

The Breakers, Palm Beach

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#### Palm Beach

This iconic high-end resort features four oceanfront pools (one of which is a relaxing, kid-free oasis), eight restaurants, a kids' camp, and a Family Entertainment Center practically overflowing with fun (it has an arcade, game room, movie room, craft area and playground). Beyond that, there's a beach club, luxury beach bungalows, golf, tennis, a spa and two fitness centers, plus countless water sports. Go snorkeling and scuba diving on The Breakers' own reef, located just offshore.

Explore Nearby: A pirate cruise, swimming with dolphins, Miami Seaquarium \*\*

# Go Educational

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Don't tell the kids, but vacations can also be fantastic learning experiences. Here are six destinations to inspire you to learn, have fun and soak up the Florida sunshine — together as a family.

#### Pensacola

The National Naval Aviation Museum features over 150 aircraft with no barriers — you can walk right up to the planes. For first-hand knowledge, join a free guided tour or try the MaxFlight 3D Flight Simulators. Also check out Historic Pensacola Village, where on Saturdays a cast of living-history interpreters demonstrate cooking, sewing and woodworking from the 19th century.

#### St. Augustine

Stroll down historic St. George
Street to the Oldest Wooden
Schoolhouse (built over 200 years
ago), the Colonial Quarter living
history museum and the Castillo de
San Marcos. Explore the Legacy
Tours of Flagler College, highlighting
the architecture and heritage of the
former Hotel Ponce de Leon. To the
south, tour the Lincolnville Historic
District and learn about its role in the
American Civil Rights movement.

#### Cape Canaveral

Take to the skies at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex for an up-close look at the Atlantis exhibit, with real-life simulators highlighting how the shuttle makes its ascent into orbit. For the ultimate learning experience, have lunch with an astronaut and gain first-hand knowledge of what it's like to soar into space.

#### Tampa

Meet a penguin at The Florida Aquarium's "Penguins: Backstage Pass" tour. Spend time with penguin biologists and learn about these remarkable creatures. It makes for great photo opportunities, too. Then take on the life of a firefighter, veterinarian or even a chef at the Glazer Children's Museum. With costumes, role-playing and themed areas, families can learn about different careers and have fun doing it, too.

## Sanibel Island

Join shell experts from the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum for a walk on the beach to find and identify shells. The museum's Children's



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Colonial Quarter Leather Works, St. Augustine

Learning Lab features a touch tank, puzzles, games and interactive displays.

### Miami

Learn about South Florida's earliest settlers at the Miccosukee Indian Village. Explore tribal customs, view artifacts and visit an authentic Miccosukee Indian Camp. Airboat tours visit protected lands throughout the village.

Whether it's history, wildlife, nature or even space – there are so many great ways to learn in Florida and, most importantly, have fun, too! \*\*