

Soak up the sun and invigorating island beauty on a tropical vacation

10 TROPICAL GETAWAYS

Where Katy Families Go for Fun in the Sun



Whether you're looking for a remote island hideaway for two or an all-inclusive resort for the whole family, these 10 island destinations are some of the most popular for Katy area residents.



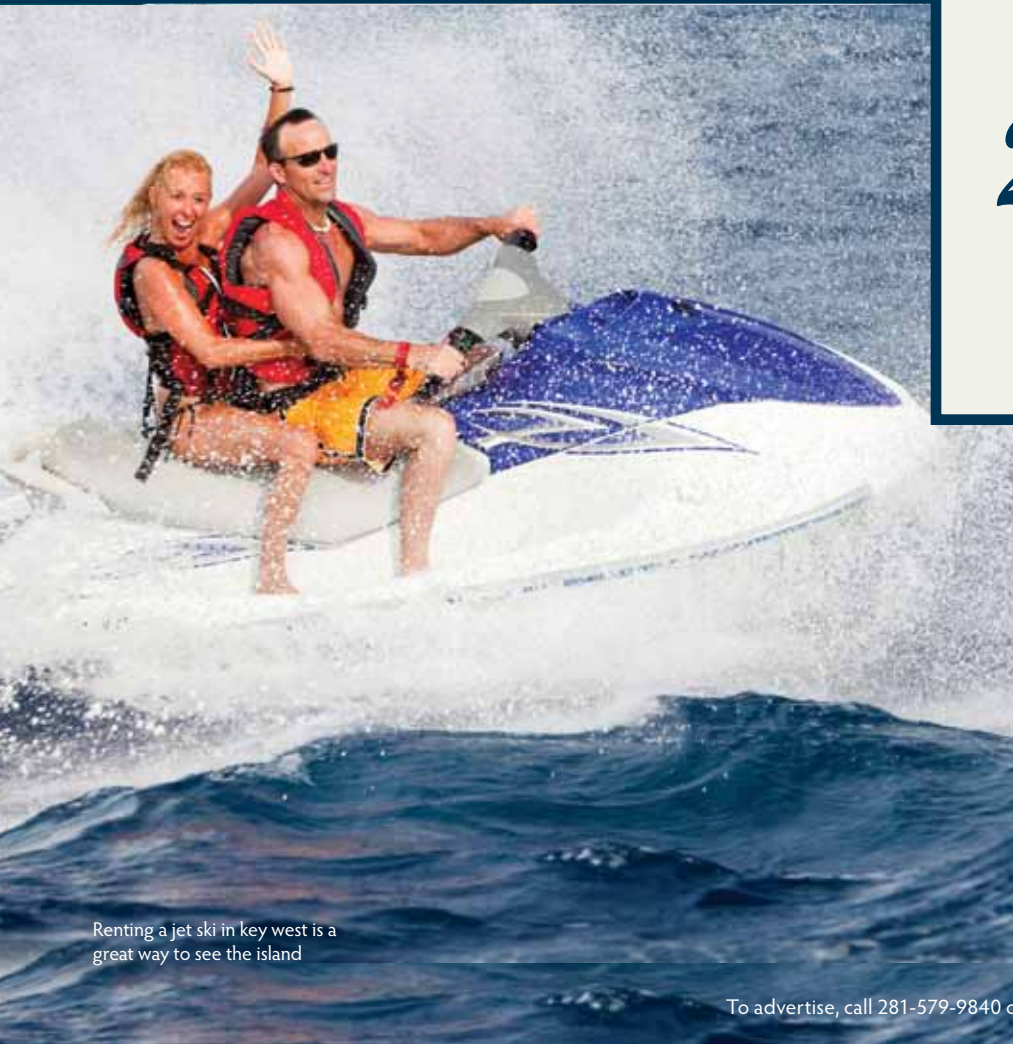
Surrounded by azure waters and packed with fun activities, the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas offers something for everyone

1 THE BAHAMAS

Located in the heart of the Bahamas, Paradise Island is home to the family-friendly Atlantis Resort. Take a snorkeling adventure, swim with dolphins and sea lions, enjoy the Atlantis water park, see tropical fish and sharks up close at the Mayan Temple Lagoon, or enjoy feeding native Green Sea Turtles at Hibiscus Lagoon.

2 COZUMEL, MEXICO

An island 20 minutes away from Cancun, Cozumel has managed to keep its small-town charm while still giving families the trip of a lifetime. Cozumel's Caribbean-facing beaches are quieter and give families the chance to reconnect, while the beaches facing the mainland have a more bustling atmosphere.



Renting a jet ski in Key West is a great way to see the island



Ocho Rios Jamaica, Atlantis in the Bahamas and many other island resorts offer dolphin encounters



3 KEY WEST, FLORIDA

Key West offers families an island oasis close to home with a unique history. Visit the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum, the Little White House, or Pirate Soul Museum for a history lesson, or discover nature at the Key West Butterfly and Nature Conservancy, or aboard a Dolphin safari charter boat or the Conch Tour Train.

Key West has a unique island culture and history

4 OCHO RIOS, JAMAICA

If you're searching for a relaxing family vacation to Jamaica, Ocho Rios offers an array of kid-friendly activities, like horseback riding on the beach, jungle river tubing trips, Jeep safari tours, and bamboo rafting. Enjoy a day exploring a replica pirate town as you embark on ocean adventures at Dolphin Cove theme park.

In Hawaii, beautiful sunsets and lush scenery offer an escape from the ordinary

5 MAUI, HAWAII

With fun activities like glass bottom boat tours, visits to a working tropical plantation, snorkeling, and whale watching, the island of Maui is a top family vacation destination. Maui's claim to fame is its world-renowned beaches, where you can enjoy activities like kite-surfing and authentic luaus.



