



## SYDNEY'S ARMANI JUNIOR

Design-conscious Sydney parents can now deck their children out from head to toe in the creations of high-end Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani without having to surf the net. The designer has recently opened his first dedicated children's store in Australia, stocking clothing for babies right up to teens. The glamorous suburb of Woollahra is home to the store, which has been decorated in elegant shades of beige, allowing the clothes themselves to be the centre of attention.

Perfectly embodying the brand's fashion-forward ethos, Giorgio Armani recently announced that he has chosen Quvenzhané Wallis as the new face of the Armani Junior Fall/Winter 2014/15 campaign. If you don't yet recognise the young model's name, you soon will. She became the youngest actress ever to be nominated for the Best Actress Academy Award in 2012 for her acclaimed role as Hushpuppy in 'Beasts of the Southern Wild', a part she acted in when only six years old. She has also starred opposite Brad Pitt in '12 Years a Slave' and will next grace our screens in the upcoming film adaptation of 'Annie' alongside Cameron Diaz. Considering she is only 11 years old, it seems Quvenzhané is perfect for the Armani Junior brand. [www.armani.com](http://www.armani.com)



## FAMILY TWIST

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## SMELL THE FLOWERS

Florist extraordinaire, Jeff Leatham, has created spectacular arrangements for many high-end luxury brands, including Swarovski, Tiffany & Co. and Burberry. He also has a number of celebrity clients under his belt and was the wedding florist for Eva Longoria and Tony Parker. Leatham is currently the Artistic Director of the Four Seasons Hotel George V in Paris, but has created beautiful bouquets for many other Four Seasons properties, like those at their Geneva hotel, featured on our cover. His designs are often compared to contemporary art, so if you're looking for a hotel with real flower power, it may be worth a flying visit to France. Or you could just admire them in your local Four Seasons. [www.jeffleatham.com](http://www.jeffleatham.com)

## SLIDE INTO RIMBA

AYANA Resort & Spa's sister hotel, RIMBA Jimbaran Bali, just keeps getting better. After the opening of the Rooftop Spa in June, RIMBA has now added an action-packed kids' club to its long list of attractions and facilities. Kids can slide (literally) through a secret entrance into a colourful world complete with mini cinema, indoor rope swing and a games room with Wii and PlayStation4 consoles. The activity programme changes daily, moving from traditional dance and crafts to rock-climbing and cooking classes. Families can also take advantage of a new holiday offer, with daily breakfast and a 50 per cent saving when booking a second guestroom, available at both AYANA and RIMBA. [www.rimbajimbaran.com](http://www.rimbajimbaran.com)

## AUSTRIAN FOR 'WOOF'

If you're in search of a family getaway Heidi-style, then look no further than Small Luxury Hotels of the World property, Hoteldorf Grüner Baum in Bad Gastein, Austria. The resort comprises a little nest of charming alpine cottages sitting on the edge of the stunning National Park Hohe Tauern. Their family facilities are second to none, offering kids an Adventure Programme, providing activities such as rope climb, pony rides and fishing. Meal time is just as fun, but the real drawcard are the facilities for the canine family members who will love the dog training play meadow, dog physiotherapy, massages and even canine laser therapy. [www.slh.com/HoteldorfGrunerBaum](http://www.slh.com/HoteldorfGrunerBaum)

## IKA FUN FOR KIDS

Fiji Beach Resort and Spa, Managed by Hilton, which boasts the largest kids' club on Denarau Island, invites kids under 10 to stay and eat for free, and spoils little ones in its spa with mini rituals. Whether your darling is a budding Michelin-star chef, a computer wiz or an intrepid adventurer, IKA Kids' Club keeps children entertained with age-specific suites, outdoor play and an entertainment room. The dedicated kids' kitchen introduces young tastebuds to Fiji's fresh flavours, while a roster of themed days features science experiments, dress-ups, dancing and treasure hunts, with evening 'slumber parties' extending the magic and fun into the night. [www.fiji-beachresortbyhilton.com](http://www.fiji-beachresortbyhilton.com)

