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Summer Family Travel Deals Across the Globe



When planning for summer vacation, there are a variety of hotels and resorts around the globe that offer an experience reminiscent of ones' fondest summer camp memories, but with a setting and amenities that guests of all ages can enjoy.

From scenic dude ranches where both parents and children can make lifelong friends during team penning competitions and starlit BBQs with line dancing, to chic London accommodations that greet mom and dad with champagne and the kids with cookies upon arrival, these family-friendly hotels offer a variety of opportunities for guests to disconnect with their devices and enjoy quality family time in a new destination.

Here are some of the best properties for families to vacation this summer, varying from great family-focused discounts to packages catered to making sure the whole family has fun.

Tanque Verde Ranch | Tucson, Arizona (pictured)

A popular spot for families to return year-after-year, Tanque Verde Ranch provides an opportunity to skip costly summer camps and take on 60,000 scenic desert acres of an all-inclusive Wild Western adventure. Even better, Tanque Verde Ranch is offering a **"Kids Stay Free" package** from June 1 -

September 30 this year, which includes a free all-inclusive stay for up to two children ages 4-11, when booked for a three night minimum stay with two paying adult guests.

Ideally located within the Saguaro National Park and the Coronado National Forest in Tucson, Ariz., Tanque Verde Ranch is a true travel anomaly, offering a dude ranch experience with a resort-like feel that both adults and children can enjoy. The ranch is all-inclusive, meaning guests receive spacious accommodations in southwestern salas, casitas, and haciendas, three daily meals with new and old friends, and access to the ranch's many onsite amenities - including two pools, a spa, and more. Families can enjoy an abundance of recreational activities included in their stays, including horseback riding, guided mountain bike rides, tennis, pickle ball, fishing, watercolor classes, guided hikes, yoga and more. In addition, communal tables during social events such as cowboy cookouts with line dancing under the stars, morning breakfast rides to the scenic Old Homestead, and horseback riding competitions like team penning and fun-khana, allow families to bond and create lasting friendships and memories during their stay.

The ranch also offers a highly regarded kids program for children ages 4-12 as part of its all-inclusive rates. The programs are called Wranglers, Buckaroos and Outlaws, and are broken out based on each child's age and horseback riding experience. As part of the supervised kids program, children will participate in activities ranging from daily horseback riding lessons and horse grooming sessions to arts and crafts and fun-filled games. Parents are welcome to join the kids for the day or participate in the other pre-scheduled adult activities if they wish. More information is available [here](#).

Rancho Bernardo Inn | San Diego, California

Special for families, the property offers a summer **"Family Fun" package** from June 3 - September 5, 2016, which includes a kids welcome goodie bucket, and summer camp like programming where kids get FREE breakfast, can participate in kids treasure hunts, and join to watch the Inn's summer dive-in movies, which are offered to all resort guests with kids. Dive-in movies include outdoor popcorn and movies by the pool on Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00pm - 10:00pm. Saving the best for last, Rancho Bernardo Inn offer's their complimentary, signature **S'mores & Snores**. A complimentary room service offering at Rancho Bernardo Inn, S'mores and Snores includes a warm, freshly made s'more from the hotel's Pastry Chef, kids drink and an in-room pop-up tent for kids to play in or sleep in for the night. The housekeeping clears it out of the room the next morning and kids can re-order their "room service" each night if they'd like.

Chewton Glen | Berkshire, England

Chewton Glen, a lavish, 18th century Relais & Châteaux UK country house hotel is the ultimate, picturesque getaway for the whole family. Prized as one of UK's finest kid-friendly hotels, the hotel has implemented a number of packages and amenities to accommodate the entire family — including the **"Kids Stay Free"** program offered through the school holidays. Whether there's one child staying complimentary in the property's Estate Room, or four children bunking up in the lavish Treehouse Loft Suite, there is an option to accommodate all size families. The hotel offers a variety of activities for all age groups including children's croquet and junior tennis coaching, to archery and pony treks in the New Forrest — and of course the in-house Children's Club.

Jumeirah Beach Hotel | Dubai, UAE

Jumeirah Beach Hotel invites guests to enjoy the resort's vast variety of fun family activities, sun-drenched beaches, refreshing swimming pools and manicured landscape grounds you can relax safe in the knowledge that your loved ones are receiving the highest standards of hospitality and care. When families book their vacation between May 15 and September 30, they will receive **a special discount of \$30 (AED \$100) per night for each child under the age of 12**. Family-friendly offerings include:

- Complimentary and unlimited access to Wild Wadi Waterpark
- Complimentary use of non-motorised watersports
- Complimentary access to PressReader
- Access to Sinbad's Kids Club
- Access to Talise Fitness and Talise Spa facilities

VIP Kids Packages

Grosvenor House Suites by Jumeirah Living | London, England

Settle into your home away from home for your summer family holiday in one of London's most notable neighborhoods with Grosvenor House Suites by Jumeirah Living. Located on the doorstep of Hyde Park, and minutes from the city's best museums, shops, and theaters this residence style hotel makes the perfect home base for all family types. With the **Children in Charge package**, children stay free this summer with the bonus of complimentary kids' movies, soft drinks and a host of special treats. They will also enjoy complimentary breakfast and evening tea from the children's menu.

