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For some, the ideal family vacation involves spending uninterrupted quiet time together in a spacious villa. Others prefer activity, perhaps sightseeing, water skiing or entering a hotel's upbeat "beach Olympics" competitions as a group. Your way may be to spread out during the day, enjoying personal passions, then gather together for a joyous dinner. Which type of family vacation is best for you? We guide you to the right resort.

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#### Reconnect

To bond with your family, you need to turn off electronic distractions and spend time doing what you all enjoy. At **Kona Village Resort**, those televisions and phones will be out of reach, meaning you'll be chatting with your loved ones instead of cheering on *Glee* characters. You'll lodge in thatch-roof bungalows built in traditional Polynesian style, with no high-rises in sight.

When it's time to play, the resort, on the Big Island of Hawaii, has plenty that pleases all age groups. Kindergartners through grandparents can be seen paddle-boarding in the Kona Village bay, and the wow factor sweeps the whole clan while dolphin-watching (and whale-watching in winter). Go out together in an oversized outrigger canoe, kayak side by side in the bay or ocean, explore the shore via scooter snorkels or take diving lessons and excursions. Hit tennis or golf balls. Enjoy the island's most authentic and longest-running luau. And remember how much you enjoy one another's company.

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#### Live the Good Life

Family-friendly resorts tend to be casual, and often that means parents have to forgo the finer amenities they so enjoy. Not so at the **Coral Beach Club**. Located on St. Maarten's prestigious Dawn Beach, this is a boutique getaway for discriminating travelers.

Families can stay in any of 14 two-, three- and four-bedroom villas right on the sand. Each has its own swimming pool as well as a state-of-the-art Effiti Italian kitchen stocked with Viking appliances. Wine coolers and dramatic glass sinks are part of the pampering, just as the master bath's Hansgrohe rain shower is. The social areas

have beautiful decors, including travertine floors and entertainment systems with flat-screen TVs. The seven townhouses overlooking the Oyster Pond Marina are equally indulgent.

Hotel-like services are part of the package. Stay at Coral Beach Resort and receive a meet-and-greet at the airport, daily maid service, concierge services and even plush bathrobes. For a fee, you can add on babysitters, grocery delivery, chef services and in-villa massages. 866-978-7278, [coralbeach-club.com](http://coralbeach-club.com)

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#### Do Your Own Thing

Let's face it: Parents and kids like different activities. Fortunately, some resorts allow families to pursue their separate interests and still come together for breakfast or dinner.

At **The Westin St. John Resort & Villas**, branching out is effortless. While parents sneak off for a hike in Virgin Islands National Park, a romantic dinner, an aloe wrap or a kayak excursion, the little ones can play safely in the Kids Club, making memories of their own. They might go on a treasure hunt, learn to sculpt sand castles, feed iguanas or enter hula-hoop competitions. They'll even experience an interactive storytelling method called Local Vocal.

What about those hard-to-please teens? As soon as they begin challenging new friends to a PlayStation Rock Band game in surround-sound, playing outdoor foosball or a match of tennis, you'll feel no guilt taking a sunset sail with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Gather back together for beach volleyball (in the water!) fun, scavenger hunts and watching classic movies after dark in the pool. Join age-appropriate tennis clinics and seasonal events such as the Holiday Carnival.

The Westin St. John is an upscale, serene USVI getaway, which shares America's Paradise with the Virgin Islands National Park. It offers babysitting for an extra fee. 888-627-7206, [westinresortstjohn.com](http://westinresortstjohn.com)

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#### Make Memories of a Lifetime

With its Unlimited-Luxury® all-inclusive vacations, **Dreams Resorts & Spas** sees to it that everyone from toddlers to great-grandparents has fun the way they like to in its 11 Mexico and Dominican Republic resorts. If your family seeks out truly unusual interactive experiences, Dreams is eager to make that happen.

Dreams Cancun has its very own Delphinus

dolpharium, where friendly dolphins frolic in the property's seawater lagoon. Sign up for fee-based Delphinus Dolphin experience and you can swim with them in 13-foot-deep water. Kids of all ages can do this, although those under 3'6" must be with a paying adult. For yet more immersion, sign up to be a Trainer for a Day. You'll spend more than eight hours learning about breeding, feeding and more.

