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Six Mother Daughter Getaways

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Mothers and daughters deserve time away from the fray. Here are five places where the girls can just have fun:

Scottsdale, AZ. Mothers and daughters can tee it up on a spectacular course, ranked as one of the country's top ten. Also noted as a "women friendly" course, the golf club at The Boulders Resort in Carefree, AZ offers a picturesque desert environment in which to work on your game together. The Fore Ladies program begins on a Friday evening with a short game intro provided by an LPGA instructor. The remainder of the weekend includes further instruction on full-swing, putting and course etiquette followed by nine holes of golf on the Jay Moorish-designed course each day. Later, relax in the Resort's full-service Golden Door Spa or by the pool. Contact: 480-488-9028; 866-397-6520; www.TheBoulders.com.

Clearwater, FL. Marine loving moms and daughters will want to take advantage of the Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa's Dolphin Tale Package. Expect two tickets to the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, home of Winter, the now famous dolphin whose inspirational story was turned into a book and film, a cool tote bag, and a copy of the book "Winter's Tale". Later, head to the beach or relax in your room where a full kitchen, an outdoor balcony and sea side view make sharing time together extra special. Your stay helps fund the Clearwater Marine Aquarium's program to help feed and care for winter and her friends. Contact: 1-800-233-1234; www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com.

St. John, British Virgin Islands. Gather the girls and test your sea-faring skills in an Island Hopping Scavenger Hunt. With your very own Boating Butler as your secret weapon, you'll learn about the regional island geography and wildlife as you cruise through the pristine waters of the U.S. and British Virgin Islands. While at the resort, check out the Westin Kids Club and newly opened Teen Center. Available now through December 31, 2012. at Contact: (340) 714-6070; www.westinresortsjohn.com

Ojai, CA. A family favorite, this elegant resort has welcomed guests since the 1920s. Located in the shadow of the Topa Topa Mountain range in the eclectic town of Ojai, the Five Diamond Ojai Valley Inn & Spa has much to offer mothers and daughters seeking time together. The artistic pair will enjoy a day spent in the Artist Cottage where the Artist in Residence can assist adults and children of all ages in the pursuit of creativity. Explore silk scarf painting, collage and mobile making, drawing, water

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Beverly Hills, CA. Good news for the girls: The Beverly Hilton, in Beverly Hills and illustrious home of the Golden Globe Awards, has just launched a girls getaway package.

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The ladies are escorted to their penthouse suite where chocolate covered strawberries and champagne await their arrival. Complete with a direct private line to the concierge, the days are filled with options: a private luxury transfer to Rodeo Drive to pick up any must-haves; a day at the iconic Aqua Star Pool in one of the exquisite poolside cabanas with a fresh fruit platter, a Beverly Hilton private label sun care kit, magazines, facial mister and mojitos for all; and a round of treatments in the AQUA STAR SPA at The Beverly Hilton. Contact: www.beverlyhilton.com/ or call Beverly Hilton VIP Reservations at 310.285.1306 .

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