The Children in Charge package includes:

- Accommodation for children when booking a One Bedroom Deluxe - Three Bedroom Suite
- Daily English breakfast for two adults
- Children's breakfast and evening tea from the children's menu
- Bottle of champagne for adults on arrival
- Cookies and soft drinks for children
- Complimentary children's movies

Cheeca Lodge & Spa | Islamorada, Florida

An icon 70 years in the making, Cheeca Lodge & Spa in Islamorada marks its milestone anniversary this year and as part of the yearlong celebration, the "barefoot luxury" hotel is offering a series of creative promotions including dedicated programming for families, which makes up a large chunk of its repeat business. A longtime family destination (many return annually for decades!), Cheeca will ramp up its existing "Camp Cheeca" environmental kid's club program with playful add-ons for summer from family horseshoe tournaments, glow in the dark golf on the 9-hole course, and beach blanket bingo to a teen campout experience, while adults can get in on the fun with a moonlight "s'mores & cigars" offering. Dedicated programming includes a "Movies Under the Stars" weekly swim-up film, introductory "Fly Casting" fishing lessons with local celebrity fisherman Captain Bou Bassos.

Family Fun Package offers luxury accommodations, a free Children's menu entree with the purchase of an Adult menu entree during the same meal period and a buy one get one free admission to Camp Cheeca. Available (5/16/16 - 12/23/16)

Mission Point | Mackinac Island, Michigan

Set on 18 acres of lakefront property where Lake Huron meets Lake Michigan, lies the seasonal Mission Point, which recently reopened for the season after completing phase 2 of a 3-phase renovation series - adding a new spa and wellness experience, upgraded accommodations, elevated food & beverage programming, cultural celebrations and a brand new 'Marketplace at Mission Point.' With offerings such as Mission Point's kite-flying workshops, waterfront 18 hole putting course, complimentary kid's club and 70+ miles of hiking and biking trails on the island, Mission Point on Mackinac Island is the ideal family vacation. Additionally, Mission Point is designed with many options

to comfortably accommodate families – Family Suites have two separate bedrooms with only one entry door from a shared foyer, providing a safe and secure space for children while offering Mom and Dad the privacy they deserve.

- To make family vacations to Mackinac Island even better, Mission Point offers the **Mackinac Family Experience**, which includes:
 - Accommodations
 - Breakfast in Round Island Bar & Grill on two mornings (*Note: kids under 12 eat free at any of the four restaurants on property*)
 - Half Day Bike Rentals
 - Fort Mackinac Tickets
 - Butterfly House Tickets
 - Round Trip Ferry Tickets on Shepler's
 - Milk and Cookie Welcome Amenity on your first night with a Mission Point Plush

Half Moon - Rose Hall, Jamaica

Half Moon is a 400-acre luxury resort that features two miles of private beach and is ideal for families and groups looking for a spring getaway with its expansive four-, five-, six- and seven-bedroom villas. These home-away-from-homes all come with private pools and a personal staff of a butler, cook and housekeeper. Half Moon offers **Camp Half Moon** packed with a variety of activities for children to enjoy during the summer months! Developed for children four to 12 years, the weekly camp will run from July 11 through August 19 and will feature activities such as horseback riding, yoga, football, golf, water sports, art and craft, swimming amongst others. Participation in Camp Half Moon for each camper is \$55 per day or \$200 per week and includes lunch, all activities, snacks as well as tax and service charge.

Summer Getaway Package starts from \$479 and includes the following:

- Luxury Accommodations
- Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks

Winnetu Oceanside Resort | Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts

The Winnetu Oceanside Resort is located where everyone visiting Martha's Vineyard wants to be at South Beach in Edgartown and is the island's ultimate family resort. Family owned and styled after the traditional New England grand seaside resorts, the Winnetu includes 58 suites, studios and private cottages, each equipped with air-conditioning, kitchenettes and separate living areas, many of which have unobstructed ocean views. **NEW** this summer the Winnetu is launching its **Teen Adventures program** in partnership with Martha's Vineyard Adventure Camp to offer children ages 13-16 years a variety of outdoor experiences that are both fun and highly educational. This three-day adventure program is available Wednesday - Friday from 9am - 1pm, beginning in late June and consists of a day of kayaking, jumping off Jaw Bridge, mountain biking and a ropes course. Set beside the natural dunes and at the head of world class hiking and biking trails, the Winnetu epitomizes the best of island living for guests of all ages. Families can enjoy the Resort's many complimentary amenities including: tennis courts; heated swimming pools; a fitness facility; fitness and yoga classes; shuttle transportation to/from Main Street, Edgartown; and concierge services.

