

DESTINATIONS OF THE WORLD
news

Essential travel intelligence **15** December 2021

15
YEAR
ANNIVERSARY

FUTURE WORLD

The Red Sea Project reveals first luxury hotel partners

SNOW FALL

Frost yourself in diamonds and pearls

TREASURE ISLAND

Five-star Robinson Crusoe vibes at this UAE resort

MAY OH, MAY-AN

An adventurous dive into Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula



BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

EAT, SLEEP, SPA AND SKI IN SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST BEAUTIFUL RESORTS

EXCLUSIVE TIMEPIECES



EXQUISITE JEWELS



UNIQUE ESCAPES



LUXURY CARS



NO ADULTS ALLOWED

Our pick of the best child-friendly things to do, try and buy this month, from festivities on a tropical island to the most colourful threads for winter, and the places to head for nothing but fun – think golf, pizza and sloths!



CELEBRATING TOGETHERNESS

For anyone seeking warmer weather for their winter jaunts, point your compass towards the Maldives, where an action-packed roster of activities awaits at The Nautilus Beach & Ocean House. An ultra-luxe bohemian hideaway at heart, family values are also at the core of the resort's ethos, meaning kids come first. This holiday season, they will be spoiled for choice: there's an Elf Zumba party, Mocktail competition, Christmas crab race, Christmas Day scavenger hunts, Candy Cane Chase, Santa hat-

making, a pastry workshop, letter writing to the man in red himself, and movie time at the beach, with holiday favourites such as *A Christmas Carol* and *The Grinch*. Naturally, all the other usual island activities aren't going anywhere, so snorkelling is on the cards, as is swimming, kayaking, spa treatments, and a cornucopia of restaurants. Stay at the three-bedroom Nautilus Mansion, and keep your nearest and dearest under one roof, complete with private pool and butler service, and champagne on arrival. www.thenautilusmaldives.com



SWING STARS

With the Junior Academy at the Peter Cowen Academy now in full swing after its recent opening, kids of all levels, from beginners to lower handicappers, can learn or improve their golfing skills with the Academy's PGA pros. Budding golfers will learn all aspects of the game – from fundamental skills, technique, etiquette and basic rules – whilst working on key FUNDamental movement skills needed for future development. With the weather never better, this is one easy way to get the kids outdoors, breathing in fresh air and exercising without really knowing it! www.dubaigolf.com

PLATING UP

Hands up if you like pizza? Hands up again if you like unlimited pizza? Thought as much! Gordon Ramsay's latest foray into Dubai's dining scene is a new eatery at Atlantis, The Palm, called Street Pizza, where bottomless pizza reign supreme. The venue will serve up 'pizza without rules', with endless slices, signature cocktails and live entertainment every night of the week. Signatures include margherita, pepperoni, charred aubergine and corn and chorizo, with more daring options including pulled lamb or wild mushroom. Plus, with no booking required, you can roll straight off the beach and into a booth! www.atlantis.com



WILDLIFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

This winter, your kids can join Lemon the sloth and her newborn cub with a Winter Camp at the UAE's only indoor rainforest, The Green Planet. Bringing tropical nature to the Middle East, the activities include animal encounters, bio-dome and sustainable explorations, nature-inspired arts and crafts, games, and scavenger and treasure hunts. Running until December 29, for children aged five to 10 years, this really is a camp to beat all camps. www.thegreenplanetdubai.com



ALL EYES ON YOU

Lanvin Eyewear's new Mother & Child collection for A/W21 is the perfect wish-list for stylish mamas. Designed in a charming tribute to the love between Jeanne Lanvin and her daughter, mothers can wear one of these sleek silhouettes as a fitting nod to their family connections. Perfect for bright winter days and long into spring. www.lanvin.com



DECK THE HALLS

If ever there was a reason to go all out glitz and glam it is the holiday season, and you can always count on Dior to bring a little extra sparkle. This year, Baby Dior dishes up a deliciously festive collection of pieces that revisit the House's essentials, with must-have, brightly-coloured creations designed by Cordelia de

Castellane, each adorned with touches of gold and powdery hues reminiscent of the soft shades of sand. Naturally, you'll find the DIOR signature and the Dior Oblique motif across the collection, via caning and toile de Jouy, while B27 sneakers and Chelsea boots toughen up the look, contrasted against the prettiest of pretty Miss B ballerina flats. www.dior.com