Oh, the places you’ll go in San Diego with your kids

The fantastical world of Dr Seuss doesn’t hold a candle to the magic of San Diego. Okay, maybe that’s an exaggeration, but for a glimpse into the charm that helped make Seuss’ world come alive, you should put this SoCal beach city on your family-travel bucket list.

Head to Woody’s on Pacific Beach to watch the action while enjoying breakfast or lunch © Sarah Stocking / Lonely Planet
Where to find your Green Eggs & Ham

San Diego loves its kids. There is no better place to witness that than in the dining scene. Most restaurants don’t bat an eye when families show up with little ones in tow, so there are some fantastic choices. However, for pure kitschy fun check out the Corvette Diner. Servers in costume treat your kids like the star of the show while balloon men wander around making full fairy and knight regalia for your tiny pretenders. There is an arcade for older ones to disappear for a little while and full bar, so mom and dad can have a drink and listen to the oldies.

For breakfast, check out Breakfast Republic. With pancake choices like Oreo Cookies and churro along with breakfast hot dogs, you may be too full for your surf lessons. Or head to Woody’s on Pacific Beach for a laid-back and delicious breakfast or lunch, and watch the surfers from the top deck.

Finally, for the foodie family, check out Galaxy Tacos in La Jolla. Everyone will enjoy the attention to detail from a chef who insists on preparing every item from scratch. From the blue corn tortillas to the zesty guacamole you can taste the care that goes into each and every dish.

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