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SKI & SNOWBOARD

MERIBEL, FRANCE At this alpine ski resort, kids have access to the best ski clubs, schools and entertainment, including a **petting zoo** (www.chamonet.com) and ice sculpting. There is plenty of **accommodation** (www.purelymeribel.com; www.oxfordski.com) to choose from. And you can make use of **nanny services** (www.meribelnannyservices.com) when you want some time to yourself.

GULMARG Arguably India's finest ski resort town, it is 60km from Srinagar airport. The slopes are accessed by a gondola service close to the area's premier hotel, **The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa** (www.khyberhotels.com), whose staff can arrange for excellent instructors.

TOP TIP Dress your little ones in layers. The chest should always be covered, as should the nose, fingers, and ears, especially on the slopes, when confronted with wind. Use waterproof outer layers and plenty of padding, as your kids will fall while learning.

CAMP OUT UNDER THE STARS

CHIANG RAI, THAILAND Set in a region where Thailand, Myanmar and Laos meet, the **Four Seasons Tented Camp Golden Triangle** (www.fourseasons.com) redefines glamping. The surrounding mountain trails and bamboo forests are home to rescued elephants, while the tents and lodge have outdoor decks and wooden hot tubs. This all-inclusive resort offers packages with transfers, meals, house wines and spirits, elephant interactions and a spa therapy. Watch mahout training sessions or go on treks, river rides and village tours.

Clockwise from top left: an aerial view of Victoria Falls; a Sher Bagh safari; a tent at Aman-i-Khas. Previous pages from left: The Khyber Himalayan Resort & Spa; skiing in Gulmarg

SONMARG Ahsan Mount Resort (www.facebook.com/ahsanmountresort), on the banks of the river Sind in J&K, is a 10-tent, eco-friendly camp with breathtaking views from sit-out areas. Apart from trekking, take a buggy ride or pony to the top Thajiwas Glacier.

TOP TIP Pack enough insect repellent, mosquito patches, sunscreen, antibacterial sprays and baby wipes. Your first-aid kit should include medicines for poison control, rashes, allergies, wounds and insect bites and a tweezer for splinters. Rope, a Swiss army knife, glow sticks, headlamps and duct tape will come in handy.

TEACH THEM TO LOVE WILDLIFE

LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA AVANI Victoria Falls Resort (www.minorhotels.com) is a great stay option for families. Take the kids on a game drive in Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, or on a sunset cruise, canoe ride or river float to see hundreds of hippos. The **Livingstone Reptile Park** (www.livingstonetourism.com) is an unmissable highlight, and, of course, there are activities such as helicopter rides and walking tours in and around the gorgeous falls.

RANTHAMBORE NATIONAL PARK A three-hour drive from Jaipur, it is full of tigers (over 60 at last count) and there are some stunning stay options, like **Sher Bagh** (www.sujanluxury.com), **Aman-i-Khas** (www.aman.com) and **The Oberoi Vanyavilas** (www.oberoihotels.com).

TOP TIP Book family sharing rooms, so kids have their own space but can't open the door and step out alone at night. Also, teach them the basics of safari etiquette so that it's a fun experience for all.