

# 50 fabulous family-friendly hotels in the Mediterranean

From private sandy beaches to activities galore, these hotels are ideal for those long-awaited trips to Europe's sunny coasts

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Clockwise left to right: Masseria Coccaro; Hillside Beach Club; Hotel Le Sabine at Resort & SPA Le Dune

**W**e are spoilt for choice when it comes to the Mediterranean. The islands and coastlines have a certain elemental beauty – think umbrella pines and herb-scented maquis, rocky promontories hugging glittering bays of blue, a nautical way of life that endures even as the boats get bigger – that can be glimpsed from Andalusia all the way to the point where Europe becomes Asia.

And what a variety it offers, too, from the go-slow islands and razzle-dazzle rivieras to the sands of Spain's Costas (so distinct even from Italy's dramatic coasts), and the uniqueness of every single Greek island. This means the choice for family holidays is endless, whether yours are active kids who can't wait to get out on the water, or little ones just learning to swim.



There's just as much choice, too, in the places to stay. Boutique boltholes, run by families for families, offer the easygoing vibe of a holiday home set beside the shore, just skipping distance from the beach. Big-hitting resorts are ever-evolving to work for modern families, where the focus is as much about top-notch local food as innovative activities which families can do together. And they provide a safe, beautifully honed environment for older kids to seek some independence, so that everyone in the family gets the beach holiday that works for them. From France to Turkey, here's our pick of the best family-friendly hotels in Europe's Mediterranean hotspots.



Hotel Aigua Blava is a classy, family-friendly hotel overlooking a beautiful bay in Begur

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Every hotel in this curated list has been visited by one of our expert reviewers, who are usually hosted on a complimentary basis. They stay for a minimum of one night, test at least one meal and trial other experiences (in this case, for instance, the facilities, services and activities provided for families) that the hotel might have to offer. We will earn a commission if you book via the links below, but this never affects our rating.

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## France

The French have a very different idea to us of what exactly is meant by “child-friendly”. Not only do they expect children not to throw food, but they are expected to sit up straight at the table, to eat quietly and without complaint when served raw beef, and to not run around the place yelling and screaming. Even French theme parks tend towards historical reenactment rather than rollercoasters.

If you’re fine with this level of expectation, then you may delight in the kind of inventive and characterful [places to stay which France](#) does so well, whether you’re after wholesome jolly beach holidays in the Languedoc or a smart sojourn on the Côte d’Azur. These are places which do not scream “child-friendly” – which is exactly what makes them so appealing, for adults as well as children.

### Where to stay in Languedoc-Roussillon



#### Château St Pierre de Serjac

Puissalicon, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

**9/10** Telegraph expert rating

Surrounded by vineyards, this 19th-century château on a 200-acre working winery with hotel rooms and ultra-stylish self-catering residences offers everything you need for an upscale family holiday. With the huge infinity pool, large spa, tennis court and winery to keep you happy you could easily spend a good few days without leaving the estate, plus there are bikes of all sizes which can be used free of charge. There's a cute kids' club open during the UK school holidays for those aged four to 12 – expect plenty of outdoor activities and an emphasis on recycling and 'archeological digs'. There's also a supervised children's tea five days a week, plus weekly movie nights. The atmosphere is laid back and informal.

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## Château Les Carrasses

Quarante, Languedoc-Roussillon, France

**9/10** Telegraph expert rating



With its thick buttermilk-stone walls and fairytale witch-hat turrets from 1887, this turreted 19th-century castle with luxurious hotel suites and self-catering cottages is the real thing. The heated infinity pool overlooks vines, and there's a clay tennis court, volleyball court, boules pitch and complimentary mountain bikes. In-room massages, personal trainer sessions, yoga, cooking classes, guided vineyard walks, wine-tasting/making workshops are appealing extras. Beyond the usual cots and highchairs, there's a kids' club for four-12-year-olds, free children's bikes and an early kids' dinner. Reception lends out DVDs, board games and iPods loaded with catchy playlists.

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