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On the Road with Grandma and Grandpa

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There are a number of travel companies who specialize in arranging these intergenerational adventures, and they all say business is booming.

"You've got healthy grandparents, and grandparents who are well off, and so they've already put their money aside for the kids' education and their grandchildren's education, and now they're going to give them something that they are going to remember them by, which I think is just fantastic," says Theresa Detchemendy, the founder of Rascals in Paradise. Her company was created in 1987, and helps organize vacations for all generations of families, especially to exotic locations.

It was Rascals in Paradise that arranged the adventurous trips the Schiffs have taken.

"We've been taking grandchildren for 13 years," Lee Schiff, 73, says. With 11 grandchildren, that has added up to a lot of trips, and three of those 11 are still too young to travel.

Lee and Nancy Schiff didn't always have it so good. "We've been married for 48 years and the first 20 to 25 years we were poor. We took our own kids to places but generally it was around the country," Lee says. "As time went by we became a little more affluent and the grandkids were coming up and we thought, 'Heck, we'd never been anywhere' ... and we thought it might be fun to take the grandkids along."