At Dreams Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa and Dreams Los Cabos Suites Golf Resort & Spa, the Dreaming of Freedom Turtle Release Program invites guests seasonally to gently carry baby green sea turtles to the sea and set them free.

If your group is all about culinary experiences, opt for Dreams Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa or Dreams Villamagna Nuevo Vallarta. Stay in one and you can dine at both, enjoying the duo's evening entertainment, too, for no extra charge besides the transportation. 866-2-DREAMS, [dreamsresorts.com](http://dreamsresorts.com)

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#### Stretch Your Dollar

Even in an American paradise like Hawaii, parents can become stressed when forced to dole out hard-earned dollars for three meals a day. At **Aston Hotels & Resorts**, those issues are moot. Aston's accommodations in Hawaii offer both traditional hotel rooms and condominium resorts, where you'll always have plenty of space plus a kitchen or kitchenette. You can stay in a studio, a six-bedroom villa or a spacious home-like suite that's between the two, and parents usually have their own bedroom. When it's time for a light breakfast or a quick sandwich, simply stroll over to your refrigerator. Most resorts have barbecue grills on the premises, too. Don't worry about cleaning, though; all Aston resorts have a full array of resort-like services including daily maid service, front office reception and an activities desk.

What's more, Aston's assorted resorts offer kid-friendly programming. You'll find a year-round camp at Aston Kaanapali Shores and a summer experience at the Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel that's open to all young Aston guests. Upon check-in at any Aston property, your children will receive age-appropriate amenities just for them. Mom and Dad get something they'll like: a coupon book with savings worth up to \$2,500 throughout the Hawaiian Islands. 866-774-2924, [astonhotels.com](http://astonhotels.com)

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### Customize Your Vacation

If you're packing up the kids, the grandparents or any array of relatives, head for **Elite Island Resorts**. This boutique lodging outfit has just the right resort for your troupe.

Younger children adore the new bouncy castle, race car set and outdoor playhouse at the St. James's Club & Villas' children's club. They're a small part of the Antigua property's multimillion-dollar renovation that includes 50 waterfront Royal Suites, a new scuba center and an open-air beachside area just for teenagers. While the dedicated concierge will be helpful, you're most likely to benefit from the space to spread out; villas are another option.

"Family rooms" and villa-style suites appeal at nearby The Verandah Resort & Spa, where an 18-hole mini-golf course and a kids' club will keep the youngsters happy – giving Mom and Dad time to go off and windsurf, snorkel, get spa treatments and share romantic dinners.

For an exceptionally laid-back getaway, choose Long Bay Beach Resort & Villas. Located on Tortola in the British Virgin Islands, Long

Bay is an eclectic collection of 157 charming accommodations, including cabanas, hotel rooms, villas and estate homes – so you can be taken care of or have a kitchen for quick meals. 800-858-4618, [eliteislandresorts.com](http://eliteislandresorts.com)

## {HOW TO}

### Play Together and on Your Own

Little brings a family together like a friendly volleyball game in the pool, a jungle tour across a lagoon or relaxing meals, for no extra charge, at restaurants with broad menus of delicious foods. After reconnecting, you'll all need time with your peers. Enter **Sandos Hotels & Resorts**. At its seven properties in Mexico, Monaco and Spain, families have ample opportunities to spend time together and then for each member to pursue his or her own passions. When the Sandos Bávaro debuts in the Dominican Republic, it will offer the same all-inclusive format that so appeals to families.

