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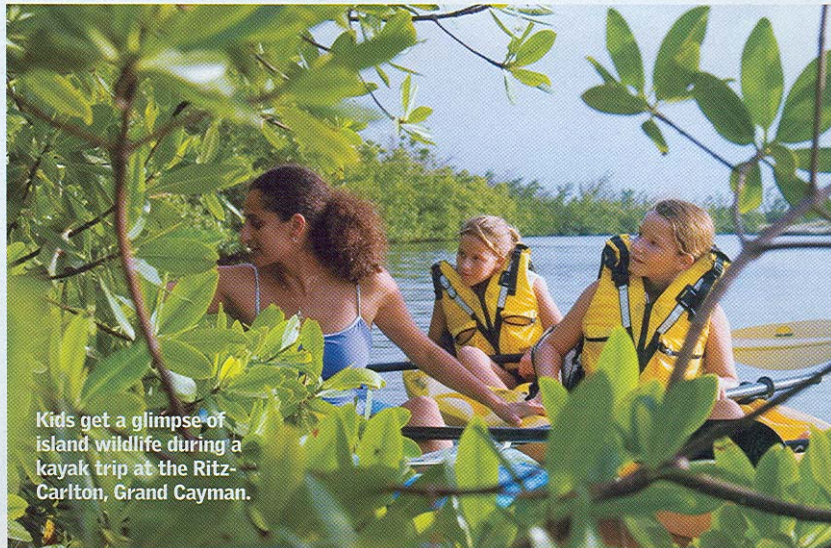
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## Check Out: Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman

**M**ore über-field trip than kids program, Jean-Michel Cousteau's **Ambassadors of the Environment** at the new Ritz-Carlton in Grand Cayman uses the island's tropical ecosystem to introduce young guests to the importance of biodiversity. Naturalists lead tweens on kayak tours through mangrove forests and snorkeling at the coral reef while tots beachcomb and get a glimpse of sea life on glass-bottom boat rides. Back at the "living laboratory," budding biologists can identify tiny sea critters under a video microscope or add a drawing of their favorite marine animal to a seascape mural. "Our goal is to make kids more aware of nature," says director Denise Naguib, "and what they can do in their everyday lives to help the environment, like recycling." (\$60 for kids 4-7, \$80 for ages 8-18). [www.ritzcarlton.com](http://www.ritzcarlton.com). —Margaret Loftus



Kids get a glimpse of island wildlife during a kayak trip at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman.

TOP: LEFT TO RIGHT: GARY SLOAN, MATTHEW GRIFFIN, DAVID L. MOORE; RITZ-CARLTON, GRAND CAYMAN (BELOW)