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Summer Camp Isn't Just for Kids: 9 Educational Getaways for Grown-Ups

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If you ever went to camp as a kid (or just watched any classic movie, from *The Parent Trap* to *Wet Hot American Summer*), summer likely holds a certain nostalgia for days spent swimming, hiking, crafting, and roasting marshmallows over a fire. Fast-forward a couple of decades, and there's still something wonderfully appealing about packing up and heading off for a getaway where days are filled with fun activities. What's slightly less appealing? Nights spent crammed into uncomfortable bunk beds. Luckily, there are plenty of luxe getaways that offer all the perks of a camp experience, but with a few grown-up upgrades (read: comfy beds and a glass or two of wine). Oh, and if you're not into hiking or crafting, there are options for you, too. Here, the nine best places to channel your inner camper, whatever your interests.

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Coffee Camp

Finca Rosa Blanca, Heredia, Costa Rica

Located on a stunning organic sustainable coffee plantation less than an hour from the San José airport, Finca Rosa Blanca offers guests the opportunity to experience the coffee-making process firsthand. During the harvest seasons, visitors are invited to help pick the coffee berries. They are then taken through the process of cleaning, drying, and roasting the coffee before taking a tour of the packing house. They can also learn how to discern and rate gourmet coffee with an expert guide. Sign up for the four-day culinary adventure package and you'll get to experience herb, pepper, vanilla, and chocolate cultivation and production as well (and taste-test all of it, too!).

Photo: Courtesy of Finca Rosa Blanca

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Art History Camp

Domaine de Manville, Les Baux de Provence, France

Visiting a Van Gogh in the museum is one thing, touring the sites that inspired some of the artist's most famous works is another entirely. Guests at this gorgeous countryside retreat can sign up for a tour of the Van Gogh trail, which includes the spots where he painted *Starry Night*and *Wheat Fields* series, and then visit the "Van Gogh in Provence: Modernizing Tradition" exhibition at the Fondation Vincent van Gogh in Arles, on view through September 11. If, after all that art education, you feel inspired to create a work or two of your own, it wouldn't be tough to convince the hotel to procure an easel and some paints.

Photo: Courtesy of Domaine de Manville

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Sailing Camp

Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa, Sausalito, California

A newly renovated addition to the San Francisco Bay Area, this renovated historic mansion hotel just launched its Transformative Series program, which allows guests to pick from a number of different skills and hobbies they'd like to learn during their stay. The first of these is a Learn to Sail program, which includes two days of private sailing lessons on a luxury 31-foot sailboat, plus a few post-sail spa treatments (the perks of grown-up camp!).

Photo: Courtesy of Casa Madrona Hotel & Spa

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Martial Arts Camp

UXUA Casa Hotel and Spa, Trancoso, Brazil

Learn the traditional art of capoeira, a sport that combines martial arts and dance at Trancoso's local school. Guests can train privately in the hotel's studio or side by side with locals (ranging from children to adults) at the nearby cultural center.

Photo: Courtesy of UXUA Casa Hotel and Spa

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Gourmet Cooking Camp

Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat’Saisons, Oxfordshire, England

Celebrity chef Raymond Blanc has set up shop with his Cookery School at this stunning rural English estate. Sign up for a residential course and you’ll get a chance to learn all the essentials, starting with soup and salad and culminating with fish, meat, and dessert. You’ll also get morning and afternoon tea and daily lunch at the cooking school.

Photo: Courtesy of Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons

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Art and Design Camp

El Cosmico, Marfa, Texas

Start with the fact that El Cosmico offers accommodations in a range of trailers, yurts, teepees, and tents strewn around its desert property, and it's already starting to sound a lot like camp. Add to that the fact that pretty much any night of the year you're likely to find a communal bonfire or a concert or a cooking class happening on-site, and you start to get the picture. And then, of course, there's all the art to be seen (El Cosmico can help hook you up with tours of the Chinati Foundation, Judd Foundation, and more). However, stay at the property June 22 to 26 and you'll have the chance to participate in a special multi-day workshop called Camp Design Build Adventure, in which participants will learn design, materials sourcing, and construction techniques and work together to build a structure for the Marfa community. Consider it an elevated take on your typical camp-style arts and crafts.

Photo: Courtesy of El Cosmico

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Outdoor Activities Camp

Dunton River Camp, Cresto Ranch, Colorado

The glamping outpost of the famed Dunton Hot Spring Resort, Dunton River Camp offers all the perks of a typical summer camp (sleeping in tents, every outdoor activity you could imagine) but with Wi-Fi, high-thread-count sheets, and en suite bathrooms. Throughout the summer, guests will find an array of special events, from arts-and-crafts weekends to mushroom-foraging outings. Plus there's hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, rock climbing, fly-fishing, and white-water rafting to keep you busy. And for those who prefer something a little less extreme, there are lawn games, barbecues, guided stargazing, wine tastings, and campfire cooking classes.

Photo: Courtesy of Dunton River Camp

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Spanish Camp

Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita, Punta Mita, Mexico

Come for the crystal-clear ocean and gorgeous beachfront casitas, stay for the language lessons with the “cultural concierge.” These one-on-one sessions can cover anything from introductory phrases to conversational skills. And when you need a mental break, there are surfing lessons on-site, so you can hone multiple skills in a single stay.

Photo: Courtesy of Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita

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Photography Camp

Vermejo Park Ranch, Raton, New Mexico

Head to this nearly 600,000-acre property (owned by media mogul Ted Turner) in northeastern New Mexico to hone your expertise behind the camera. From July to September, photographer Sean Fitzgerald will lead photo tours focusing on wildlife and the local flora and fauna. Everyone from professionals to Instagram enthusiasts are welcome.

Photo: Courtesy of Vermejo Park Ranch