food show, where kids can watch through a glass window as chefs prepare dishes like Peking duck and dumplings.

4. HIT THE WATER
The bay in San Francisco is easily the heart of the city. In fact, it’s where Otis Redding was inspired to co-write the famous song “The Dock of the Bay.” Visit Alcatraz Island where kids can run around the notorious prison that once housed Al Capone and Machine Gun Kelly; To experience the bay from the water, hop on a lunch or dinner cruise with Hornblower Cruises & Events, where kids can try spotting a great white shark in between courses. The boat will also give you a unique view of both the bay and Golden Gate bridges from below.

5. LET THEM EAT... ICE CREAM
Get your Instagram fix with a visit to the Museum of Ice Cream. Wander from room to room learning about the history of ice cream, interacting with the artistic installations and enjoying lots of ice cream—prepare yourself for a serious sugar crash. Kids under two get in free (and are welcome to partake in the eating of the treats). Finish your visit with a dip in the picturesque swimming pool full of approximately one hundred million antimicrobial biodegradable “sprinkles.” (These are not for eating!) Warning: It can get rowdy in the pool. Most kids (and adults) have reached peak sugar high at this point—so meltdowns may ensue when you eventually decide it’s time to leave.

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8. GO ON A SAFARI
Most kids love the zoo, but a trip to Safari West is a rare opportunity to let your little ones go behind the fence to see some of their favourite animals in (mostly) natural habitat. The 400-acre preserve features approximately 900 animals—from flamingos and black swans to zebras, rhinos, cheetahs and monkeys. Informative group tours run around three hours—you’ll need to book a private tour if you’re traveling with kids under four—and take you through the property on a canvas-covered safari jeep. If you’re feeling adventurous, splurge on an overnight stay in one of the luxury safari tents imported from Botswana where you can wake up to the sounds of giraffes chewing on nearby trees.

GOLDEN GATE CITY
WHILE YOUR CALVES ARE SCREAMING FROM THE STEEP HILLS, IMPRESS KIDS WITH THESE MUSEUMS, TASTY FOODS, WILDLIFE AND MORE.

MISSION BURRITOS
Sure, you’ve had a burrito, but not the family-size version made famous in San Francisco’s Mission District. Head to any taqueria for the original.

IN-N-OUT BURGER
Try naming a celebrity who hasn’t popped into this popular burger joint founded in Los Angeles County. Check out the website for access to the “secret” menu.

MICKEY’S ICE CREAM BAR
This classic mouse-shaped bar is dipped in chocolate and is one of the best ways to cool off during a hot day at Disneyland.

DATE SHAKE
The Coachella Valley is known as the date capital of the world, and in Palm Springs, you’ll find some of the tastiest dates made with the sweet fruit and blended ice cream.

BAJA FISH TACOS
Fried fish, crema, shredded cabbage and pico de gallo may sound like simple ingredients, but in San Diego, they are the building blocks for this local staple.

CLASSIC CALI EATS

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3. Dig in
Go back tens of thousands of years at La Brea Tar Pits and Museum, where paleontologists are making discoveries almost daily. You can’t enter the pit, but the excavator tour (which comes free with your museum admission) gives you a close look at your discoveries like a Columbian mammoth and a dire wolf.

4. Discover new things
The California Science Center boasts all kinds of exhibits, from ecosystems to how airplanes are made. Don’t miss the newest exhibit, The Art of the Brick, the world’s largest display of Lego art, which exposes kids to brick versions of famous works of art by Vincent van Gogh and Leonardo da Vinci. Grab a bite at the on-site cafeteria or head down the street to The Fields LA, a food hall with options that will satisfy even the pickiest eater.

5. Walk the walk
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6. Get ready for lights, camera, action!
Part working film studio, part theme park, Universal Studios Hollywood brings the magic of Hollywood to life with studio tours, rides and attractions inspired by your kids’ favourite movies and TV shows, including Despicable Me, Transformers, The Simpsons and Jurassic Park. But most families make their way to this sunny studio to visit The Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The coveted destination transports kids to Harry’s magical world in England, with snow-capped roofs and cobblestone streets. They can ride the Hogwarts Express, which travels from Platform Nine and Three-Quarters at King’s Cross Station to Hogsmeade, attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and sample Bertie Bott’s Every Flavour Beans.

