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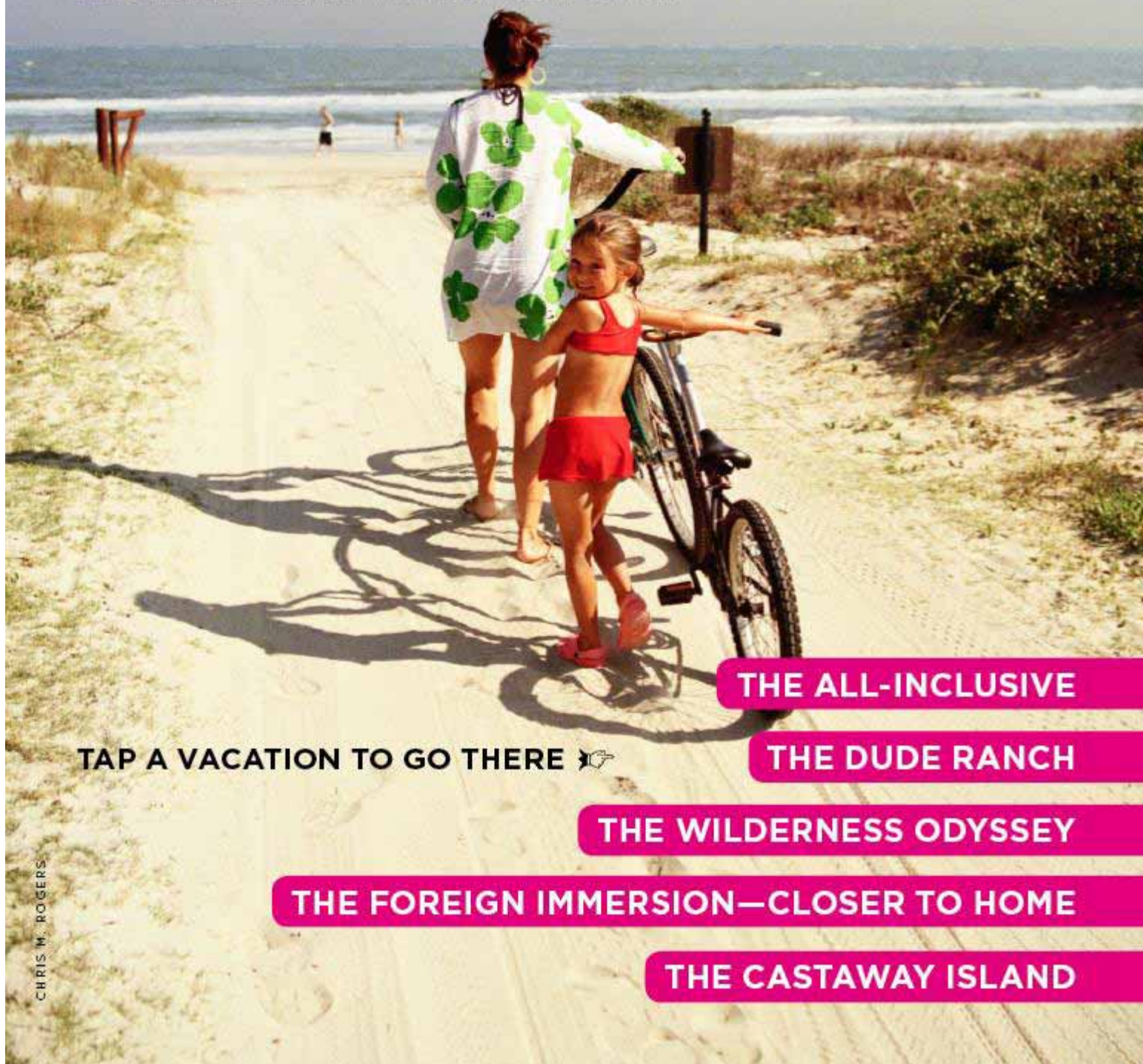
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EVERYDAY LIFE IS HARD ENOUGH—YOUR VACATION SHOULD BE A BREEZE. READ ON FOR FIVE TRIP IDEAS THAT ARE LOW ON STRESS AND HIGH ON FUN, WHATEVER YOUR CHILDREN'S AGES AND INTERESTS. BY MARGOT GURALNICK



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WORLD'S BEST FOR FAMILIES

15 WHITEFACE LODGE, LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK 92.00 Nouveau Adirondacks Great Camp with its own ice-skating rink and bowling alley. 800/903-4045 or 518/523-0500; thewhitefacelodge.com; doubles from \$390.

