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Virtual Tours: Amazing Online Experiences For Kids

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We might not be travelling, but that doesn't mean we can't inspire some wanderlust with these virtual tours!

Travel is a luxury that we've been able to share readily with our kids and there's no denying that we've raised little global citizens in Hong Kong. Unfortunately, exotic holidays aren't on the agenda for the coming months and you and your children could be forgiven for getting itchy feet. The world's zoos, aquariums, museums and galleries might be closed to the

public, but many have opened up virtually instead, unveiling a treasure trove of resources. Be sure to check out these virtual tours with your little ones and get some inspiration for your next trip while you're at it!

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Under The Sea

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#), USA

The Monterey Bay Aquarium in California is a leader in ocean conservation and education. It's home to all sorts of oceanic exhibits including local Monterey Bay habitats, Pacific kelp forests, open oceans and this Mama's favourite, the sea otters. There are **10 live cameras operating including in the sea otter, shark and penguin enclosures**. The aquarium is currently closed to the public so the team has taken the opportunity to let its rescued sea otter

pups into the main two-storey enclosure. Some of the resident otters act as surrogates to the orphaned pups and we can guarantee it's one of the cutest things you'll see all day!

Sassy Mama tip: There are [downloadable](#) colouring, games and activity sheets to follow up on your fieldwork!

[Georgia Aquarium](#), USA

If you've ever wanted to get up close to **Beluga whales, piranhas and even a whale shark**, then take a look at the webcams at the Georgia Aquarium. We tuned into the Ocean Voyager webcam and, within seconds, were treated to seeing the whale shark up close along with spotted eagle rays, reef sharks and plenty of other fish. Be sure to check the [At Home Learning](#) page so you know when to tune into special live streams, as well as being able to download resources specific to the age group of your child (*from Kindergarten through to Grade 12!*).



[CoralWatch](#), Australia

While this one isn't a tour as such, it is such a valuable resource we couldn't not include it! CoralWatch is a citizen science programme based out of the University of Queensland. You can **download free learning materials from the [website](#)** or **watch educational videos on its [YouTube channel](#)**. Follow it on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to teach your little conservationists about the fascinating coral reef ecosystems.