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## **Summer Trips From Classic Journeys Offer Fresh Take On Family Bonding**

*Adventure tours cater to all ages with unique formula for fun*

**La Jolla, CA** – Anyone who travels with kids in tow eventually confronts the inevitable question: is this a trip...or a real vacation?

"At Classic Journeys, vacation is the operative word," explains Edward Piegza, co-founder and company president. "Since 2003, when we launched our first regularly scheduled Family Journeys, our goal has been to create equal-opportunity vacations that every generation can enjoy."

By striking just the right balance of time together plus time apart, no one on a Family Journey – whatever their age – feels passed over when it comes to fun.

For parents and grandparents, exploring new cultures and sharing outdoor activities with the kids rank high on the list...but so does kicking back, wine glass in hand, with the other grown-ups on tour. While adults savor the moment, the company's terrific team of local guides steps up to mind the kids. These resident experts – part teachers, part storytellers, part overgrown playmates – zero in on just what kids love to see and do.

A recent guest, Stephanie Holdgrafer of San Diego, is a single mom of two active sons, one of whom has special needs. She reflected: "Our Family Journey to Glacier Park was a godsend. I got the chance to relax and soak up the surroundings, while our guide seemed to have a sixth sense for 'wowing' my boys on their own individual levels."

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A welcome respite for parents, these occasional mini-breaks are also empowering for kids...all of which makes for extra-lively conversations when everyone reunites at the end of their latest adventure.

A look at the company calendar shows several Family Journeys with space still available this summer:

\* [Montana's Glacier Park Family Journey](#) – Kicks off with a cowboy cookout around a blazing campfire, complete with songfest under the stars. Easy-going hikes through the Park boast wildflower meadows, glistening waterfalls, and regular sightings of moose, elk, deer, mountain goats and bald eagles, with time carved out for whitewater rafting and lake cruising, too.

\* [Canadian Rockies Deluxe Family Camping](#) – Takes place under starry skies, where guests enjoy luxury tents with real beds, cozy campfires, and excellent meals, courtesy of highly skilled camp managers and crew. By day, river rafting, horseback riding, and scenic walks showcase the waterfalls and wildlife of Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper National Park.

\* [Nova Scotia Family Journey](#) – Celebrates the natural beauty of our own Canadian backyard. From hiking coastal paths and forest trails to sea kayaking and whale watching, guests experience the best of a maritime province that in many cases is only a couple hours' flying time from home.

\* [Costa Rica Family Journey](#) – Blends wildlife encounters with snorkeling, river rafting, and riding zip line cables through the treetops. Led by expert naturalists, guests discover tropical rainforests and mangrove swamps, witness fiery lava snaking down volcanic slopes, and mingle with Costa Rican kids at a village school.

\* [Provence Family Journey](#) – Finds guests trekking through lavender fields to an ancient abbey and kayaking beneath a Roman aqueduct. Grown-ups savor winetastings and a private Provencal cooking instruction, while kids clamber over castle ruins and try their hands at Impressionist-style painting.

On trips like these where value-for-money is key, the company offers a family-friendly price break: when sharing a room with two full-paying guests, kids up to age 16 receive discounts ranging from \$500 to \$1750 off the regular adult price, while kids sharing a room with one full-paying guest receive a discount of \$250.

Readers who want to learn more about the company's roster of Family Journeys for summer 2009, including specific departure dates and prices, may click on [www.classicjourneys.com/family](http://www.classicjourneys.com/family), or speak directly with a Guest Services Coordinator at (800) 200-3887.

### **About Classic Journeys:**

Classic Journeys offers cultural walking adventures, culinary tours and family journeys in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Guests enjoy luxury accommodations and gourmet meals that reflect the best of each region, coupled with soft adventure activities, daily interactions with locals, and native guides who make countries and cultures come alive. Tours are six to 12 days long with two to four hours of easy-going walking per day. Land-only tour prices range from \$2395 to \$6995 per person (with discounts for small groups and children traveling with parents). Average tour size is 10, limited to a maximum of 18 guests per departure. Full details and links to itineraries are available at [www.ClassicJourneys.com](http://www.ClassicJourneys.com).