



17 great family vacation ideas for your summer 2022 trip



If you and your family are ready to hit the road, chances are that you'll be looking to do so at a place that has enough activities to keep everyone entertained. And after so much time at home, you might even be looking for some family vacation ideas to spread out and get some time — and space — to yourself.

Before you choose a hotel for your family, there are a few features to look for to ensure the property has the space and amenities to allow everyone to claim a spot, spread their wings, meet new friends that don't share the same address and enjoy their time. Here's what to look for:

- **Lots of nooks and crannies.** Acreage is great, but also take a look at the way the hotel is designed. Are there a variety of places to curl up with a book, check your email or just lounge in the sun without bumping into other families? Depending on the layout, even a boutique hotel can work for families, so long as there are multiple zones to space everything out.
- **A mix of organized and spontaneous activities.** Boating excursions, guided hikes and museum visits are fun, but a hotel that also offers a variety of activities you can choose to do on impulse is ideal. We're talking poolside limbo contests, pop-up ice cream stands and kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.
- **More than just a kids club.** If you're traveling with little ones, having a kids club is great, but not if it comes with a ton of restrictions — especially limited hours. A resort that provides organized activities for younger children that goes beyond crafting in the room designated as the "kids club" is a much better bet, particularly if you're staying for more than just a couple of days and you really need a break from parenting (no judgment here).

Now that you know what to keep an eye out for when choosing the perfect hotel for your next family vacation, check out these great resorts options for families of all sizes.

Family vacation spots in Florida

Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando

Tucked away in the 482-acre Bonnet Creek nature preserve, it's hard to believe the Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek is just five minutes from Orlando's theme parks. For the young and young at heart, there's a 3-acre-long lazy river, a mix of quiet pools with roomy cabanas and family-friendly poolside activities like scavenger hunts and mermaid lessons. And yes, the resort provides complimentary Disney park shuttles so that teens and die-hard Mickey fans can make it to the theme park rides as well.

Even the standard guest rooms are spacious at 400 square feet, with bunk-style rooms available for families traveling with multiple kids. Plus, one of the coolest things about this property is that it shares use of the amenities at the [Wyndham Grand Bonnet Creek](#) next door. That means a lot of additional room to roam with another six pools, two more lazy rivers and a mini golf course.

On the other side of the same lake, [Club Wyndham Bonnet Creek](#) provides even homier digs with spacious one-, two- and three-bedroom suites that come with full kitchens, living rooms and dining rooms. Ideal for younger kids, it has a pirate shipwreck in the middle of the main pool and offers unlimited ice cream sundaes. And it's all less than a mile from the entrance to Walt Disney World.

Playa Largo Resort & Spa, Key Largo

Waterfront access in the Florida Keys is a coveted commodity, but secluded too? That's a rarity. One of the most recent new-build resorts in the Keys in years, the Playa Largo Resort & Spa is a chic oasis that manages to mix both tropical and cosmopolitan styles perfectly, with nary a clichéd palm motif in sight.

In addition to the rooms and suites, the resort has 10 bungalows and a beach house for families looking for more space. Anyone seeking solitude from their nearest and dearest can curl up on a beachside hammock for a siesta under the gumbo limbo trees, while water lovers should head straight for the on-site Caribbean Watersports hub for snorkeling coral reefs, paddling Florida Bay and eco-tours that whisk you to nearby Everglades National Park. The resort's Kids' Night Out activities, such as s'more-making and stargazing, mean adults will also have some time to themselves for grown-up restaurants.