

Tots Top Ten Holidays for Families with Babies and Toddlers in 2020

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It is a fantastic feeling having a holiday in the diary to look forward to. But when you have young children finding the right holiday can be tricky and it can be hard to know where to start your holiday search. Working out which destinations and accommodation types are suitable for young families can be overwhelming. Tots to Travel make the process simple and have carefully selected a range of villas and resorts based on their suitability for families with babies and toddlers. Each property has been visited and verified, undergone rigorous child safety checks and been kitted out with the Tots Essential Kit - over 20 items of baby and toddler kit. We've picked ten of our favourites for 2020.

1. Toy heaven in Tenerife

With an average annual temperature of 21°C and over 300 days of sunshine, Tenerife is the perfect destination for year-round family fun in the sun.

Stay: Green Garden resort is an oasis of sparkling pools and tropical gardens only 15 minutes from the airport. This all-inclusive resort is part of Tots to Travel's Tots Exclusive Experience collection offering a range of villas and apartments fully kitted out for families with young children including play corners and 20 items of baby and toddler kit. Choose a villa with playroom and private pool for the ultimate tot holiday. The fun Tots play zones and activities at this resort are designed for under fives and along with the kids pool will keep busy little ones entertained all holiday.

Price: £1533 in a <u>2 Bedroom Apartment with Terrace</u> with all inclusive board for 7 nights in September. Based on 2 adults, 1 child plus an infant in a cot. **Best time to go:** Any month is great, take your pick

2. Serene seaside escape

The Western Algarve is considered the most scenic part of the region, here you'll find plenty of quiet pristine beaches, rugged cliffs and National Parks to explore. Spend the day building sandcastles and sampling delicious fresh seafood amongst the cobbled streets of seaside villages.

Stay: Salema Beach Village is a peaceful village style complex with super spacious self-catering villas complete with all the Tots touches. Fun children's bedrooms, play corners and enclosed gardens with plenty of outdoor toys. The large resort pool, children's pool and snack bar are a just short toddle away.

Price: £1632 in a <u>2 Bedroom Villa</u> including breakfast for 7 nights in June. Sleeps up to 5 people plus 1 infant in a cot.

Best time to go: May to September

3. Perfect for beach babes

Children are welcomed with open arms in Spain and the short travel times, great beaches and climate are ideal for families seeking a fuss-free holiday. The Costa del Sol area has loads to offer - explore whitewashed Spanish villages and leafy parks or get bucket and spade happy on the many sun-drenched beaches

Stay: Situated just a short walk from the beach is the pretty resort of Villacana. This charming resort offers a choice of 1, 2 or 3 bedroom self-catering apartments. Little ones will be in their element with the exciting Tots Exclusive Experience play zones and activities, designed for under fives.

Price: £841 in a <u>1 Bedroom Apartment</u> including breakfast for 7 nights in July. Sleeps 2 adults, 2 children plus 1 infant in a cot.

Best time to go: May to September

4. Year round sun and pool villas

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Just a 4 hour flight from the UK and with no time difference Lanzarote is an easy option when you are travelling with young children. Plus, with an amazing yearly average of 300 days of sun, Lanzarote is a great off-peak holiday destination.

Stay: Get the best of both worlds with a stay in a two-bedroom private pool villa at Hyde Park Lane resort where you have the flexibility of your own self-catering villa plus access to fantastic resort facilities. The Tots villas here have private heated pools and enclosed gardens and come with all the key kit you need for your under fives. Spend time together discovering the fun Tots' play zones or enjoying the resort splash park and pools.

Price: £1695 in a <u>2 Bedroom Villa with Private Pool</u> including breakfast for 7 nights September. Sleeps 2 adults, 2 children plus 2 infants in cots.

Best time to go: Great all year round

5. Tot paradise in the Alicante hills

Explore and enjoy the stunning variety of Spanish life, from mountains and sleepy villages to beach resorts and water parks, there's something for everyone in the Costa Blanca region. Less than an hour's drive inland from Alicante you reach stunning mountain ranges with hillsides covered in orchards and vineyards. Slow down the pace here and enjoy a true taste of Spain.

Stay: Custom designed for Tots families the three villas at Almond Grove share the most incredible family friendly facilities. In addition to the fab pool there's a huge playground, playroom packed with toys and indoor soft play. What's more, plenty of extras are included such as the welcome barbecue, kids' cinema night, massages, drinks and home cooked meals.

