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With so many incredible destinations and experiences on offer across the world, it can be difficult to decide where to go on your next adventure. To help you, we've put together this handy guide detailing four very different but equally special types of luxury holiday. Whether you're looking for something fun for your family to enjoy, an adventure-packed city break, the ultimate romantic escape or a gastronomic feast for the senses, there's something to suit every kind of traveller.



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Family holidays are all about spending quality time with your kids and making lasting memories. The key to these breaks is finding destinations that offer plenty of activities to suit all ages. Luckily, there's no shortage of options...



Family



OUR PICK: ANTIGUA

The white sands and aquamarine sea of Antigua make this Caribbean island a picture-perfect holiday spot that's ideal for some rest and relaxation. But there's much more to Antigua than beauty and tranquillity. Activities on offer on the island include everything from scuba diving and boat excursions to zip line tours, horse riding and helicopter trips. This means there's plenty to keep your brood busy.



WHERE TO STAY

Carlisle Bay, Antigua offers a slice of paradise right on the shoreline. Its generously sized suites give families plenty of room to spread out and relax, and they offer stunning ocean views. There's a selection of restaurants and bars serving up all manner of tasty treats, and importantly for parents, there are kids' clubs available for children as young as six months through to twelve year olds. Your youngsters will have the chance to meet other kids and get stuck into activities ranging from watersports to movie screenings.



DINING

You certainly won't go hungry, with Carlisle Bay's four restaurants offering a host of dishes taking inspiration from the likes of Italy, Japan, Thailand and Indonesia.

If it's variety and freshness you're after, it's hard to beat Indigo on the Beach. Set in an airy, open-sided dining area that offers spectacular ocean views, this restaurant serves up a mouth-watering array of dishes from breakfast through to dinner. Take your pick from healthy and refreshing market fruit salads, hearty burgers, decadent three-course tasting menus and much more besides. There's also a varied children's menu to keep youngsters happy.



NOT TO MISS: STINGRAY CITY ANTIGUA



Make sure you set aside time to visit Stingray City Antigua. Ideal for children aged 10 and up, this attraction gives you the chance to snorkel with friendly and gentle southern rays. A speed boat will take you to a shallow pool surrounded by a magnificent coral reef. You'll have the chance to feed and interact with these graceful creatures, which are free to come and go as they please.



Gastronomy holidays give you the chance to immerse yourself in other cultures and cuisines. Whether you'd like to hone your culinary skills with some exotic inspiration or you simply want to sample delicious new dishes and produce, there is the perfect destination out there waiting for you.



Gastronomy



OUR PICK: LAKE COMO, ITALY

In Italy, food is king. From pizzas and pastas to hearty stews and refreshing salads, the country is known around the world for its culinary prowess. Lake Como is no exception. Surrounded by the majestic Rhaetian Alps, this stunning part of the country (which has featured in films including Casino Royale and Star Wars Episode II) offers gourmet restaurants, incredible fresh ingredients and easy access to vineyards that produce excellent wines.



WHERE TO STAY

Experience aristocratic luxury at the Grand Hotel Tremezzo in the heart of Lake Como. Its rooms and suites offer enchanting vistas across the lake or century-old park and there are five distinct restaurants and bars to sample. In the L'Escale Trattoria & Wine Bar, you can experience a wine tasting session led by a knowledgeable sommelier. If you prefer to see the wine making process, you can book a vineyard tour in the nearby Valtellina valley. Here the vines are tended entirely by hand offering vintage taste.

When you're not satisfying your culinary cravings, you can relax at the luxurious spa or by one of the three pools (one floating on the lake!), private lakeside beach or park.

DINING

The Grand Hotel Tremezzo offers a plethora of dining experiences ranging from relaxed to formal. If you're searching for fine dining, you won't want to miss La Terrazza Gualtiero Marchesi, where the executive chef Osvaldo Presazzi was trained under the maestro Marchesi - widely credited as the father of Italian cuisine and the first chef in the country to receive three Michelin stars. Sample delights such as the famous "Riso e Oro" saffron risotto with gold leaf!

Or for an alfresco dining experience, why not tuck into a 'Chicnic'? This is a bespoke hamper with a selection of exquisite treats for you to enjoy in a location of your choosing, from a water limousine in a secluded spot or at a mountain summit overlooking the lake.

For the ultimate in romance, it has to be a Dimmidisi (meaning 'tell me yes') private dining experience. Your table opulently adorned with flowers and candles and the menu will be of your choosing. Decide whether to have your exclusive meal for two in one of the hotel's resplendent suites, a hidden corner of the palace garden, by the lakeside or at the 18th century Villa Sola Cabiati. Whichever backdrop you choose, you're in for an evening to remember.