7. Head to the farm
Tucked away in Buena Park, Knott’s Berry Farm, a family farm in the mid-1920s, is now a 160-acre theme park. Come for the thrill rides like the Pony Express and the Timberline Twister, and then head to Camp Snoopy, where kids can meet the whole Peanut Gang. If it’s a particularly steamy day, cool off at Knott’s Soak City, which has waterslides, a wave pool, a lazy river and a family raft ride.

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8. Sun, sand and surf
A trip to L.A. wouldn’t be complete without some family time at the beach. An hour outside of the city, Huntington Beach is the perfect place to relax for a few days of sun and surf. Spend a day making sandcastles, check out the frequent free events or rent a Duffy electric boat on the harbour to explore the area from the water.

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THE FAMILY FUN GUIDE

1. THERE ARE TWO PARKS

Disneyland Resort may seem more manageable to families than its counterpart, Disney World, in Florida, since there are only two major parks. At California Adventure Park, you’ll find Pixar Pier, which has an upscale Coney Island boardwalk feel—similar to Santa Monica Pier. It’s also the location of Cars Land, which is particularly popular with the preschool set. Don’t miss the Radiator Springs Racers ride (the mountainous desert landscape design alone is unreal) and Mater’s Junkyard Jamboree, and get Mater-shaped Racer’s ride (the mountainous desert landscape design alone is unreal) and Mater’s Junkyard Jamboree, and get Mater-shaped Racer’s ride. If you’re heading to Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge, there are plenty of under-$20 options to choose from.

2. PLANNING AHEAD IS KEY

This is one family trip where you really can’t just play it by ear. If you want to experience certain in-demanded rides and activities, you’ll need to book ahead. Restaurants in the park generally require reservations (up to 60 days in advance), even for breakfast. This is one family trip where you really can’t just play it by ear. If you want to keep your kids out past their bedtimes so you can see the nightly fireworks show, which starts at 9:30 p.m., you’ll want a Fastpass for that time. It’s all about managing overexcited expectations, your kid might need some downtime. Fend off any whining by selecting a rider-switch option, in which one parent waits with the kids while the other goes on the ride. You may have a longer wait time on the return trip, but it’s worth it, especially if it’s one of the more popular options, like Oga’s Cantina inside Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge or the Blue Bayou, the fancy Cajun restaurant you pass by during the Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Check the Disneyland app for last-minute options—some of the restaurants are open until 11 p.m.—or use the Disneyland Dining phone number (714-781-DINE) to make reservations. Tip: When using the app, try searching by time rather than by type of meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner)—this tends to yield the most options when you’re looking for last-minute same-day or next-day options. If you need to cancel your restaurant reservation after 24 hours in advance, there’s often a cancellation fee.

3. THE DISNEYLAND APP IS YOUR FRIEND—LEARN HOW TO USE IT

Uploading the app, downloading it ASAP and familiarize yourself with how it works. Explore the different features before you’re inside the park and bring a portable phone charger, because you’ll be using your phone all day as a map, to find available restaurant reservations, to check ride wait times and to skip the lines at takeout counters and snack stands by mobile ordering in advance.

4. FASTPASS AND MAXPASS 101

If you have a Darth MaulPass, which gives you the digital ride-booking option, you can start looking up available ride times once you enter the park. If you can’t book Fastpasses and MaxPasses ahead of time, use the app to search for the ride you want and set up a time for you. If you purchase a FastPass, you’ll have the option to use the app to purchase MaxPasses. You won’t be able to book another ride for 90 minutes, but you can check out other rides or areas of the park that do not accept Fastpass or MaxPass reservations. At the time of publication, this included the newest land, Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge. We suggest heading to that part of the park first thing for a shorter wait time. (When we went at 9 a.m. on a Tuesday, the wait for Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run was only about 40 minutes.)

5. THERE ARE BENEFITS TO BRINGING YOUR OWN STROLLER

If you want to keep your kids out past their bedtimes so you can see the nightly fireworks show, which starts at 9:30 p.m., you’ll want a stroller that won’t cramp your style. There are blue rental strollers available, but they’re made from hard plastic and don’t recline; if you’re banking on a mid-day stroller nap, you may prefer to bring your own. Stroller parking is everywhere, and if your stroller has a storage basket, this is great for stacking bags too big to take on a ride with you. Only some rides at Disneyland have bag cubbies, though there are lockers throughout the park for bigger items. If you have little ones who can’t walk too far, take the monorail from Downtown Disney to avoid some of the crowds and get deeper into the park. It comes with your park admission ticket and the view from the monorail helps you get your bearings. There’s only one stop, in Tomorrowland, which is right across from the Finding Nemo Submarine Voyage ride—a big hit with kids.