## KIDS' SWISSOTEL

A 'family room' in many properties means a fold-out cot, cookies and milk before bed, and a PlayStation; but not at Swissotel Sydney. They have entire rooms tailored to the needs of their VIP two- to twelve-year-olds stocked to the ceiling with all the electrical entertainment kids could ask for. They also have age-appropriate toys, bath amenities, kids' linen and kids' minibar (alcohol free, of course). But the best bit is that you can feel content in the knowledge that your children are having the time of their lives while you relax in your adjoining adults' room choosing from the pillow menu and sipping a drink from the minibar (alcohol available, of course). [www.swissotel.com](http://www.swissotel.com)

## ALL YOU NEED

Well-travelled parents know that when on holiday with young children, it is as much about what you pack as where you go, but Conrad Macao has launched a new luxury baby amenities kit that will make sure you have everything you need. The kit includes all the essentials that little people need such as nappies, lotions, bibs and, of course, baby slippers for relaxing in front of the telly, as well as that essential furry friend to snuggle up to in bed, such as the hotel's signature Conrad Gold Bear. The property is also perfectly situated for families with very little people, just five minutes from the airport, a trip you would take in the hotel's limousine, of course. [www.conradmacao.com](http://www.conradmacao.com)





## A LOIRE FAIRYTALE

If fairytale châteaux, swordplay, superb wine and fields of sunflowers sound like the perfect ingredients for a family trip with something for everyone, then your next holiday should be to the Loire Valley. Often called the Garden of France, you'll find fields of asparagus and artichoke, orchards ripe with cherries, and vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see. In fact, the area is so beautiful that the central part of the Loire River was made a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2000.

If a gentle cycle ride along the Loire River sounds like the perfect way to explore this region, Butterfield & Robinson is the company you need. Its fully guided Loire Valley Family Biking tour takes you on a smooth and easy ride through the area studded with activity breaks for the kids such as canoeing or fencing. Each evening is spent rejuvenating in luxurious properties that all seem straight out of a fairytale. As they say, it's just like biking through a storybook. [www.butterfield.com](http://www.butterfield.com)



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## LANGHAM GETS ARTISTIC

If you've got a budding Rembrandt in the family, or even just an expert finger painter, then take note; Langham Place Hotel, Fifth Avenue will add a splash of colour to any family's trip to the Big Apple. The hotel's close proximity to the best museums and galleries in New York makes this Langham property the perfect place for parents wanting to introduce their children to the culture of the city, and its recently announced Little Collectors package, being run in partnership with online art retailer Little Collector, is the perfect enticement for littlies who are more hands-on than hands-off. Families will receive, among other things, a limited-edition framed David Levinthal print, a signed copy of his book 'Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty', a Travel Etch-A-Sketch with a list of items to find and draw on the go and LEGO's Empire State Building to construct when they get home. Parents can also opt to take children on a private one-hour family tour (suitable for ages four and up) of top Chelsea art galleries including Lehmann Maupin, Gagosian and Pace, led by a children's art educational specialist who will ensure tots (and parents) understand and gain an appreciation of the prominent art scene in New York. Oh, Langham Place throws in deluxe accommodation as well. [newyork.langhamplacehotels.com](http://newyork.langhamplacehotels.com)

## AID FROM ADEN + ANAIS

We all want products that are of the highest quality, especially when it comes to our babies, but now you can make sure your bub has a dash of luxury while still keeping a clear social conscience. Luxury baby brand aden+anais has joined forces with AIDS charity (RED) to create a special-edition collection of beautiful muslin baby products from wraps to bibs. Ten per cent of sales of aden+anais(RED) will go towards helping the global fund to fight AIDS and its critical work in reducing the number of babies born suffering this disease. [www.adenandanaais.com](http://www.adenandanaais.com)

## PLAYING DRESS-UPS

Nail polish, lipstick, mascara, rouge – little girls always love to play at being little ladies, and now they can experiment with their very own fragrance as well. Chloé has released a limited-edition collection of mini fragrances that will be a perfect fit for little hands. There are three scents in the collection – Roses de Chloé, l'Eau de Chloé and simply Chloé, and all capture a different aspect of the gentle scent of roses in 20mL bottles. They are displayed in stores balanced on golden seesaws which will delight girls of all ages. The three fragrances are available individually or as a set, and remember, as soon as your little lady has her own scent, she will stop using yours! [www.chloe.com](http://www.chloe.com)