

Just for Kids

Play, learn, laugh...have lots of fun

How could we forget the little ones? Travel with kids is more fun when the whole family participates in adventures and mysteries. A vacation is not a real vacation without some fun that ideally is just for the kids but in reality is for the parents too. Here are some incredible locations that are fun for the entire family. (These are just a few; every region is rich with amazing opportunities.)

ROME

- **Bioparco.** Rome's zoo welcomes a vast array of animals in a natural setting. Bioparco houses 198 animal species that include reptiles, birds, mammals and amphibians, which provide a good opportunity to study animals outside their natural habitat. Indeed they are actively involved in scientific and conservation education research. Available for private parties. www.bioparco.it

PISTOIA

- **Parco Collodi.** This fairy tale park, immersed in the Tuscan countryside, is entirely dedicated to Pinocchio and his adventures. The name is in memory of the author of the famous story, Carlo Collodi. In the park, there is an area where all the adventures of the wooden puppet have been depicted in sculpture, scenery and statues, made from various materials and interpreted by several different artists. www.pinocchio.it

BERGAMO

- **Minitalia, Fantasy World.** This is the place to visit for a stroll around the miniature version of Italy and its regions. The park boasts other attractions as well: hundreds of fish from all over the globe, a gorgeous shell exhibition, 250 specimens of reptiles (including some of the most fearsome), 200 kinds of parrots, plus a fine variety of farm animals. www.fantasyword.it

LAKE GARDA



- **Gardaland.** The largest amusement park in Italy, Gardaland has rides for all tastes. Boasting a fantastic dolphin park along with 38 roller coasters and family attractions, it welcomes over three million visitors every year.

The highlight of the park must be the Palablu —





a dolphin pool with windows for walls so visitors can see these lithe creatures in action. A replica of the Ancient Egyptian ruins of Abu Simbel, and Blue Tornado, a roller coaster in which you ride suspended as if in a fighter plane, are also featured.

www.gardaland.it
GENOA

- Aquarium. The biggest aquarium in Europe features sharks, dolphins and hundreds of other beautiful fish. The Aquarium's 59 tanks reproduce marine and terrestrial habitats from throughout the world and provide a home for more than 6000 creatures belonging to 600 different species. The Aquarium has a mission to increase public awareness of environmental problems.

www.acquario.ge.it
RIVOLTA D'ADDA

- Parco della Preistoria. It's impossible to say no to an adventure in this park filled with reproductions of dinosaurs.

www.parcodellapreistoria.it
SIRACUSA

- Piccolo Teatro dei Pupi. This puppetry show is performed just for the little ones. The Theater recreates the medieval art of Sicilian puppet shows. Available every night during the summer months. www.pupari.com

PERUGIA

- Città della Domenica. A nature park and zoo with hundreds of exotic animals. There is a reptile house for the most daring and a little train for the kids. The rides include the fantasy world of Pinocchio, Snow White and Little Red Riding Hood, Fort Apache, the Horse of Troy, and the Castle of Sleeping Beauty. Kids can also jump on the tummy of an inflatable Moby Dick and visit the

Space Base. www.cittadelladomenica.it
MILAN

- Leonardo da Vinci's Museo della Scienza e della Tecnica. Those interested in the creative genius of Leonardo da Vinci will want to visit this museum, which features his designs of war machines, flying machines, architecture and production that display his incredible foresight. www.museoscienza.org

CANNETO SULL'OGLIO (MANTUA)

- Toy Museum. In 1870, in this beautiful provincial town, Luigi Furga Gomini created the first Italian doll and toy factory known as Furga. Today



it's possible to visit it.

www.mantovabox.it

MURAZZANO (LANGHE REGION)

- Safari Park. More than 300 animals are awaiting a visit. The park is accessible by car and it also offers a picnic area, a reptile house, and a small amusement park.

www.parcosafari.com

LIGNANO SABBIA D'ORO

- Aquasplash. A spectacular water park with swimming pools, water rides, and other fun activities. www.aquasplash.it

SAVIO

- Mirabilandia. Great amusement park with 36 rides, 14 waterfalls, fireworks, stunt shows, gardens and much more.

It includes "Bimbopoli," a town for the smaller ones. www.mirabilandia.com