

FAMILY FRIENDLY

BEST FOR: ACTIVITIES

GRAND HOTEL
KRONENHOF,
SWITZERLAND

Expect high-octane sporting activities at the Kronenhof, sited within a stunning natural Pontresina playground of mountains, lakes and woodland. A fitness programme includes aqua aerobics, yoga, circuit training for parents, and mountain hikes and group bike rides for children. There are swimming pools, a bowling alley and, in winter, a natural ice rink on the lawn. Double rooms from £300 on half-board. www.kronenhof.com

THE EVENTI HOTEL,
NEW YORK CITY

Just blocks away from the Big Apple's top attractions, including Times Square and the Empire State Building, this hotel boasts a slew of innovative perks for kids, including bicycles to explore the city, movie nights on the Big Screen in the Plaza, and hula hoops and milk and cookies delivered to rooms at bedtime. Families can even request a goldfish in their room for the duration of their stay. Rooms from £257 a night. www.eventihotel.com



BEST FOR: INFANTS

□ PRINCESA YAIZA SUITE HOTEL RESORT, LANZAROTE: Beat airline baggage fees by arranging for your family room to be stocked with toddler-friendly kit, from changing table to play pen, food processor to baby bath. The five-star hotel also boasts a play hut kitted out for children under two with cots, nappy changers, an inflatable castle and a small pool. Junior Suites start from £189 per night, based on two adults and an infant (under two) sharing. www.princesayaiza.com



Parrot Cay by
Como. Left: Grand
Hotel Kronenhof

BEST FOR:
LEARNING NEW SKILLSHYATT REGENCY
COCONUT POINT,
FLORIDA

Families with small children needn't travel with mountains of luggage when staying in pretty Bonita Springs thanks to the luxury resort's Babies Travel Lite package, which pre-delivers products such as nappies, formula milk, toys, pram, medical supplies and high chair to the room. Rooms start at £103 a night. www.coconutpoint.hyatt.com

PARROT CAY BY COMO,
TURKS & CAICOS

Children can get in touch with their creative side at this five-star Caribbean resort, which offers lessons in tie-dyeing and making kites. Families with older children can take a bone fishing lesson, which involves trying to catch the world's strongest and fastest moving salt-fish in shallow waters. Room prices start at £1,444 for three nights. www.comohotels.com

HILLSIDE BEACH CLUB,
TURKEY

DJ-ing lessons, yoga for mothers and daughters, cooking classes and stargazing are just some of the cool classes in which families can participate at this five-star Fethiye resort. There are also watersports courses. Prices from £119 per person per night. www.hillsidebeachclub.com



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BEST FOR: ALL-INCLUSIVE

CURTAIN BLUFF, ANTIGUA

Families can leave their wallets at home when staying at Curtain Bluff thanks to the Antigua resort's 'exclusive all-inclusive' package, which includes all meals as well as all bar drinks, cocktails, house wine and champagne. As well as two dreamy beaches, watersports offered in the price include twice-daily snorkelling trips, hobi-cat sailing, water-skiing lessons, banana boating, windsurfing, kayaking and scuba diving, as well as use of the gym with classes. Rooms are priced from £580 a night. www.curtainbluff.com

MOVENPICK RESORT & MARINE SPA SOUSSE, TUNISIA

On a private 300-metre stretch of beach within easy reach of Sousse, with its Great Mosque and Roman mosaics, this resort's newly revamped all-inclusive package includes a wider selection of alcoholic drinks and the freedom to eat in all but one of the a la carte restaurants with no menu restrictions. There are three free-of-charge kids' clubs for under-12s. Prices start at £72 per room per night. www.moevenpick-hotels.com



BEST FOR: TEENAGERS

CLUB MED NAPITIA, ITALY

This idyllic resort in southern Italy offers a club-style holiday experience with a range of activities on tap. Even the grumpiest of adolescents will relish the opportunity to try sailing, tennis, archery and rollerblading. The sailing and tennis academy offers tuition to all abilities and a spa allows the family to enjoy chill-out time. Seven nights costs from £541 with flights if booked by 23 January 2013. www.clubmed.co.uk

□ HALF MOON, JAMAICA: Teenagers

can socialise away from their parents

in the teen club, with its games rooms,

cyber lounge, disco, movie theatre and

spa area. Active teens can sign up for

golf, tennis, squash, horse riding and

watersports. The dolphin lagoon lets

guests be a dolphin trainer for a day.

Room from £167 a night.

www.halfmoon.rockresorts.com

ALMYRA HOTEL, CYPRUS

Perfect for families with small children and grandparents, the family-run Almyra in Paphos lets guests order baby gear online prior to arrival, and there's a creche for children aged six months to four years, as well as kids' clubs up to 17. Youngsters will adore kite-surfing and rock climbing, while the oldies will love vineyard and spa visits. Prices start at £93 per person per night, including breakfast. www.almyra.com

CHATEAU LES CARRASSES, FRANCE

Set in a vineyard in the unspoilt Languedoc region, the Chateau les Carrasses consists of 28 luxury self-catering villas that sleep from four to eight, ideal for extended family groups. Children's suppers are served at 6pm in the on-site brasserie and you can book a babysitter. In summer, there's a kids' club with an emphasis on outdoor activities. A house for four to six costs from £170 for a two-night stay. www.lescarrasses.com