16 DISNEY'S GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT & SPA, LAKE BUENA VISTA, FLORIDA 91.97 Lagoon-side grande dame with windows overlooking Cinderella's Castle, on the Magic Kingdom monorail loop. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$575.

17 FOUR SEASONS RESORT, JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING 91.67 Ski-in, ski-out lodge at the base of Jackson Hole Mountain, with year-round active adventures (from rafting to geocaching). 800/332-3442; fourseasons.com; doubles from \$275.

18 GREAT VALUE HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES RESORT & SPA, LOST PINES, TEXAS 91.58 Horseback riding, skeet shooting, and hayrides add Texas twang to this compound outside Austin. 800/223-1234 or 512/308-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$249.

19 GREAT VALUE KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT, SOUTH CAROLINA 91.25 Five hundred vacation villas that share the same barrier island and

amenities as the Sanctuary (No. 6). 800/654-2924 or 843/768-2121; kiawahresort.com; villas from \$205.

20 GREAT VALUE VAIL CASCADE RESORT & SPA, COLORADO 91.00 Right outside downtown Vail, with the area's biggest fitness facility and a chairlift servicing Vail Mountain. 800/282-4183 or 970/476-7111; vailcascade.com; doubles from \$229.

21 LOEWS PORTOFINO BAY HOTEL AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO, FLORIDA 90.82 Fanciful Italian-themed resort (a waterslide modeled on a Roman aqueduct; arias performed on balconies) that is a quick water-taxi ride from Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. 866/563-9792 or 407/503-1000; loewshotels.com; doubles from \$350.

22 THE GREENBRIER, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WEST VIRGINIA 90.77 Dress for dinner at this Georgian beauty in the Allegheny Mountains, home to an off-road driving school and a former top-secret Cold War bunker. 800/453-4858 or 304/536-1110; greenbrier.com; doubles from \$319.

23 CLOISTER AT SEA ISLAND, SEA ISLAND, GEORGIA 90.67 Beloved by generations of well-heeled Southerners, a 1928 Mediterranean-style spread with three pools, an ice cream

parlor, a tennis club, and a movie theater. 800/732-4752 or 912/638-3611; seasland.com; doubles from \$395.

24 SANDPEARL RESORT, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 90.50 The most sophisticated digs in this part of the Gulf Coast, with citrus-hued rooms and apartment-like suites. 877/726-3111 or 727/441-2425; sandpearl.com; doubles from \$359.

25 THE BREAKERS, PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 90.42 A 1926 Italian Renaissance-inspired icon with newly redesigned suites and family-pleasing pool bungalows. 888/273-2537 or 561/655-6611; thebreakers.com; doubles from \$499.

26 GREAT VALUE HAWK'S CAY RESORT, DUCK KEY, FLORIDA 90.13 Breezy West Indian-style villas and family rooms, an on-site dolphin program, and a full menu of aquatics for teens, including sailing lessons and reef dives. 800/432-2242 or 305/743-7000; hawkscay.com; doubles from \$180.

27 PELICAN HILL, NEWPORT BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90.00 On 504 acres, sprawling Pacific-facing bungalows and villas, as well as an indoor-outdoor kids' club. 800/820-6800 or 949/467-6800; pelicanhill.com; doubles from \$695.

28 ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK, DALLAS 90.00 Gracious peach-colored hotel in a leafy residential neighborhood, plus a driver at the ready to whisk you to area destinations. 888/767-3966 or 214/559-2100; mansiononturtlecreek.com; doubles from \$525.

29 MAUNA LANI BAY HOTEL & BUNGALOWS, BIG ISLAND, HAWAII 89.74 Kohala Coast resort with the only children's golf course in Hawaii. 800/367-2323 or 808/885-6622; maunalani.com; doubles from \$395.

30 HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA, HAWAII 89.73 Free-form pools and a shallow, sand-bordered lagoon by day; sky-gazing with an on-site astronomer by night. 800/233-1234 or 808/661-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$379.

31 WESTIN LA CANTERA RESORT, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 89.73 Oasis with a clay-tiled roof on a mesquite- and live oak-covered plateau 30 minutes from the historic downtown. 800/446-5387; westinlacantera.com; doubles from \$439.

32 LA COSTA RESORT & SPA, CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA 89.71 Immensely appealing for both kids (playroom, water park, and *Guitar Hero*-equipped teen center) and parents (43,000-square-foot spa and holistic center founded by Deepak Chopra). 800/854-5000 or 760/438-9111; lacosta.com; doubles from \$429.