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T+L FAMILY

Europe with the Kids

From glacier hiking to train excursions, these one-of-a-kind trips will do more than just keep them occupied. BY HEIDI MITCHELL



ALL ABOARD!

Modeled after the glamorous railway cars of the 1930s, the **Belmond Northern Belle** (belmond.com; from \$470) now takes families on day trips from cities throughout the United Kingdom to beautiful destinations in the English and Welsh countryside like Conwy Castle, Snowdonia National Park, and the Chester Zoo. A favorite: the Beatrix Potter Guided Tour to the Lake District, which includes brunch, a visit to the author's home and garden, and a four-course dinner on the return journey.



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

On tours to the man-made **ICE CAVE ICELAND** (icecave.is; from \$136), opening in June near Reykjavik, thrill-seeking clans can ride eight-wheel trucks up Langjökull (Europe's second-largest glacier) and then hike to the cavern's interior.



FANTASY IRELAND

Enjoy carriage rides and costume parties at **BALLYFIN** (ballyfin.com; doubles from \$846, including meals), a Georgian estate near Dublin. The hotel just unveiled five new guest rooms, bringing the count to 20.



BIG BOY TOYS

The **ACROPOLIS MUSEUM** (theacropolismuseum.gr), in Athens, now has a scale model of the ruins built of Legos. Nearby, the colorful **NEW HOTEL** (yeshotels.gr; doubles from \$244) offers stunning Parthenon views.



CALL OUT

The German wellness resort **SCHLOSS ELMAU** (schloss-elmau.de; doubles from \$769) has two spas that cater to kids, several pools, and a soccer camp—plus a new 47-suite hotel with a yoga pavilion for the grown-ups.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: COURTESY OF ICE CAVE ICELAND; COURTESY OF BALLYFIN; GIORGOS VITSARPOULOS/COURTESY OF THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM; COURTESY OF SCHLOSS ELMAU