10 best
all-ages trips

The whole crew can connect, build memories, and have a grand old time at these multigeneration destinations.

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1. Explore New Orleans
What could be cooler than riding streetcars, exploring a swamp on a pontoon boat, or taking a ghost tour through a cemetery? On the educational front, there's an interactive World War II museum. The French Quarter's 1870 Banana Courtyard bed-and-breakfast even offers a grandparent-grandchild package.
followyourNOLA.com

2. Go gramping in Hocking Hills, OH
The Inn & Spa at Cedar Falls caters to a range of ages, and they call it "gramping." Lodging can mean a room, cabin, or cottage at the Inn; the more adventurous can choose a nearby campground or parked RV. Paved hiking trails are great for young and old. innatcedarfalls.com

3. Raft Idaho's Salmon River
All-Ride Adventures five-day Family Magic trips for travelers 5 to 85 include a special "river jester" guide to tell stories, lead nature games, and keep younger floaters engaged during the 60-mile journey. Come evening, the staff sets up tents with meals for kids and wine and hors d'oeuvres for adults. rowadventures.com

4. Hike and see a show in Branson, MO
Family-friendly concerts and shows will entertain all ages, while the Ozark Mountains offer hiking, fishing, zip-lining, and parasailing. The Silver Dollar City theme park hits all the right notes with cooking classes, crafts shows, and roller coasters. explorebranson.com

5. Experience history in D.C. and Philadelphia
Dig into our collective roots and take a trip through both cities. Get good overviews by hitting highlights like the D.C. Memorials by Moonlight tour and following Benjamin Franklin's footsteps on a customized course through Philly. washingtonwalks.com, phillytours.com

6. Farm in Vermont
Ninth-generation farmers the Kennets have opened their family farm, Liberty Hill, to your family. Spend days feeding animals, collecting eggs, helping deliver calves—or just hanging out in the 150-year-old farmhouse. The farm-fresh meals, featuring cheeses from nearby Cabot Creamery, are served family-style. libertyhillfarm.com

7. R & R at Club Med
It's an all-inclusive, choose-your-own-adventure at Florida's Sandpiper Resort. You can opt for tennis and golf lessons, and the kids can try out a trapeze and circus school, which culminates in a must-see end-of-week performance. clubmed.us

8. Wonder at nature in Yosemite Park
All ages will marvel at the tallest waterfalls in the United States and bond on day hikes through amazing forests. Nearby Tenaya Lodge resort offers a Grand Family Adventure Package that includes breakfast for two adults and kids, and a guided tour by daylight or flashlight. tenayalodge.com

9. Giddyap at Elkhorn Ranch, AZ
At this 10,000-acre property near Tucson, everyone can take horseback rides geared to their skill levels. The lodges and cabins let the family stay together, and you won't exactly be roughing it: Enjoy the heated pool, tennis courts, and workshops on photography, music, and art. elkhornranch.com

10. Find your passion as a Road Scholar
From snorkeling in the Galápagos to seeing Mount Rushmore, Road Scholar offers dozens of intergenerational learning and exploration trips around the world. More examples: Sailing through Washington's San Juan Islands to learn about marine biology or exploring the Old West in Colorado. roadscholar.org