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The Den at Soneva Kiri (left and below) is the ultimate kids' club

villas, round-the-clock butler service for all accommodation types and unlimited access to the chocolate room, which is exactly as it sounds: a room full of chocolates that you can eat at will.

For nature and wildlife

ELEPHANT HILLS, KHAO SOK NATIONAL PARK
Fancy camping in a Thai tropical forest and getting close to majestic pachyderms? Elephant Hills' luxury tented camps (elephanthills.com) in Khao Sok National Park, Southern Thailand, don't offer elephant rides. Instead, you can watch the animals bathe and help scrub and feed them in their natural surroundings. The best option for families is the three-day Jungle Safari, which includes a light trek, boat rides and a visit to a local market.



Kids' corner

Jungle book

Karla Courtney rounds up the best family-friendly resorts in Thailand.

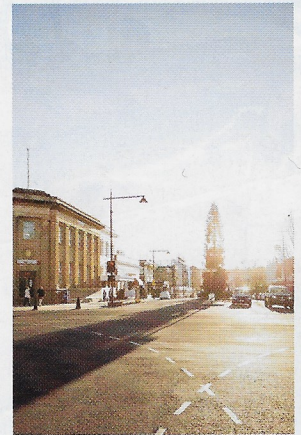
For the coolest kids' club

SONEVA KIRI, KOH KOOD
As they say, good things don't come easily. To reach this remote island resort, it's a 90-minute private flight from Bangkok, followed by a speedboat transfer. But once you're at Soneva Kiri (soneva.com), you'll enjoy a pristine, crowdless version of Thailand in a unique setting and in absolute luxury. The kids' club is housed in The Den, a giant bamboo hut with an interior that looks like a cross between *Robinson Crusoe* and Dr Seuss. The itinerary is packed with a mix of cultural and educational activities such as rainforest walks and local school visits. In the evening, the entire family can watch films in the open air on cushioned decks overlooking the lagoon or stargaze in the high-tech observatory. Oh, and we haven't even mentioned the private-pool

For pure relaxation

ANANTARA MAI KHAO PHUKET VILLAS
A 15-minute drive from the airport and a hop and a skip to Phuket's longest beach, Anantara Mai Khao Phuket Villas (anantara.com) is the perfect five-star family holiday in a secluded yet convenient spot. Bliss out in the spa, where children over five can accompany you and have an aromatherapy massage. There's a large resort pool, plus private villa pools. The Turtle Club is free for ages four to 12. Speaking of which, they can arrange for you to visit the marine turtle shelter next door at the Marriott. And if you're lucky, you might even see a turtle-releasing ceremony by conservationists.

For the best resort in Thailand for tweens and teens, go to travelinsider.qantas.com.au.



My Town

Enter our video competition to put your town in the national spotlight.

If you have a smartphone or camera and believe that your regional Australian home town deserves some recognition, read on.

QantasLink's *Spirit* magazine, in conjunction with Qantas's Travel Insider website, has launched the My Town video competition, inviting those with a passion for their town to show the rest of us why we should visit it.

Is it the river? The park? The pubs? Or is it the warm-hearted residents that make your regional community the best in the country? Tell us in a 30- to 60-second video and you could put your town on Australia's must-visit list.

The town in the winning entry will feature in *Spirit* magazine and across Travel Insider's digital and social channels. A production team will also shoot a professional video for screening on Qantas domestic flights.

Upload your entry to Instagram ([#MyTownSpirit](https://www.instagram.com/MyTownSpirit)) or travelinsider.qantas.com.au/mytownspirit, where you'll also find more details as well as terms and conditions. Entries close 2 September 2017.