

FAMILY TRAVEL

# Exciting New Hotels Families Should Have on Their Radar in 2025

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If you're anything like me, a blank calendar just begs to be filled with fun plans. And what's more exciting than jetting off somewhere wonderful with your nearest and dearest? Sometimes, family travel might look like exploring a European city, getting back to nature with an idyllic farm stay, going skiing, or renting a lake house. In other instances, it's about finding a fantastic, family-friendly hotel—whether that's a dude

ranch, a resort in the Caribbean, or a sleek urban retreat—that ticks all the boxes for traveling with kids. While the enduring appeal of all-stars, such as Nemacolin and Turtle Bay Resort, will never fade, staying at a brand-new hotel with all the bright, shiny bells and whistles does add a certain level of novelty to a family vacation.

Scroll on for the most exciting hotels opening in 2025 that parents will want to have on their radar before booking upcoming travels. For even more inspiration, we included some of our favorite properties that hit the scene in 2024.

## Best New Family-Friendly Hotels in the U.S.

### 3. OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



*Source: Okana Resort*

## (Opening Spring 2025)

Few things are more of a blast for kids, teens, and young-at-heart adults than splashing and zipping into the water. Beyond a 100,000-square-foot indoor waterpark featuring 15 water slides and an enormous 4.5-acre outdoor adventure lagoon complete with an inflatable obstacle course, a “fly” pool for zipping, jumping, and sliding into the water, cabanas for midday naps, and a sandy beach lined with lounge chairs, OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark will have an entertainment center with interactive arcade games, arts and crafts, and prizes, plus 12 food and beverage options. Bunk rooms and family suites are ideal places to rest weary heads after all that family fun.