

ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR FAMILY

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## THE MYTH OF THE 50-50 SPLIT

Why you both think you do more

How to Find the Right Baby Name

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FAMILY-FRIENDLY CASTLE HOTELS

Flip This House  
(while living in it...with 6 kids)

8 EASY AGE-ERASERS

Look like the youngest mom on the block

**PLUS** the best pajamas, dad diaper bags, and sweet-potato pancakes

# THE GREAT ESCAPE

FANTASY VACATIONS  
FASHIONS, AND HOMES

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THE PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WHO SAY FAMILY VACATIONS ARE MORE FUN NOW THAN THEY WERE BACK WHEN THEY WERE KIDS, ACCORDING TO A 2006 YAHOO! TRAVEL/NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELER MAGAZINE POLL. OF THE RESPONDENTS, 58 PERCENT SAID THEY PLAN TO TAKE TWO OR MORE FAMILY TRIPS IN THE NEXT YEAR.

## INSIDER'S GUIDE

## CHARLESTON, S.C.

Pixie Lily's elegant line of layettes and women's loungewear is the brainchild of Charleston-based designer Léda Jackson, who draws daily inspiration from her children, Chisolm, 4, and Suzanne, 9. Here are a few of her family's favorite neighborhood haunts. —Mireille Hyde



## Kennedy's Market and Bakery

"They make perfect sandwiches and don't even mind when my kids take seconds—then thirds—from the sample tray!"

60 Calhoun St., (843) 723-2026



## Charleston Fire House

"Our firefighters are so friendly to little folks. The chief once gave my dad and son a ride on the engine, then dropped them off at our house." 46 1/2 Wentworth St., (843) 720-1981



## Worthwhile

"I'm wild about this gift and women's-clothing store. It carries a little bit of everything—you can get a designer jacket and vintage-inspired toys in one place."

268 King St., (843) 723-4418

(destination: napa)

# THROUGH THE GRAPEVINES

For years, even oenophile parents wouldn't consider carting their children to Napa's romantic wine country. But several spots in the traditionally couples-only destination are looking to change that by giving the area more kid appeal. The **Meadowood Napa Valley**, a graceful estate set on 250 acres, has an extensive children's sports program and organizes with-the-kids activities, including fall hayrides and pumpkin-carving classes (from \$525 for a studio, meadowood.com). The 89-room **Solage Calistoga**, the first in a chain of affordable modern hotels from the luxury company Auberge Resorts, will entertain young guests with free bike rentals and a hopscotch court when it opens next year (from \$325 for a double, solagehotels.com). And yes, you can get a little wine tasting in, by visiting **COPIA: The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts**, which has a new children's garden, family cooking classes, and an ample cellar (copia.org).



(day tripping)

## FRIGHTFULLY GOOD HALLOWEEN FESTIVALS FOR ALL AGES ACROSS THE COUNTRY



**1 Tale Tellin' Festival** Ghost stories and other wild tales. Oct. 13 and 14, Selma, Ala. (taletellin.selmaalabama.com). **2 Fall Festival** A scarecrow-building workshop, crafts, and home-baked goods. Oct. 14, Haddonfield, N.J. (haddonfieldnj.org). **3 Emma Crawford Coffin Race and Festival** Novelty coffin race with costumed runners. Oct. 28, Manitou Springs, Colo. (manitousprings.org). **4 13th Door Haunted House** Just yards away from a cemetery, a reputedly haunted old cineplex is taken over by monsters. Sept. 15 to Oct. 31, Tigard, Ore. (hauntingproductions.com). **5 Winchester Mystery House** An evening tour of an eerie 160-room mansion by flashlight. Oct. 13, 21, 28, and 31, San Jose, Calif. (winchestermysteryhouse.com). **6 Pumpkin Festival** Includes a Museum of Pumpkin Oddities. Oct. 21, Keene, N.H. (pumpkinfestival.org).