

**GREAT
FAMILY
GETAWAYS**

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TRAVELER

Best Summer Ever

**25 DREAM TRIPS
TO ITALY & BEYOND**

American
Wanderlust!

San Francisco's Summer of Love

BEST BARBECUE JOINTS

Great Lakes Road Trip

NATIONAL PARK ADVENTURE



BEST LIST

21 GREAT ECO ESCAPES

Classic Comfort

ECOTOURISM LEGENDS

Nature reigns at **Jetwing Vil Uyana** in Sri Lanka's famed Cultural Triangle, home to the gray slender loris, among the world's tiniest primates. Costa Rica's **Lapa Rios** has long been a conservation icon. Deep in Bolivia's Madidi National Park, indigenous guides welcome intrepid travelers to **Chalalan Ecolodge**, an ideal base camp for jungle exploration. Maasai warriors are your hosts at **Il Ngwesi**, a community-owned safari lodge on the edge of Kenya's Northern Frontier district. Families lock to **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** on Australia's Gold Coast.

Island Abodes

WATER WORLDS

At the new **Six Senses Zil Pasyon** in the Seychelles, guests can kayak to Ile Cocos Marine National Park. Director Francis Ford Coppola opened **Coral Caye** last year in Belize, surrounded by a rainbow of sea life. **Concordia's** canvas solar cabins on St. John, USVI, were one of the early ecotourism landmarks. Madagascar's **Tsara Komba Lodge** is prime for spotting lemurs and chameleons. Rasta vibes thrive at **Jakes**, a family-owned retreat in Jamaica.

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Savanna Spots

PEACE ON THE PLAINS

Ted Turner's **Sierra Grande Lodge** in New Mexico provides access to over half a million acres of private wilderness, part of the conservation crusader's efforts to rewild America. In South Africa's Cape Floral Region, nature trails connect **Fynbos Retreat's** three bush cottages. Reindeer herders share their wisdom about the Sami indigenous way of life at northern Sweden's **Sápmi Nature Camp**. At **Estancia Los Potres** in Argentina, gauchos lead horseback trips to hidden waterfalls. The new **Duba Expedition Camp**, a partnership between Great Plains Conservation and the Okavango Community Trust in Botswana, offers a front-row seat to Africa's majestic wildlife.

Peak Outposts

HIGH ON NATURE

Crystal rivers, deep gorges, and soaring peaks combine with Greek village life at **Aristi Mountain Resort & Villas**. On a hilltop overlooking New Zealand's Coromandel Peninsula, **Manawa Ridge** merges eco-living with adventure outings. The **Lodge at Valle Chacabuco**, in Chile, sits in the heart of Patagonia Park, a conservation initiative protecting nearly 200,000 acres. Hear wolves howl at night, while staying at the **Prince of Wales's Guesthouse** in rural Transylvania. North of Hanoi in Sa Pa, **Topas Ecolodge** organizes treks into Hoang Lien National Park, a global biodiversity hotspot.

From top: **Six Senses Zil Pasyon**, in the Seychelles; **Jetwing Vil Uyana**, in Sri Lanka; and **Jakes**, in Jamaica