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6 Fun-Filled Mother-Daughter Getaways To Book ASAP

Like a girlfriend getaway, but better.



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Throughout our lives, our mom plays many different roles: support system, disciplinarian, best friend—why not travel buddy? Win yourself the best kid award this Mother's Day by booking a trip for you and your mom to take together. Ahead, six of the best places to stay, eat, sip wine, and get your spa on with your momma.

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STAY: For a nature-filled escape with mom, visit Blackberry Farm, tucked into the foothills of the Smoky Mountains about three hours east of Nashville. The 4,200-acre oasis excels in the art of southern hospitality (read: fresh baked cookies waiting in your room). Book one of the historic suites dating back to the farm's beginnings or get together with your aunts and cousins and splurge on a rustic cottage packed with luxe amenities and picturesque farm views.

BOOK IT

DO: Lounge poolside, join in on yoga, schedule private cooking classes and a wine tasting, or book a signature treatment at the Wellhouse Spa, inspired by the region's mountains, gardens, and forests.

EAT: Meals are considered special events at Blackberry Farm. Make a reservation at The Barn for rustic regional fare like roasted duck and charred butternut squash. Or dine at The Dogwood located in the farm's main house. They specialize in comfort foods like roasted chicken with rosemary from the on-site herb and vegetable garden, glazed sweet potatoes, and a selection of homemade cheeses hand-picked by the resident cheesemonger.



STAY: Acqualina Resort, located about 12 miles north of South Beach is home to three oceanfront pools, white sand beaches, and an award-winning spa (book the [Himalayan salt stone massage](#)). Still full of fun, the area is a less crowded alternative to Miami's SoBe and the perfect luxurious destination to spend girl time in the sun.

BOOK IT

DO: Rent bikes and make your way down the Beach Path Art Exhibit organized by Unscripted, Bal Harbour's art program. The walk has three annual exhibitions and runs private tours at Miami's art museums. For an afternoon on the water, book a yacht cruise through Acqualina and spend the morning swimming and snorkeling or relax on deck with a chilled bottle of rosé.

EAT: A stop at [Le Sirenuse Champagne Bar in Four Seasons Hotel at The Surf Club](#) is a must. The bar overlooks the ocean where you can sample an extensive list of sparkling wines and bespoke cocktails. For dinner, make a reservation at Makoto Restaurant by Chef Makoto Okuwa. Order an assortment of sushi and Japanese Wagyu cooked tableside on a hot river stone.



STAY: The Farmhouse Inn in Forestville, Calif.—a boutique hotel with chic rooms equipped with fireplaces, patios, and customizable bath scrubs—partners with 23 local wineries offering complimentary tastings to Farmhouse guests. A favorite: [The MacRostie Estate House](#), producers of Sonoma Coast Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Located on a hilltop in the heart of the Russian River Valley, the winery has three patio terraces for tastings, each with an epic view of the valleys below. After a long day of tastings, kick back and roast s'mores (with homemade marshmallows) at one of Farmhouse's outdoor fire pits.

BOOK IT

DO: Adventure-seeking mother-daughter duos will love the [DuVine Cycling + Adventure Co.](#) tour through Napa and Sonoma's wine region. Pedal along the Pacific Coast and through Armstrong Redwoods State Park, stopping at wineries in the Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys along the way.

EAT: Head into the town of Healdsburg and visit [SHED](#), a local market and cafe with a rotating organic seasonal menu. Shop for artisanal kitchen gadgets, eat oysters, and sip local wines at one of the market counters.