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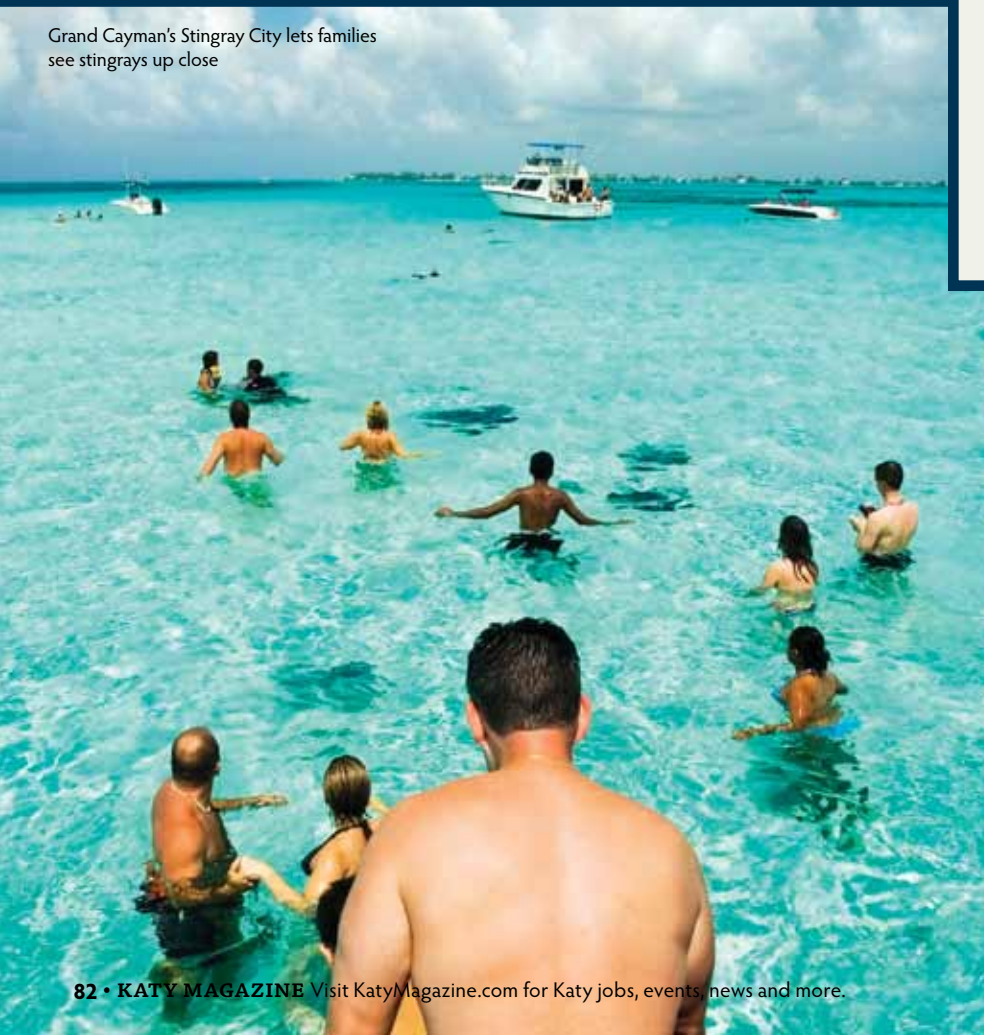
6 TURKS AND CAICOS

Providenciales, one of the most settled islands in Turks and Caicos, remains a hidden jewel of the Caribbean. Embark on a kid-friendly Ocean Outback adventure aboard a glass bottom boat and enjoy snorkeling and exploring Pirates Cave, with treasure maps etched into the wall and centuries-old artifacts.

7 GRAND CAYMAN

Surrounded by glittering azure waters, Grand Cayman offers a fun-filled beach getaway. Visit the Stingray City sandbar and see gentle stingrays up close or embark on the Cayman Pirate Encounter, where you can experience a mock attack and jump off the plank into the sparkling waters below while on a pirate ship.

Grand Cayman's Stingray City lets families see stingrays up close



Beach vacations are the perfect way to reconnect as a family while enjoying the great outdoors



Fiji's Taveuni island is one of the most spectacular diving spots in the world for beginning to advanced divers



Fiji

Fiji's largest island, Viti Levu, is filled with island paradise resorts such as Arts Village that offer children's activities like rainforest hikes, snorkeling, sand castle building, and lessons in local dances. Families can explore Fijian life with the Waterfall Tour, where they can learn about folklore, visit the home of a village chief, swim in the sparkling waters of a waterfall lagoon, and hike through the lush rainforest.

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9 TAHITI

Along with gorgeous beaches, Tahiti is home to the Botanical Gardens and Mount Aorai, where families can experience the island's beautiful scenery. Kid-friendly activities like swimming with dolphins, snorkeling in the island's surrounding coral reef, and kayaking let families see nature up close.

10 U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

St. Croix is full of secluded beaches where families can reconnect or enjoy activities like kayaking or horseback riding through the island's lush forest. Buck Island National Park offers kid-friendly snorkeling and sailing trips and Heritage Trail is a great way to see the local culture and natural beauty of St. Croix.

From the Caribbean to the South Pacific to the southern shores of the U.S., Katy families are discovering unique tropical getaways that offer something for everyone. With all the kid-friendly choices of island destinations, the next question you should be asking yourself is how soon can you get there? KM

View of Trunk Bay on St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

