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Best family-friendly hotels in Europe 2023: Where to stay for kids clubs, splash pools and adventure parks

If you're unsure where to take the little ones this summer, take a look at our list of European resorts

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Best hotel for young kids: **Valle dell'Erica** and **Le Dune**, Sardinia



Stay at one of Delphina's spectacular resorts (*Delphina*)

If you have young children and want to go to Sardinia, you can't go wrong picking a Delphina resort: there are eight on the island. The four-star Le Dune, comprising five hotels and 10 restaurants, has the most on offer for children, including a large playground, trampoline, helter-skelter, aviaries where children collect eggs and a vast 8km stretch of Blue Flag beach. Valle dell'Erica Resort, home to hotels Erica and La Licciola, is its luxe, more sophisticated five-star sibling.

It's situated within 1.4km of unspoilt coastline, characterised by dramatic granite rock formations and trees leaning from the regular Mistral winds. The beaches – seven tiny but beautiful coves and a larger one, La Licciola, complete with bar-cafe and a sack of buckets and spades for children to enjoy – are short walks away. There are 271 rooms (many of which have simple Sardinian-style decor and are interconnecting so ideal for families), but you'd never know from the spacious, secluded feel; rooms have mirrored glass so you can't see in and verandas are concealed by greenery. An excellent selection of shops including a pharmacy proves useful should you forget children's toothpaste (as we did) or sunscreen.



The lively Ericaland miniclub (free for four to nine-year-olds) is bursting with enthusiastic, multilingual staff and caters for two-year-olds to teenagers in small age groups, with ever-changing activities including a "Robinson Crusoe" adventure sleepover for the eldest and pizza-making in the wood-fired stove for all. They also have a veg patch to tend to, with the produce going into meals. Tweenagers can make use of complimentary canoes, snorkelling equipment and computer games.

Tables are laid beautifully for tiny diners in the miniclub; the hotel dinner service doesn't start until 7.30pm. Parents of under-threes will rejoice at the complimentary nursery with bottle service, highchairs, pushchairs, sterilisers, and freshly-made vegetable soups and purees, pasta, yoghurts and fruit, milk and juices available to feed little ones 24 hours a day. Paid babysitting is available for 12 to 36 months.

Restaurants and many rooms have sublime views of the sea and neighbouring islands. Food at Les Bouches and Nautilus is a gourmet's paradise, a smorgasbord of pasta, seafood, grilled fish and meat, and vegan fare, although there are also restaurant options for a la carte, including the refined beachside Li Zini.

This is an ideal resort to reclaim some couple's time. Remarkably the miniclub is open until 11pm, which means parents can enjoy romantic dinners; while the huge Thalasso spa centre, with sauna, treatment rooms and four seawater pools of varying temperatures with seaviews, is where parents can truly unwind.

Price: Starting from £300 for a double room at Valle dell'Erica, with twin beds available on request.

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Price: Starting from £154 for a standard room at La Dune, with twin beds and a sofa bed on request.

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