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HIP DADDY TRAVEL GUIDE: BALTIMORE.

OK, let's get this out of the way now. Contrary to popular belief, the city of Baltimore, MD and its surrounding areas isn't a carbon copy of what HBO's *The Wire* portrays. It is a beautiful city full of creativity and action, and its quirky idiosyncrasies make it unique and inviting. Our Hip Daddy guide is for those who have always wanted to travel there and need tips on places to stay, eat, and explore with or without your kids. And for this one, we are bringing in our past guest contributor, Hip Mommy Lacy Pica Nugent, as she was born and raised in Baltimore! Enjoy.

Here are five reasons why we think you should go there:

It's Getting Fancier

For all of the Hip Daddys that require a level of sophistication in your accommodations, Baltimore is quickly becoming the place for you. Stay at *Royal Sonesta Harbor Court* and walk to an Orioles or Ravens game. Check out the eco-friendly, conveniently located *Inn at Black Olive* in historic Fells Point. Sip on a clever cocktail and relax at the infinity pool looking over the cityscape and Inner Harbor at the *Four Seasons Baltimore*. Or get your Hip Daddy unwinding done at the *Inn at Henderson's Wharf* located on a quaint cobblestone street in Fells Point next to the water.

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DINING OUT WITH DADDY...NYC STYLE.

Guest contributor Hip Mommy Lacy Pica Nugent throws down on all things Dining Out with Daddy in Manhattan:

It turns out nothing is quite the same once you become a Dad...your social circles, weekend activities, even the bars you used to frequent are forever different. You might get stuck thinking “I don’t know the first thing about kid-friendly restaurants in NYC” or “am I going to be judged if I bring my kid to a bar?” or “where should we all now eat?”

Fret not, there exists many judgment-free establishments in and around Manhattan that are friendly for the little ones and don’t completely strip you of your manhood. You might not be able to frequent your old watering hole anymore (you wouldn’t dare bring your child there anyway), but we think the following suggestions are absolutely Hip Daddy Approved:

Burger and Barrel Wine Pub

This respectable restaurant isn’t completely meant for kids, but could be deemed kid-friendly because of the menu (whatever works, right?) From the folks that bring us Lure Fishbar and El Toro Blanco, Burger and Barrel is the type of place where you can feed your kids a mouthwatering burger and enjoy a sophisticated cocktail or glass of wine in unison. Any place where you can capitalize on a sommelier’s expertise *and* take your tykes to eat is Hip Daddy Approved.

Hill Country

Outdoor activities are important for the little ones and Madison Square Park is a full of things to do. If you’re not quite ready to hang out at the playground all day, you and the kids can check out the well known, pop-up art installations or the dogs run free at the dog park. This place can keep your kids entertained for hours. After some time at MSP, you will have worked up an appetite so skip the Shake Shack (although it’s awesome) and head to Hill Country. It’s packed with good food, slow cooked BBQ, space for kids to run, live Americana tunes, and sports. After all, you’ll be thirsty for a quality brew after all of that running around...#nodoubt.

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