

40 of the world's best family holidays for all ages

Whatever the shape and size of your tribe, there's a trip for you — from a UK retreat with free childcare to Florida for four-year-olds and Gen Z surfing in Portugal



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Planning a family holiday is an art form that requires constant flexibility. Just as you think you've got it sussed, everything changes again. With babies, it's all about finding hotels that will welcome you with sterilisers, bottle warmers and listening devices. When children enter the toddler stage, long-haul goes out the window (unless you relish the prospect of walking up and down a plane aisle for 12 hours) — you need the UK, Europe or the eastern Med. By the time they hit primary school, you can start bringing classroom lessons to life — whether that means experiencing Egypt's pyramids or ordering breakfast in a different language. Travelling with teens heralds a return to more adventurous trips — safaris, surfing, long-haul winter sun — are all back in the mix. Here our experts have the pick of the trips to suit every age group.

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For babies

25. Country castle, France



The Chateau les Carrasses

Languedoc's endless wine and sunshine tempt adults but book the right stay and children will adore it too. The turreted Château les Carrasses sits in lavender-scented gardens, with luxurious villa accommodation and a swanky restaurant, but your young ones will fall for the heated pool, pétanque courts and mini farm where they can feed pygmy goats, collect eggs, pet bunnies and walk Elliot the dwarf pig through the gardens. Boat on the Canal du Midi or head to the beach at nearby Narbonne.

Details [Seven nights' self-catering](#) for four from £4,580 (lescarrasses.com). Fly, drive or take the train to Montpellier or Béziers