NOT TO MISS: GRAND HOTEL TREMEZZO COOKING LESSONS

Rustle up some authentic Italian dishes yourself with cooking lessons at the Grand Hotel Tremezzo. You'll find out how to make the perfect pasta and create an entire menu. Once you've finished in the kitchen, you can enjoy the fruits of your labour over lunch with a view!

Buon appetito!



A romantic retreat is an opportunity to escape ordinary life and step into a fantasy world of beauty and indulgence. From petals on your hotel bed to pampering spa treatments and seductive views, these holidays should make you feel truly loved up and blissed out.



Romance

OUR PICK: CANOUAN, THE GRENADINES

The petite island of Canouan offers some of the most idyllic beaches in the Grenadines and provides the ideal setting for a romantic sojourn. From lazy days spent on the sun-kissed sands to walks up Mount Royal to enjoy spectacular views, there's plenty to see and do. You can also visit Tobago Cays by catamaran to see filming locations from Pirates of the Caribbean, enjoying snorkelling and a picnic lunch as part of the package.



WHERE TO STAY

Enter a world of sophistication at Mandarin Oriental, Canouan. Situated in an idyllic spot on Godahl Beach, it offers a selection of suites and villas that are perfect for couples. The 1,200-acre resort provides all the seclusion and peace you could want. Sip cocktails in infinity pools, take romantic strolls along the white powder sands and soothe your body and mind with guided yoga classes. And be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the tortoises that can regularly be seen making their way across the grounds.



DINING

There are five superb restaurants and bars to choose from at Mandarin Oriental, Canouan, meaning there's something to suit all tastes. The internationally-inspired menus are created using the finest ingredients and fresh, locally-sourced produce.

For an East meets West experience, head to Asianne. Centred around an open kitchen complete with tandoor brick oven, it serves up flavours of Thailand and Indonesia combined with a Caribbean twist. Choose from delights such as shitake mushroom tea, pan seared snapper with cumin roasted squash and roasted coconut and chili tossed pineapple.



NOT TO MISS: THE SPA



No trip to Mandarin Oriental, Canouan is complete without experiencing the treatments on offer in its spa. As you approach the serene hillside treatment suites along a wooden walkway on the beach, you'll start to feel your worries melting away. Choose from a selection of therapies and treatments, from Thai or Balinese massages to personalised body wraps.

If you're looking to pack as much as possible into your trip, a city and adventure break could be ideal. Choose your destination carefully and you can experience a plethora of cultural attractions in the city itself and head out of town to see natural wonders nearby.

City and Adventure



OUR PICK: CAPE TOWN

Few destinations offer as much variety and excitement as Cape Town. Regularly voted as one of the best holiday locations in the world, Cape Town is a coming together of landscapes and cultures - all with the impressive backdrop of Table Mountain. From the Museum of Contemporary Art Africa, to vintage shops and boutiques, to bustling markets, to trendy bars and cafes, there's plenty to see in the city itself. And just outside you'll find delights including Table Mountain National Park, Boulders Beach and Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden.



WHERE TO STAY

One&Only Cape Town is the ideal base for exploring the city and its surrounds. Offering spacious rooms and decadent suites, the resort is located on the picturesque Victoria & Alfred Waterfront Marina. As soon as you step into the plush lobby complete with floor to ceiling windows showcasing views over Table Mountain, you'll know you've arrived somewhere special. When you're not out exploring, you can relax in the infinity pool or enjoy a pampering treatment in the spa.



DINING

From informal restaurants to fine dining, the One&Only Cape Town caters to all tastes. For an unforgettable experience, be sure to book a table at Nobu. This innovative eatery offers food created by master chef Nobuyuki 'Nobu' Matsuhisa. His dishes are a unique take on Japanese cuisine with a South African influence. You can tuck into savoury delights such as a grilled langoustine martini or sake roast whitefish with jalapeno, and finish your meal with sweet options including a chocolate bento box.



NOT TO MISS: A GUIDED TOUR UP TABLE MOUNTAIN

For fresh air and fabulous views, it has to be a trip up Table Mountain. The One&Only Cape Town organises guided tours to the summit of this natural wonder. A qualified personal trainer will accompany you to the top, where you can marvel at the cityscape below. You'll also have the chance to enjoy a picnic at the summit, and even a yoga class if you want to wind down. You can then return in style via the scenic cableway.





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We hope this guide has given you some inspiration
for your next holiday. Wherever you decide to go,
the team here at Azure wishes you

bon voyage!