While the adults meander away to indulge in spa treatments, shop in luxury stores or dive the Caribbean Sea, kids will be having fun of their own. Most Sandos resorts have baby clubs

children's clubs, and recreation staffers are quick to entice the 13-and-up set with enjoyable activities. Under club supervision, children might swim together in pools just for them, make nifty crafts and play games. In some locales they might dance in a pint-size disco. And at the Sandos Caracol Eco Resort & Spa, they'll even be welcome to splash their way through the day in a new aqua park that's filled with water slides and spouts. 866-887-5601, [sandos.com](http://sandos.com)

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### Travel the World

**RIU Hotels & Resorts** can put you up in more than 100 places across the globe. Maybe you'd like to spend your family vacation in Cape Verde, off Africa's Atlantic coast. There you might unwind at the Riu Touareg, a resort opening May 6, 2011, with three entirely distinct areas: Adults Only, Family & Children and Classic. In the family zone, rooms fit two adults plus three children and offer access to two children's swimming pools with playgrounds plus the RiuLand club with kids' activities. Want to stay closer to home? RIU's Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic,

resorts are ace picks if your troupe is tickled by kiteboarding. Mazatlan, on Mexico's Pacific coast, is home to the Hotel Riu Emerald Bay, which has won awards for its family-friendliness.

How does the Mediterranean sound? At the newly renovated Riu La Mola, on the Island of Formentera, you can enjoy spa treatments while your little ones make new friends at RiuLand for children ages 4 to 7 and 8 to 12.

All told, RIU's portfolios offer family-friendly getaways in familiar ports such as Aruba, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico and Miami, as well as more exotic destinations. 888-RIU-4990, [riu.com](http://riu.com)

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### Pick and Choose

**Casa de Campo** bills itself as the Caribbean's most complete resort, and that truth works for families. You can pursue activities individually and together. You can lodge in a hotel room, a suite or a villa – and this summer families get 50 percent off connecting rooms. You can lounge around the beach or pool to bond, or experience the thrills of horseback riding, sport shooting or even archery. A la carte or all-inclusive? Your choice. Through September, you can even indulge in a swashbuckling fantasy with the A Pirate's Life for Me package for four, which includes accommodations, a treasure hunt, a cave tour, a buccaneer gift bag and a full-body massage "for peg-legged parents."

Casa de Campo is a 7,000-acre hotel, resort and residential community. It boasts three golf courses, 13 tennis courts, a spa, a private beach, a marina, and an international airport (LRM) with new nonstop flights on American Airlines. Its recreation staff gets families taking merengue lessons on the beach and enjoying family water games. When it's time for space, Nannies'N Casa arranges for babysitters. Kids 1 through 12 have their own camps while teens have their own club. 800-877-3643, [casadecampo.com.do](http://casadecampo.com.do)

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### Explore Hawaii on the Cheap

**Outrigger Condominium Collection** has 15 condo resorts on four Hawaiian islands. You can stay in the most desirable spots without emptying the college fund. First off, every condo, from studios to multi-bedroom units, have full kitchens, which means you can prepare meals and heat up leftovers rather than dine out

every time you're hungry. You'll have access to a washer and dryer, too, so you can pack light, carry your suitcases onto the plane fee-free, and simply toss in a load now and then.

Outrigger adds value with promotions. Through December 21, 2011, you stay one free night for every three you pay for; or select the Room & Car package starting at only \$145 and you'll get a compact rental automobile. Kids will learn a ton about nature in Hawaii while having fun with the Island Explorer Program, a kit children 5 to 10 receive when staying at least three nights.

If your adventures happen to take you to a grocery store or market on Maui, you'll have no problem toting home goodies. Outrigger provides all guests staying two nights or more a stylish green eco-tote. Outrigger will also help with grocery costs on Maui when choosing its Free Grocery Package. For each five-night stay, guests receive \$50 to \$150 in Foodland credits. 800-OUTRIGGER, [outrigger.com](http://outrigger.com)

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### Run Away From It All

You needn't head to a megaresort to please your kids with perks like hair braiding. At **True Blue Bay Resort**, your time away together will be in a quiet Caribbean hideaway, yet the owners see to it that children have the little extras that they so enjoy. They can climb on a playground. They can make jewelry. They can paint pretty pictures. Yet they can also immerse themselves in the best Grenada has to offer: True Blue Bay Resort will provide children's fishing gear if you're ready for a family outing to catch dorado or sailfish. It will offer kayak lessons aimed toward youngsters. If your family dives, your little ones will learn the tricks of the trade during a "bubble making" dive just for them. And when you're ready for some grown-up time, True Blue Bay Resort has babysitters on call.

