

GO WITH NAT GEO FAMILY JOURNEYS



Kimono-clad women shoot a selfie in Tokyo's Asakusa district.

JAPAN

Storybook Adventures

At times Japan can seem like a land of fantasy brought to life. Indeed, it's the country of high-speed bullet trains and brave samurai—both of which are featured on a trip in the recently launched National Geographic Family Journeys collection. The 11-day adventure begins in Tokyo, where travelers of all ages experience the city's kaleidoscopic contrasts—from serene shrines to exuberant street fashions—and get hands-on during cooking, sumo wrestling, and *taiko* drumming classes. In Nagano, children and adults alike become charmed by the antics of Japanese macaques, or snow monkeys, before visiting a wasabi farm to sample pickles and ice cream flavored by the spicy green root. Then they head to Kyoto for exploration of temples and gardens, capped off, naturally, with a lesson in samurai swordplay. —*Catherine Torphy*

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ALASKA

Go Wild

Biggest, wildest, most spectacular: America's northernmost state is best described not in subtleties, but in superlatives. On this new trip, travelers discover Alaska's animals, landscapes, and frontier culture—from whales and glaciers in Kenai Fjords to the soaring summits of Denali National Park. Along the way, kids can participate in educational activities to earn their National Park Service Junior Ranger badges.

COSTA RICA

Jungle Life

Power down your devices and reconnect in the ultimate family playground. A new journey to Costa Rica offers full immersion in tropical nature through zip-lining, hiking, surfing, and horseback riding. In this biodiversity hotspot, budding naturalists learn about conservation at the National Geographic-supported Monteverde Institute, explore the cloud forest after dark, and spy wildlife from tree canopy to sea coast.