6. HAVING AN EARLY-RISER KID HAS BENEFITS

One of the greatest advantages of staying on-site at one of the three Disneyland Resort Hotels is the Extra Magic Hour. This is when the park is open only to hotel guests and wait times are much shorter. The Magic Hour runs from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and switches parks each day (for example, at California Adventure Park, it runs on Mondays, and at Disneyland Park, it’s Tuesdays). For those on Eastern Standard Time, it can be a huge advantage, as many kids will be up and ready to go early. However, you might want to pick some Goldfish crackers in your suitcase. If you’re staying in a Disneyland Resort Hotel, reservations for the restaurants need to be booked; breakfast included. Guests of the Disneyland Hotel towers (Fantasy, Frontier and Adventure) can try the Tangerine Terrace open-air takeout restaurant, or other in-the-know moms of young kids suggest ordering UberEats to the lobby!

7. IT’S ALL ABOUT THE LAYERS

Weather at Disneyland is wonderfully sunny and blessedly less humid than the sticky Florida heat of Walt Disney World. If you’re vacationing in the winter, dress in layers. (It’s chillier in the morning and at the evening, you might need a light jacket or sweater.) Always wear your most comfortable walking shoes—you’ll be on your feet most of the day!

8. YOUR KID WILL NEED TO RUN OFF SOME ENERGY

If your high-energy wild child is getting antsy from waiting in too many lines, make a beeline for Tom Sawyer Island (between Frontierland and New Orleans Square). Take a quick motorized raft trip to the island, which has a liberating Lord of the Flies freedom you won’t find elsewhere in the congestion of the parks. Kids can run around the Pirate’s Lair, exploring pathways, rope bridges, treehouse forts and caves (watch your head!).

9. RIDER SWITCH IS SOMETHING TO EMBRACE

Kids aren’t the only ones who want to enjoy the rides as Disney. Take advantage of the rider-switch program at select attractions for adults. One parent waits with the kids while the other goes on the ride. When the first adult returns, the other parent can jump on the ride right away, without having to go to the back of the line.

10. HOW TO CHILL OUT

After a lot of stimulation and a full day of managing overexcited kids, your kid might need some downtime. Fend off any whining by selecting a rider-switch option, in which one parent waits with the kids while the other goes on the ride. You may have a longer wait time on the return trip, but it’s worth it, especially if it’s one of the more popular options, like Oga’s Cantina inside Star Wars: Galaxy’s Edge or the Blue Bayou, the fancy Cajun restaurant you pass by during the Pirates of the Caribbean ride. Check the Disneyland app for last-minute options—some of the restaurants are open until 11 p.m.—or use the Disneyland Dining phone number (714-781-DINE) to make reservations. Tip: When using the app, try searching by time rather than by type of meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner)—this tends to yield the most options when you’re looking for last-minute same-day or next-day options. If you need to cancel your restaurant reservation after 24 hours in advance, there’s often a cancellation fee.

DON’T MISS THIS FROM PARADES TO THRILL RIDES AND THE LATEST INSTALLATION OF STAR WARS: RISE OF THE RESISTANCE It’s more than just a ride. Mini-galaxy explorers (40 inches or taller) can join the Resistance in a secret mission against the First Order with some of their favourite characters, like Rey, Finn and Poe.

MAGIC HAPPENS PARADE

Set to a brand new song co-composed by former American Idol star Todrick Hall, the new parade features scenes from Frozen 2, Moana and Coco, along with other Disney classics.

INSIDE OUT EMOTIONAL WHIRLWIND

Head to Pixar Pier, where riders can stop to the workplace of Riley’s emotions—Anger, Joy, Sadness, Fear and Disgust—on this swirling and colourful ride that’s perfect for the preschool set.