You'll lodge comfortably at True Blue Bay Resort. Most families prefer the two-bedroom villas with private plunge pools or interconnecting Indigo rooms. That way the adults get privacy while the kids are close by. 473-443-8783, [truebluebay.com](http://truebluebay.com)

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### Go Barefoot All Week

If gussying up the kids in dress clothes for dinner isn't your idea of a relaxing vacation, spend your getaway at the **Timothy Beach Resort** on

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St. Kitts. This moderately priced hotel is located right on the island's most popular Caribbean strand. You needn't travel to have leisurely days by the shore when golden sand, calm waters, water sports, snorkeling and an oceanfront pool are all right there. Many of its accommodations aren't much more than a stone's throw from the beach, so there's no hassle getting from your room to prime sand-castle-building spots. All rooms have refrigerators, and condominium suites and studios come with full kitchens plus living/dining areas. The deluxe one-bedroom suites, with new Kittitian Rainforest Showers and ample balconies with chaise lounges and dinette sets, provide a delightful spot for families of three or four to spend their evenings while planning the next day's adventure on this luxuriantly verdant historic island. For larger families, two-bedroom accommodations are available.

When you don't feel like cooking dinner, simply stroll over to the Sunset Café. 877-94-BEACH, [timothybeach.com](http://timothybeach.com)

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### Create Memories in Exotic Locales

If you want everyone in the family to have a great time on vacation, and also to have experiences that the children will remember, opt for **Wyndham Hotels and Resorts**.

At Wyndham Nassau Resort & Crystal Palace Casino in the Bahamas, you might all go Jet Skiing, swim in the private lagoon or whiz down an amazing water slide. It's the perfect location for family reunions. At Wyndham Kingston, Jamaica, children under 12 stay free and eat for

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half price; children 5 and under stay and eat free.

The Viva Wyndham Maya has a newly renovated Kids' Club with private kiddie pool, windsurfing and talent shows. Lodge in the new connecting Family Rooms; the kids' room has Wii and Xbox games.



Daily iguana feeding is a treat for families at Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa.

Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa, A Wyndham Grand Resort just outside San Juan, Puerto Rico, boasts miles of beachfront and a daily family activity schedule (no charge), plus

an Iguana Kids Club. At the now all-inclusive Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort & Spa in St. Thomas, USVI, nightly rates include meals and beverages, entertainment, half-day access to the supervised Kids' Club, kayaking and family movie nights. At the Wyndham Orlando Resort, Family Fun suites have bunk beds. In exotic Manzanillo, Mexico, Wyndham's luxury resort Isla Navidad has kids' menus and activities. 800-WYNDHAM, [wyndham.com](http://wyndham.com)

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### Have It All – Nearby

It's a short 70 miles from Florida to Grand Bahama Island, and there you'll find **Our Lucaya Beach and Golf Resort**, a two-hotel complex that welcomes families with four swimming pools, a sand playground, 14 restaurants and lounges, water sports, a camp, a casino, two golf courses and a spa.

When you want to spend time together at Our Lucaya Reef Village or the Radisson Our Lucaya, you can build castles on the 7.5-acre beach and play in the pools; you're likely to find yourselves zooming down the 60-foot-high water slide with big kids or splashing in the wading pool with little ones. If you have teens along, check out the selection of water sports. When you need some pampering, head to Senses Spa, a vacation in itself. Awaken your senses with aromatherapy performed with island-inspired herbal baths and oils while listening to the seductive and melodious sound of the ocean.

Babies and toddlers can spend up to two hours in Grandma Lucaya's, while children 3 to 11 can spend the day in Camp Lucaya. 866-870-7148, [ourlucaya.com](http://ourlucaya.com)

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Reconnect with family and loved ones with an unplugged experiential vacation at Kona Village Resort, the only inclusive resort in Hawaii featuring individual thatched-roof bungalows nestled around lush lagoons and pristine beaches in a setting free of TVs, radios and telephones. Prize package includes a 4-night stay for a family of four including accommodations, meals, select ocean activities, unlimited tennis, and complimentary programs for children.



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