



14 Best Resorts That Get You Close to Animals




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For animal-loving families, the highlight of a vacation is a close, yet fun encounter with their favorite critters. At these resorts located across the U.S., Caribbean, Central America and Africa, families meet regional animals, learn about their behaviors and habitats and, in many cases, interact with them. Consider one of these resorts that get you close to animals for your next family vacation.



6. Gurney's Newport Resort and Marina – Newport, RI

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The resident goats at [Gurney's Newport Resort and Marina](#) will be waiting to say hello when you arrive at the resort on Goat Island in [Newport](#). When the resort opened, it was determined to have goats re-inhabit their namesake island and so Cornelia, Cooper and Henry moved in. The three young goats (two are twins and the third is their cousin) are named after the Vanderbilt family. They live in a replica Newport Mansion in a secluded area of the property and are treated like the most VIP of all the Newport families. The goats go on daily walks around the property, several times a day, where they get to sniff and explore all that Gurney's has to offer. If you spot them on a walk, be sure to stop and say hello.

Once you're willing to leave the goats, spend some time at the outdoor and indoor pools at Gurney's. There is a seasonal kids' club and complimentary bicycles to explore downtown Newport, and the beach is not far away, either.