AVENGERS CAMPUS

Superheroes will gather at Disney California Adventure Park in summer 2020 for the launch of this new land. Kids can sling webs with Spider-Man, go to Wakanda, and meet characters like Ant-Man.
5. Lego Your Worries

With SeaWorld to its south and Disneyland to its north, Legoland California works hard to keep up with the Joneses. The resort in north San Diego County boasts dozens of rides and attractions, an aquarium, a water park open in the summer months, and two hotels. It caters to young kids and you’ll find four-year-olds on even its wildest coaster, Technic. Legoland’s most unique and charming attraction may be Miniland USA, an expansive display of some 32 million bricks made into models of San Francisco’s Golden Gate bridge, the Las Vegas strip and a slow of Star Wars scenes.

4. Let Them Jump on the Beds

Rules…Except, a large room with no bars may be the best place to take shelter and enjoy a sail on a replica tall ship. Pint-sized pirates may also enjoy a stroll around the lily pond near the entrance to the Botanical Building. It’s hard to resist snapping pics as kids scramble after kois and ducks; the site dates to the early 1900s, but it was made for Instagram. Inside the building, which is free to the public, you’ll find more than 2,000 plants, including “scrunch and sniff” varieties like chocolate mint. The neighbouring Timken Museum of Art, known for its mid-century modern architecture and collection of Old Master paintings, also offers free admission. Got a kid who’s obsessed with dinosaurs? There’s a museum for that (San Diego Natural History Museum). Crazy about cars? There’s a museum for that, too (San Diego Automotive Museum). It’s planes, trains or rocks. Balboa Park has you covered with the San Diego Air & Space Museum, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, and the San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, respectively. Have we mentioned the Fleet Science Center, with its Tesla coil and giant dome theatre? Needless to say, it’s easy to fill a day or two at this park, which is also studded with playgrounds and hiking trails.

5. Discover “The Jewel”

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2. Electricity that is made of spare material salvaged from the highway’s construction and is actually a store that kids can go inside to buy their own lunch (picnic tables are dotted throughout). Feeling spent? Save some cash by bringing your own lunch. The kids will love rumbling around the Central Park Laboratory, a makerspace geared towards kids and families. Or, for a break from the hustle and bustle, head to the beautiful Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert.

3. Explore Balboa Park

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1. VILLAGEFEST

Every Thursday, starting at either 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. (depending on the season), locals and visitors hit the streets to celebrate this pedestrian-friendly street fair. It’s worth keeping the kids up for local shopping, entertainment, live music and sweet treats, like Brandini Toffee.

2. Hit the Zoo(s)

There’s no better place to take shelter than The New Children’s Museum. Check the schedule of workshops at the Innovators Lab, a makerspace geared toward children ages six to 13; doodle in painting or clay sculpting; or explore the large-scale art installations such as Whammocubo!, a hammock-like jungle gym made with 65 kilo-metres of nylon rope. Kids never want to leave the world of No Rules. Except, a large room filled with mattresses, more than 150 fire-shaped "pillows," and joyous squeals. Yes, parents can bounce, too.

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4. Let Them Jump on the Beds

Rules…Except, a large room with no bars may be the best place to take shelter and enjoy a sail on a replica tall ship. Pint-sized pirates may also enjoy a stroll around the lily pond near the entrance to the Botanical Building. It’s hard to resist snapping pics as kids scramble after kois and ducks; the site dates to the early 1900s, but it was made for Instagram. Inside the building, which is free to the public, you’ll find more than 2,000 plants, including “scrunch and sniff” varieties like chocolate mint. The neighboring Timken Museum of Art, known for its mid-century modern architecture and collection of Old Master paintings, also offers free admission. Got a kid who’s obsessed with dinosaurs? There’s a museum for that (San Diego Natural History Museum). Crazy about cars? There’s a museum for that, too (San Diego Automotive Museum). It’s planes, trains or rocks. Balboa Park has you covered with the San Diego Air & Space Museum, the San Diego Model Railroad Museum, and the San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, respectively. Have we mentioned the Fleet Science Center, with its Tesla coil and giant dome theatre? Needless to say, it’s easy to fill a day or two at this park, which is also studded with playgrounds and hiking trails.

5. Lego Your Worries

With SeaWorld to its south and Disneyland to its north, Legoland California works hard to keep up with the Joneses. The resort in north San Diego County boasts dozens of rides and attractions, an aquarium, a water park open in the summer months, and two hotels. It caters to young kids and you’ll find four-year-olds on even its wildest coaster, Technic. Legoland’s most unique and charming attraction may be Miniland USA, an expansive display of some 32 million bricks made into models of San Francisco’s Golden Gate bridge, the Las Vegas strip and a slow of Star Wars scenes.