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The best family holidays for children of every age

Knowing where to travel with children can be tricky - skip to the fun part with our guide to the best family holidays for 2024

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My kids are growing up fast. One of them, teetering on teendom, is attached to her phone for as long as she's allowed. The other is obsessed with manga and often has his head in a comic. On [holiday](#) though, it's a different story. When they're by the sea, they still rush in and out of the water as they did when they were tiny and there was nothing more exciting than finding out if the waves would catch them.

Witnessing this delight is one of the reasons I'll keep taking them away for as long as they want to come with me. But choosing where to go with kids in tow can be complicated. First there are worries over sleep, shade, cots and creches, and then, before you know it, it's screens and sulking.

That's why we've put together a list of the best family holidays depending on age; from new [all-inclusives](#) and resorts perfect for teeny kids to campsites and off-the-beaten track adventures for older ones. It also embraces an enduring post-Covid trend that's lasted far longer than those fear-fuelled [staycations](#) and knee-jerk, year-long homeschooling extravaganzas: taking the grandparents along for the ride.

Settle in and choose your perfect getaway for the year ahead.

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Early teens (13-15)

Have phone, will TikTok. Such is life with an early teen - so you may as well give them some good material. With many safari camps allowing only those aged 12-plus, now is the time for a follower-winning, animal-viewing adventure.

May as well bring the grandparents along to dilute the teenage angst. Alice Gully, CEO of Aardvark Safaris, has noticed a 30 per cent growth in multi-generation bookings over the last year with private 'safari houses' opening up to accommodate them. She recommends the new Asilia Retreats at Namiri Plains and Sayari Camp in Tanzania, which sleep up to four adults and two kids.



Camps at Namiri Plains in Tanzania have separate bedrooms and living spaces | CREDIT: Namiri Plains

These mega-tents are impressive, each with two bedrooms and a separate living area as well as private safari guides. Book extended families into both houses and you'll get a pool to yourself too. From £1,977 per night for up to six guests, including meals and game drives through [Aardvark Safaris](#) (01980 849160).