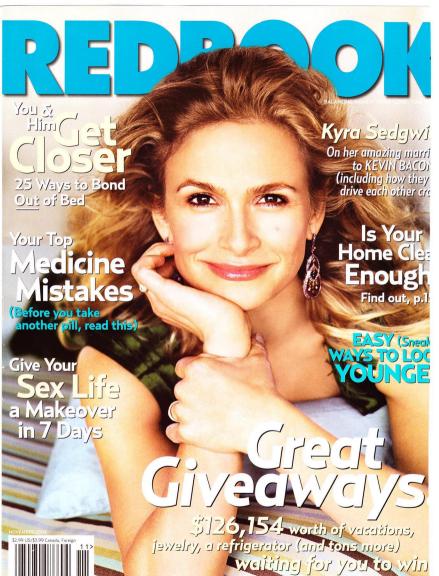


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Book your flights faster

coping out all those websites to locate the best airfare can seem to take longer than a transatlantic

SAN DIEGO, FOR AN EXCITING URBAN VACATION.

Stay at the Hilton San Diego Gaslamp Quarter, a

boutique-style hotel that's smack in the middle of a

trendy shopping and restaurant district. Hop in a pedicab

(a foot-powered taxi) for a fun jaunt around the city, or

ride the trolley to Balboa Park, home to 15 museums,

flight. Speed up the search for bargains with Bookingbuddy.com, a Web shortcut that allows you to enter your itinerary just once on the home page, and then click on any of the travel sites listed (you can get info from individual airlines, plus the biggies like Expedia.com, Travelocity.com, Hotwire.com, and more) to see schedules and get the going rates. And, every time you choose a new travel site to search, it opens in a separate browser window, making it easy to compare prices side by side. Bookingbuddy.com also offers the same service to reserve hotel rooms, cruises, and

rental cars. -Allie lordan

The best cruises for kids

Keep kids well entertained

Luisa Frey Gaynor, family cruise editor at cruisemates.com, suggests these lines:		
Cruise line	Details	Highlights
Royal Caribbean	The Adventure Ocean Youth Program is open to kids ages 3 to 17, and caters to all age groups.	Counselors offer a nonstop roster of activities, including programs tailored to the ship's destination (for example, kids can make Greek pottery on a Mediterranean cruise). And the facilities are top-notch, too: Almost every ship has a rock-dimbing wall, miniature golf course skating rink, basketball court, and much more.
Disney Cruise Line	The youth program accepts kids ages 3 and older, including teens, but it's ideal for kids ages 7 and younger. There's also a nursery for babies.	The live Disney stage shows are always a hit, but kids can spend time with their favorite characters offstage, too—drinking tea with Pete Pan's Wendy or dancing with Snow White. Be sure to have dinner at the Animator's Palate a restaurant that transforms from black-and-white to full color as the meal progresses.
Princess Cruises	The youth program is open to kids ages 3 to 17, with specific activities for each age group, as well as a teen center.	The program offers a mix of activities, including science classes, where kids can dissect a squid or make shark-tooth necklaces. Toddlers under 3 may use the fadilities with a parent's supervision. For family together time, ships show The Wizard of Oz on an outdoor screen and give out goodle bags complete with magic wands.

Resort and Casino, as well as the pool complex with water-

fall and swim-up bar, tropical gardens, and restaurants,

including Pan-Asian fare. Clink glasses at Piet's Pier Bar

for happy hour, or have the staff arrange a private beach-

side dinner for two. Rates start at \$240, stay four nights,

get the fifth night free; 800-55-HYATT or aruba.hyatt.com.