

Family getaways

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Sorting through
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configurations for
cruising families



Safari Time

Extraordinary Journey's Africa offers incentive for families with children ages 6-14 to take a break from their local winter weather and take on a Green Season Safari in Botswana. The tour operator is slicing the rates in half when children share a family room with parents. Starting on an island oasis in the ancient Okavango forest, known for attracting elephants, and moving to the Linyanti Reserve in northwestern Botswana's Savute area, famous for its lion population, the trip gives families an up-close experience with wildlife. The six-night Green Season Safari package is available for travel by March 20, 2013. Rates start at \$3,400 per person and include international airfare, meals, guided wildlife viewing, game park entry and sightseeing. (www.ejafrika.com) — Naomi Kahlon



Families will not be roughing it at Duma Tau Camp in Linyanti Reserve.



French Immersion

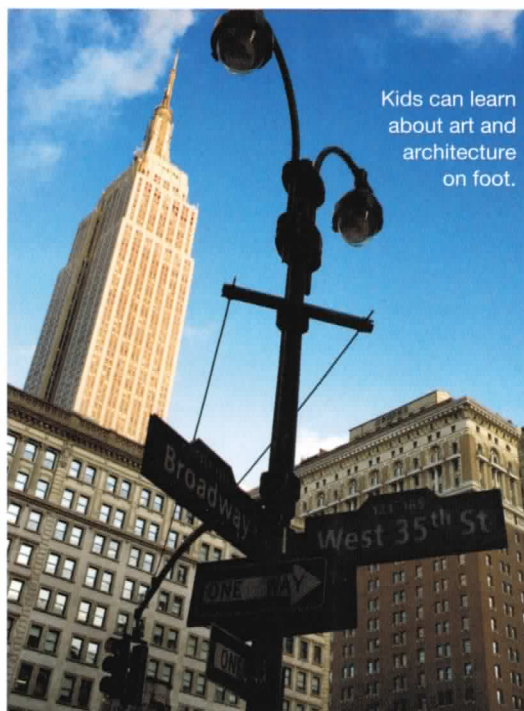
Featured prominently in the 2013 **Tauck Bridges** collection is its new river cruise itinerary, *Bon Voyage: France Family River Cruise*. The 10-day itinerary (from \$4,690 per person, plus airfare) begins with a two-night hotel stay in Paris with guided sightseeing of the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre and a special dinner at Fouquet's. Guests then travel on the high-speed TGV train to Lyon, where they board Tauck's Swiss Emerald for a seven-night cruise on the Rhone River.

Tauck is including a number of fun and engaging activities for families throughout the itinerary, including a scavenger hunt in Paris' Louvre, a lesson in *petanque* (a game similar to bocce) in Viviers, a hayride in the Camargue, bicycling in Avignon and a hands-on French culinary experience in Tournon. Three departures will be offered on July 11, July 25 and Aug. 1. What's more, Tauck has been named the World's Best River Cruise Line for Families by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* magazine for the second year in a row. (www.tauck.com) — Skye Mayring

Friends and Family Rates

This year, families can take advantage of double discounts with **General Tours**. The company's Family and Friends program, which discounts \$50-\$150 per person on groups of three or more, can be combined with the \$1,000 savings promotion for any 2013 small group booking of a private or small ship journey made by Dec. 28.

General Tours' most popular trips can now be booked privately, allowing families to trek the globe at their own pace in a personal car complete with a driver and a guide. The Panadas of Chengdu, Mountains & Jungles of Nepal, Treasure of Nicaragua and other itineraries are being adapted to suit budget-minded families. (www.generaltours.com) — N.K.



Kids can learn about art and architecture on foot.

Walking History

Context Travel has added two new child-friendly walking seminars to its already acclaimed Family Program in New York City, giving parents and children an opportunity to learn about the city's art and architecture on foot with the guidance of a trained docent.

Specifically designed for families, the new family programs — *Building the City, From Skyscrapers to Trains and Adventures in Modern Art* — can only be booked privately for \$250-\$300 for each three-hour tour. Because the Family Program walks are not prearranged, they can be booked to fit a family's busy schedule and are customized to suit the ages and interests of participating children. (www.contexttravel.com) — Elizabeth Pieslor