

# Luxury Kid-Friendly Holiday Destinations

From VIK (Very Important Kids) programs in Florence to hidden playgrounds in Amsterdam, these destinations will welcome your teeny ones

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Kid-friendly luxury. Photo: Getty Images

If just considering traveling long haul with small children brings you out in hives, I can't blame you. Even if you survive the journey, more landmines greet you upon arrival. Forget about a chianti-filled dinner in Rome or cocktails at the yacht club – you're busy battling jet lag, foreign-sounding food and missed naps. But if you are brave enough to consider a summer trip with your wee ones, a few chic hotels are popping up to cater to luxury-driven families, both here and abroad. Whether through little gifts, child-friendly menus or massive makeshift playgrounds, these destinations are making it easier than ever to travel "en masse." If you can rustle up the courage, stylish properties await you on the other side – nannies and all.



GurneysNewport. Photo: Gurneys

Gurney's Newport: If the good old USA feels like the best bet, between the grandiose gilded-age mansions and the miles of pristine beach, Newport, Rhode Island is a perfect destination for those who appreciate history mixed with nautical enterprises. The latest addition to this seaside gem is the new Gurney's Newport, which opened Memorial weekend and is ripe with elevated amenities for the entire family. Guests of all ages can learn to sail at Gurney's Sailing School or explore the 10-acre grounds through guided expeditions. There are even kids culinary lessons, yoga and meditations. The under-12 set also gets its own pool, to the delight of children and childless adults, alike. Should you attempt some alone time, New York's own Scarpetta is serving up inspired Italian fare in a romantic setting along the water, while the Regent Lounge offers cocktails around a luxe outdoor fire. With 257 rooms and suites, Gurney's is a true resort just a stone's throw from downtown Newport, where trips to the ice cream parlor are sure to thrill any foul-mood toddler.