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## Best Hotels for Families



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As more vacationers are jet-setting with budding globe-trotters in tow, hotels are coming up with some clever new ways to appeal to travelers of all ages. Parents appreciate lodging where their youngsters will not only be thoughtfully cared for, but also entertained. So hotels are rolling out all the bells and whistles—from educational programs to kid-friendly amenities—tailor-made for families of all types and sizes. But with so many places to choose from, how can trip-planners identify the perfect place for their brood?



That's where we come in: After combing through our 2013 [Best Hotels in the USA](#) and [Best Hotels in the Caribbean](#) rankings, we've pinpointed a few stand-out properties that cater to both adults and kids. From a [Caribbean](#) hideaway that boasts a sea turtle conservation day camp to a Hawaiian resort that houses beloved [Disney](#) characters, here are the top hotels for families.

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## The Cloister at Sea Island

### Sea Island, Ga.

The Cloister at Sea Island's Camp Cloister children's program has been around since the 1960s, so it's safe to say it's a crowd pleaser. College students who are selected based on their leadership skills curate the children's activities, which are divided into distinct age groups. Children ages three to eight are encouraged to get more comfortable with Sea Island's natural landscape through fishing, crabbing, and collecting shells. Meanwhile, the pre-teen set can participate in The Club Sea Island program, which teaches Bear Grylls-caliber wilderness tactics like how to build a fire, tie a knot, and set up a tent. And youngsters who have already mastered the basics can sign up for the Coastal Discoveries program, which focuses on archery and kayaking, among other outdoor pursuits. After spending some time creating adventures on their own, families can come together to participate in fun events, such as the Private Family Horsemanship Experience or tennis lessons.



Courtesy of The Cloister at Sea Island

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An active children's program at [The Cloister at Sea Island](#) has been in place since the 1960s. And though the activities may have evolved over the decades, the emphasis on education hasn't changed. From basic wilderness survival tactics to archery lessons, [The Cloister at Sea Island](#), which holds the No. 4 spot on our 2013 [Best Georgia Hotels](#) list, boasts an all-ages appeal.

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