Summer Savors Package offers select 1&2 night stays with 10%-20% off the July & August 2016 rates. The rate includes access to"

- Outdoor heated pools
- Fitness center
- Tennis Club
- Children's Day Program
- Antique fire truck rides, yoga and fitness classes, shuttles to Edgartown, and more

Favorite Family-Friendly Amenities

The Camby Hotel | Phoenix, Arizona

For those looking to add a bit of flavor to their family vacation, The Camby Hotel is offering new travel specials and family-inspired in-room amenities this summer. Families can unwind with the “**Classic Game Night**” amenity, featuring traditional board games such as Scrabble and Snakes & Ladders with snacks for the kids and their parents or get wild with the “**Pillow Fight**” amenity with extra soft pillows, jumbo boxing gloves and cookies and milk served to the room. Take advantage of these amenities by booking **The Uptown Dine Around Escape**, starting at \$229* per night or make it a double and stay two nights with **The Double TakeEscape**, which includes all the same perks for \$299*.

The Uptown Dine Around Escape features:

- An elegant, tastefully designed mountain view king room
- Two cocktails to savor poolside at The Rooftop Bar & SkyWall
- Complimentary valet parking
- Dinner for two in the Biltmor neighborhood – choose from The Gladly, The Capital Grille, Seasons 52, Christopher's Restaurant & Crush Lounge or Artizen, Crafted American Kitchen & Bar, The Camby's signature restaurant (\$75 value)

The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island | Amelia Island, Florida

Getaway to the beauty and serenity of Amelia Island and experience a place where Southern charm meets Florida's warm ocean waves and white sand beaches. The Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island is the perfect destination for a classic summer beach family vacation, with a number of new programs in 2016. Rates start at \$429/night and new kid-friendly programming includes the following;

1. **Pirate Toast:** Every Friday children accompany Princess Amelia on a treasure hunt spanning the far corners of the resort. Say a special good night to the children with a Pirate Tuck-in with a Pirate and Princess who will read your little ones a bedtime story and serve a snack of chocolate chip cookies and milk
2. **Updated Ritz Kids Center:** With three dimensional murals and two 200 gallon fish tanks, kids learn about ocean life, play games, explore dune life searching for gopher tortoise and life beneath the sea based on proprietary programs from Jean-Michael Cousteau Future Oceans Society. Full and half day programs are available. Every Friday and Saturday evening there's Kids Night Out. Kids enjoy an evening of (supervised) dinner, games and movies while parents slip away for a romantic meal.

3. The daily **Shark Tooth Hunt** takes kids (All ages!) along the beach to find fossilized shark teeth. Then, your souvenir tooth is made into a necklace to take home.
4. **Tour the Night Sky**: The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island's resident astronomer will set up shop on the beach and share pearls of wisdom about the night sky as well as show off constellations, stars, and sometimes even planets in his high-tech telescope.

Paradise Point Resort & Spa | Mission Bay, California

Embark on an island getaway with the whole family this summer at Paradise Point, a Destination Hotel, tucked away on the sparkling waters of San Diego's Mission Bay. Embrace the island experience and enjoy **beach bonfires complete with s'mores, sailing lessons, an 18-hole mini-golf course, beach cruiser bike rentals, Paradise Surf Academy, quadcycle surreys, FunCat rentals and more**. After a day full of activities, the whole family can relax and unwind with exotic rituals from islands around the world at the resort's award-winning Spa, before indulging in a thoughtful California coastal dining selection at signature restaurant, Tidal. Perfect for guests of all ages, the resort features five swimming pools, a full-service marina, six dining options and is in close proximity to several San Diego attractions, including SeaWorld and Balboa Park. In addition, Paradise Point offers special summer activities fit for both kids and teens, as well as **taxi service to SeaWorld and local beaches, bay cruises and dive-in movie nights** where guests can watch films from a chaise lounge or afloat the main pool. The 44-acre island resort features bungalow-style guestrooms, offering everything from spacious garden suites to bayside patios, all designed to highlight the flowing coastal breeze and mesmerizing views.