Want to take your kids on the best family vacation possible? Your itinerary doesn't always need to include stop-offs at amusement parks or ridiculously over-the-top locales. After all, there are plenty of family-friendly spots that will make your kids want to power down their electronics and broaden their horizons. Following, you'll find 10 destinations, as suggested by the team at SELECT: Your City's Secrets Unlocked, where fun can be had by kids of all ages. The real reward for visiting these best family vacation spots? You’ll create memories that will outlast any store-bought souvenir as you wind your way along the trip.

**Monterey, CA**

One of the most beautiful coastlines in the entire state of California, Monterey Bay inspired John Steinbeck and can easily inspire your family as well. The biggest kid attraction is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which showcases sharks, fish, turtles, otters and more. The Underwater Explorers program will teach children ages 8 and up how to scuba and then allow them to get into the tank with the fishes too. Plenty of hotels here feature child-friendly programs, but the Portola Hotel has a pirate program, which includes a nautical themed scavenger hunt. It also serves you cookies upon check-in, and it boasts the area’s biggest day spa so Mom can get some needed rest, too.