

VACATION WITH KIDS



Many parents would love to have a holiday without their kids. The necessary care for children could ruin one's getaway. However there are possible solutions. Nowadays parents can choose resorts or more specifically hotels that cater to children's needs.

It is important to choose the right place. According to Martha Gaughen, a consultant at Sterling Travel in Atlanta "You can go almost anywhere as long as the hotel you're staying in is child-friendly," she says, "and has a kids program or good baby-sitting services." Joan Weber, who plans luxury family trips as co-owner of Journeys International in Ann Arbor, Mich, adds that the last thing parents want to do in a family trip is to visit a bunch of different destinations and stay in a lot of different hotels, because they lose time getting settled. "It's important to get comfortable in one spot and get into a rhythm," Joan Weber adds.

The fact is that nowadays there is plenty of destinations suitable for family trips. In France for example is Four Seasons Resort Provence at Terre Blanche which offers services to parents with kids. At all Four Seasons properties kids get special toiletries and child-size bathrobes. In this resort kids have plenty of activities to occupy with. They can participate in daily Discovery Workshops where they learn about fauna or flora in the area or discover local art. Among other activities they can e.g. enjoy boat racing in the swimming pool. There is a trained hotel employee or a baby sitter who takes care of the children. Parents than can enjoy their time in nearby towns of Cannes, St. Tropez and Monaco or remain in the hotel spa. Parents can also choose more exotic destination like for example Bora Bora St. Regis resort where kids can enjoy pandanus weaving, outrigger canoeing or coconut painting. In Colorado is the Park Hyatt Beaver Creek which organizes events like carnivals, arts and crafts, and storytelling for kids.

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