

Kids in the kasbah

How to 'do Morocco' in one week with kids in tow? Start with a picnic in the foothills of Mount Toubkal and learn to bake Berber bread (honey-smothered flatbread) with locals. Then camel trek along Essaouira beaches, take a surf lesson, and throw in a bit of snake charming and juggling in Marrakech's medina. Job done. From £595. keadventure.com



Pack your trunk

Indian elephant rides, canoeing down the Kelani River and camping in lush green tea plantations; budding explorers will love this new 15-night round trip from Seeduwa in Sri Lanka. After heading north to ancient ruins in



Polonnaruwa, the tour turns south to Kandy's Peradeniya Botanical Gardens – a moment of calm in an otherwise action-packed trip – before it stomps through jungle in Kitulgala on the lookout for leopards. Say hello to floppy-eared friends on a jeep safari through Udawalawe National Park, where you could get to see baby elephants take their first steps. From £1,199 for adults, £899 for children. intrepidtravel.com

Far and wide

Looking for new ideas for travel with the family? from safaris to sailing, our pick of new experiences will inspire your adventures



Fun fest

With hopes for a scorching summer burgeoning, UK

festivals are a family must. Kids' author Judith Kerr is writer in residence at Wychwood literature festival in Cheltenham on 31 May-2 June (wychwoodfestival.com), while young aspiring chefs can sign up to cooking classes at Harvest at Jimmy's family festival in Suffolk from 9-12 September (harvestatjimmys.com).

SAIL AWAY

Your little'uns may not be spinach-loving Popeyes, but let them man a yacht for a week and they'll soon catch the sailing bug. From Split to Agana along Croatia's Dalmatian coast, they'll suss out their port and starboard with the help of a dedicated skipper. Stop offs at Omiš – a former pirate stronghold – and Hvar give restless sailors a chance to stretch their sea legs, and with a live-in nanny available, parents keen for a moment's rest can explore Hvar's olive groves and lavender fields while kids go biking across the island. From £1,829 for adults, £1,491 for children. responsibletravel.com



New tracks

The nostalgic 1930s-style carriages, decadent afternoon teas and epic views of British countryside have long made a ride on the old-fashioned Northern Belle train an attractive prospect for a Sunday outing. Now orient express is getting family-friendly, with destinations such as Chester Zoo, Edinburgh Zoo and behind-the-scenes tours of the Making of Harry Potter experience at the Warner Bros. Studios in London firmly planted on its summer itinerary. Sunday lunch is served on board, accompanied by musicians to keep the troops entertained. From £185. orient-express.com