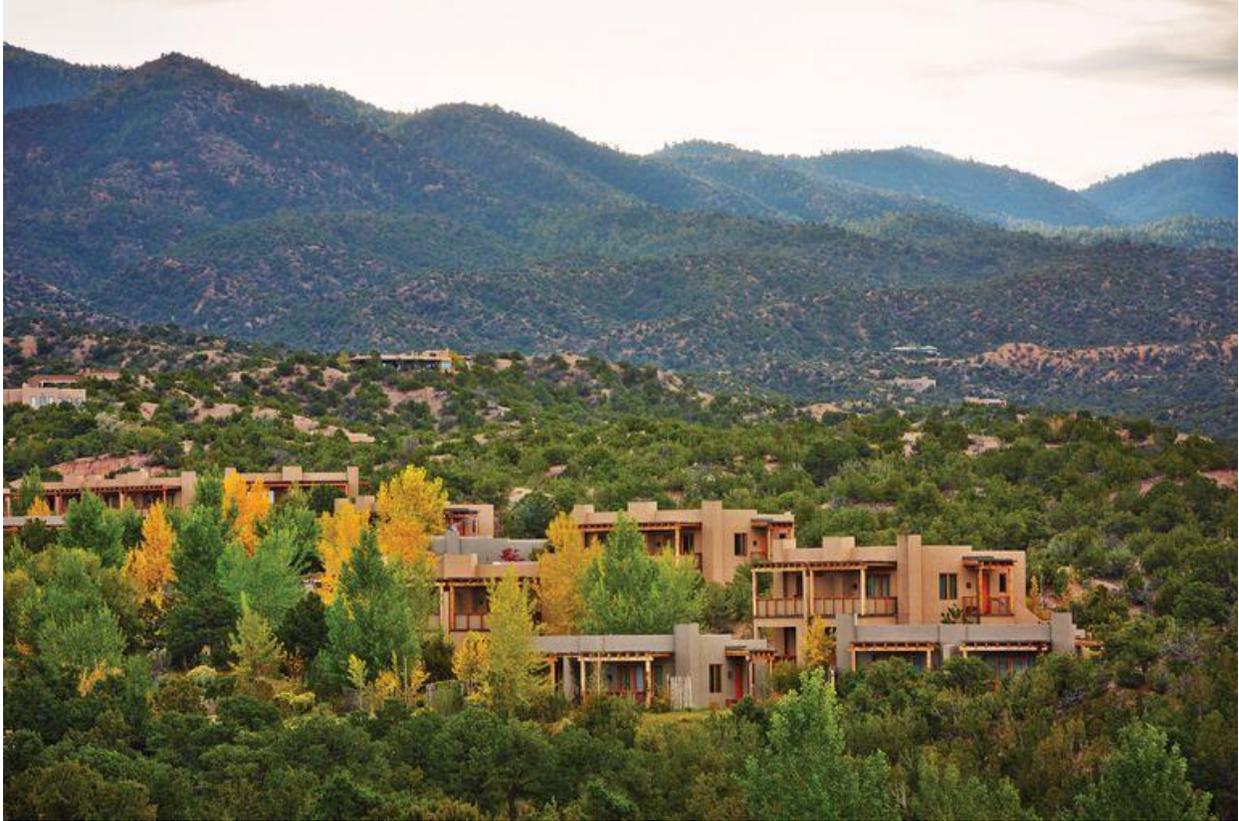


STAY: With a focus on balance and relaxation, Amanyara is the ideal spot for a zen-filled mother-daughter escape. Set between a marine national park and a nature preserve, the area is home to turtles, humpback whales, and hundreds of rare bird species.

BOOK IT

DO: A huge barrier reef located on the property makes for some of the best snorkeling around. The preserve hosts environmental programs to learn about marine life, indigenous wildlife, and migratory birds. After a day of exploring, book a sacred stone treatment at the spa and watch the sunset from one of the property's pavilions overlooking the sea.

EAT: Make a reservation at local hotspot Mango Reef. Sit outside and catch the ocean breeze while enjoying island cocktails and local Caribbean fare, like red snapper and spicy lobster curry.



STAY: Filled with a rich history, adventure, shopping, and a booming culinary scene, Santa Fe is a must-see destination for mother-daughter duos. Book a room at [The Four Seasons Resort Rancho Encantado](#) situated between the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and the mesas of the Rio Grande River Valley. The hotel is a peaceful refuge located a quick ten minutes from downtown Santa Fe.

BOOK IT

DO: Spend the morning at the [Georgia O’Keeffe Museum](#), dedicated to the artist’s life and works. You can arrange a tour of O’Keeffe’s adobe home and studio, which inspired many of the painter’s signature flower paintings. If you’re a margarita lover, purchase a [Santa Fe Margarita Trail](#) passport where you’ll enjoy specially crafted margs made with 100% agave tequila. If you find yourself in town on a Tuesday or Saturday, visit the renowned Santa Fe Antique Flea and Farmers Market brimming with fresh produce, flowers, and southwestern crafts and jewelry.

EAT: Dine at Geronimo, tucked away on a residential street inside an adobe home dating back to 1756. Executive Chef Sllin Cruz serves up award-winning dishes with a southwestern twist like wasabi Ceasar salads and mesquite grilled lobster tails.



Ritz-Carlton Sarasota

STAY: Known as Florida's Cultural Coast, Sarasota is an eclectic getaway on the Gulf of Mexico, loaded with art museums, an opera house, and the winter mansion of John Ringling (of the Ringling Bros). Stay downtown and check into the Ritz-Carlton perched just steps away from galleries and restaurants. For a more remote atmosphere choose Longboat Key at the newly opened Zota Beach Resort.

BOOK IT

DO: Visit the Andy Warhol exhibit at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, showcasing the role of nature in Warhol's life and works. Book a tour at the Circus Museum, the former home of John & Mable Ringling. Learn the history of the big top and view their private collection of contemporary art from around the world. In Longboat Key, take a sunrise yoga class, rent kayaks and paddle boards, or lay low in a private poolside cabana.

EAT: Grab a seat at Lido Key Tiki Bar, an open-air tropical beach bar with amazing gulf front views. For dinner make a reservation at Indigenous. Located inside a restored cottage in downtown Sarasota, James Beard award-winning chef, owner, and fisherman, Stephen Phelps, prepares seafood caught daily.

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