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8 Places to Go for Father's Day

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Belize, Boston, and more.

It doesn't need to be Father's Day to take your dad on a well-deserved trip, but it's definitely a good excuse (plus, it's a great way to make up for all those times you didn't call). Here are eight places for all different types of dads—including several where the entire family can tag along.



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Cayo Espanto, Belize

Best for: Dads who love being on the water (and the finer things in life)

Why we love it: This seven-villa, **private island paradise** is an all-access pass to the crystalline waters, colorful marine life, and world-class fishing that surrounds the world's second-largest barrier reef. Snorkel among immense schools of nurse sharks, permit, and angelfish at Hol Chan National Marine Park, and spend at least a day at sea on the house yacht, catching lunch in local conch and lobster fisheries (which staff will BBQ for you on a private beach, no less). Back on the island, enjoy the comforts of your open-aired, waterfront villa, sublime sea views, and exceptional butler service. Two of the seven villas accommodate larger families; the others are better suited for just mom and dad.



Courtesy Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort

Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida

Best for: Dads who are all about the kids—or grandkids

Why we love it: **Walt Disney World** is bar none for multi-generational memory making, so consider taking the family man to the land of fairy tales and imagination and getting a room at **this five-star hotel**, right on official Disney grounds. Enjoy pursuits in the theme parks, and retreat to the Four Seasons at night to watch fireworks over the Magic Kingdom from the hotel rooftop. Consider skipping a park day to lounge by the pool, take a raft down the lazy river, tee off on the Tom-Fazio-designed golf course, or channel your inner kid in the resort's 3,000-square-foot Game Center. (Psst, here's a **cheat sheet to eating well at Disney World**.)



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Boston, Massachusetts

Best for: Dads who are foodies

Why we love it: In the past few years, Boston has emerged as a culinary destination. Think of this as your itinerary: In Chinatown, check out Shojo, a small but mighty Asian gastropub, where kimchi fried rice and pork belly dumplings are paired with excellent cocktails. Want old-school Italian done right? Feast on layered zucchini lasagna, housemade pastas, and burrata-topped Pugliese pizza at **Nebo Cucina & Enoteca**. At **Explorateur**, dine on French-California fare, a marriage of classic French dishes and the American farm-to-table movement. And for a fun night of tiki drinks and superb Asian small plates, reserve a table at **UNI**, a contemporary izakaya helmed by James Beard Award finalists and chef-partners, Ken Oringer and Tony Messina. Overnight in downtown at **Kimpton Nine Zero**, which unveiled an impressive top-to-bottom modernization in mid-May 2018.



Courtesy St. Regis

The St. Regis Punta Mita Resort, Mexico

Best for: Dads who can't get enough of golf

Why we love it: Let your dad tee off (all day, everyday) at the duo of beachfront, Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses: Bahia (18-hole, 7,035-yard, par 72) and Pacifico (18-hole, 7,014-yard, par 72). At the latter, he'll take his best shot at hole 3B, the famed "Tail of the Whale" par-three hole that extends several hundred feet into the ocean. For the **non-golf-inclined** family members, there are beaches, water sports, restaurants, and beach bars spread across this **oceanfront resort** and its greater community, all just 45 minutes south of Puerto Vallarta.



Courtesy Planters Inn/Peter Frank Edwards

Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina

Best for: Dads who want to see a lot in a little time

Why we love it: Take a quick family road trip between two of the South's most charming cities. Plan to stop at a roadside cherry-cider stand, several war relics, and lots of notable restaurants (don't miss [**The Ordinary**](#) in [**Charleston**](#), an exceptional oyster and seafood hall from James Beard winner Mike Lata that's anything but ordinary.) In Savannah, overnight in the heart of the historic district at the eclectic [**Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront**](#); in Charleston, stay at [**Planters Inn**](#), a boutique spot of Relais & Chateaux pedigree.



Courtesy Four Seasons Safari Lodge, Serengeti

Four Seasons Safari Lodge Serengeti, Tanzania

Best for: Dads who love wildlife and photography

Why we love it: This family-friendly enclave of 77 accommodations lies in the heart of the central Serengeti National Park, and it's one of the easiest [**lodges**](#) to reach on the East Africa safari circuit. And while the wildlife sightings are extraordinary on game drives, even better is the view from the camp's [**infinity pool**](#), where elephants splash and wildebeest graze a stone's throw away.



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The Resort at Pedregal, Los Cabos, Mexico

Best for: Beach-going dads with style

Why we love it: **The Resort at Pedregal** is one of those spots where it's worth every penny to relax all day in the oceanfront infinity-edged pool, sipping cucumber margaritas. This summer, the beachside fun is a little more affordable, thanks to the resort's "Here Comes the Sun" package. Rates start at \$450/night and include a complimentary third night, a grand breakfast spread daily, and round-trip airport transfers. Put simply? Money to spend on the resort's new private yacht, which is available for sunset sails, whale-watching trips, and more.



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Excursions of Escalante, Utah

Best for: Dads with a penchant for adventure and camping

Why we love it: There are many ways to explore Utah's canyons and arches—**a road trip** and hiking are the obvious routes—but if your dad fits a more rugged profile, take him on a daredevil, four-day/three-night adventure through Utah's slot canyons. With special government permits, **Excursions of Escalante** escorts groups into the state's unpublished and unnamed narrow canyons, namely within the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Box Death Hollow Wilderness Area. Prepare to don a hard-hat during the rope-heavy canyoneering, but feel free to take it off during the off-trail hiking.