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The best family hotels in the Mediterranean for a summer holiday

From beaches bathed in spectacular sunshine to activities galore, these places are all perfect to occupy the pack this year

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Children having fun at Hotel Le Sabine at Resort & SPA Le Dune in Sardinia

We are spoilt for choice when it comes to the Mediterranean. The islands and coastlines have a certain elemental beauty – think umbrella pines and herb-scented maquis, rocky promontories hugging glittering bays of blue, a nautical way of life that endures even as the boats get bigger – that can be glimpsed from Andalucia all the way to the point where Europe becomes Asia.

And what a variety it offers, too, from the go-slow islands and razzle-dazzle rivieras to the sands of Spain's Costas (so distinct even from Italy's dramatic coasts), and the uniqueness of every single Greek island. This means the choice for family holidays is endless, whether yours are active children who can't wait to get out on the water, or little ones just learning to swim.

There's just as much choice, too, in the places to stay. Boutique boltholes, run by families for families, offer the easygoing vibe of a holiday home set beside the shore, just skipping distance from the beach. Big-hitting resorts are ever-evolving to work for modern families, where the focus is as much about top-notch local food as innovative activities which families can do together. And they provide a safe, beautifully honed environment for older children to seek some independence, so that everyone in the family gets the beach holiday that works for them. From [France](#) to [Turkey](#), here's our pick of the best family-friendly hotels in Europe's Mediterranean hotspots.

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Where to stay in Sardinia



Resort Cala di Falco

Cannigione, Italy

9/10 Telegraph expert rating

With beautiful bay views, exceptional food and attentive service, this family-friendly gem is ideal for a low-key holiday with the clan in Cannigione. Rooms and suites are situated within low-rise buildings spread around the Mediterranean-style garden which gives the place a calm village feel (especially suitable for families are the apartments and villas which have cooking facilities), while the bar, lobby and restaurant are open with an indoor-outdoor feel. As well as the large pool there is a private section of Cannigione's beach (with loungers and umbrellas), as well as a free shuttle to the larger Mannena Beach. There's a free kids' club for ages three to 11, and a children's pool as well as a baby-feeding room.

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Hotel Sabine at Resort & SPA Le Dune

Badesi, Sardinia, Italy

8/10 Telegraph expert rating

On Sardinia's north coast, the four-star superior Le Sabine is one of five hotels in the Le Dune resort, edged with Blue Flag sandy beaches as far as the eye can see. It's a great place for families, with 10 restaurants, six pools and an A-Z of activities, clubs and sports for all ages. Nightly live music, plus 'baby dance' to get the children off to sleep more quickly, complete the offerings. You'll even find an aviary with peacocks and chickens, plus 'fantasy playgrounds' with wigwams and a fortress, children's pools, and indoor and outdoor cinemas – all included in the room rate. Guests are free to use the facilities of the other hotels. In the evenings, there's live music in the resort's main piazza.