Price: £1380 in Almond, a 2 bedroom villa self-catering for 7 nights in September. Sleeps 4 people plus 2 infants in cots.

Best time to go: May to September

6. Brittany countryside adventures

With a dramatic coastline, mystical medieval towns and lush forests, Brittany is an exciting and culture-rich French holiday destination. Getting there is easy too with plenty of ferry crossings as well as flight options available.

Stay: Berry Farm is a group of six self-catering gîtes set in beautiful countryside at the edge of the Camors Forest. At this rural retreat kids can get out and about in nature and enjoy the plentiful outdoor play facilities. Den building, pond dipping, hay bale climbing and feeding the horses are the order of the day.

Price: £1300 in Lemon, a 4 bedroom gîte self-catering for 7 nights in June. Sleeps 8 people plus 3

infants in cots.

Best time to go: May to September

7. Kids' club included

Breath-taking beaches and incredible ancient history, Cyprus is an unmissable family holiday destination. With tons of activities, family attractions and fantastic cuisine family holidays here are super popular. **Stay:** Named after the goddess herself, the huge resort of Aphrodite Hills is sectioned into little villages each with its own personality. At the resort centre is an excellent kids' club for children from 6 months and all Tots bookings here come with up to 10 hours kids' club included. The resort also boasts great play areas, an award-winning spa, beach club access and a vast array of activities. From serviced apartments to luxe 5 bedroom villas, you'll be able to find the perfect place to stay for any size of family.

Price: £1024 in a <u>2 bedroom apartment</u> self-catering for 7 nights in September including 10 hours in the resort kids' club. Sleeps 4 people plus 2 infants in cots.

Best time to go: Early or late summer to enjoy off-peak sun without the long haul

8. Spanish family hideaway







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The pace of life in the Andalusian countryside or 'campo' is somewhat slower than the norm; there is time to relax, unwind and watch the world go by. The Parque Natural del Montes de Malaga (Malaga Mountains Natural Park) is a magical spot to reconnect as a family, walk to the river to collect pebbles, spot wildlife or have a picnic with the sound of woodpeckers nearby.

Stay: Formerly an artist's studio, Dove Villa is now a cosy family hideaway in the Malaga hills. A truly idyllic setting with two bedrooms, private pool, heaps of toys and plenty of 'done-for-you' details.

Price: £989 in 2 bedroom Dove Villa self-catering for 7 nights in June. Sleeps 4 people plus 2 infants in

cots.

Best time to go: May to September

9. (Family) house party

Mallorca is one of Europe's top family destinations and for good reason. Extensive coastlines offering lovely golden sands and crystal clear waters. Discover the beautiful sights and culinary delights from your very own luxury villa, big enough for two families holidaying together or multi-generational groups.

Stay: Casa Vinedo is our top pick for privacy and space, this countryside casa is close to local beaches and has a huge pool with safety fence, extensive grounds and simply breath-taking views.

Price: £3363 in 5 bedroom Casa Vinedo self-catering for 7 nights in September. Sleeps 10 people plus 2

infants.

Best time to go: May to September

10. Hit the slopes

Think luxe chalets, toasty hot chocolate breaks, and a big dollop of quality piste-time. Our ski holidays allow you to enjoy quality family time at some of the best ski resorts in the Alps. You can hit the slopes while youngsters have loads of fun with the professional childcare team in dedicated chalet playrooms, out in the snow or at ski school.

Stay: Chalet Nicole in the French Alps resort of La Plagne is a super homely chalet in a great ski in ski out location. It is fully catered with flexible in-chalet childcare, spacious family suites and most importantly a hot tub on the terrace to relax in.

Price: £2598 at <u>Chalet Nicole</u> in a Family Suite for 7 nights in March nights. Includes Saturday flights from Gatwick to Geneva with resort transfer and in-chalet catering. Based on 2 adults and 2 children under 4 years.

Best time to go: December to March

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About Tots to Travel

Tots to Travel specialise in finding and developing holiday properties for families who want to holiday with babies and small children. The result widens the world for parents with children under 5 so that they can recharge, reconnect and savour their time together.

Tots to Travel promise:

- 30 point child safety check during an on the ground inspection
- All private pools are barriered to prevent access by children
- Baby and toddler kit of 20 essential items are guaranteed at no extra cost

Founded by mum of three Wendy Shand, who noted a gap in the market for genuinely child-friendly holidays after her toddler fell into an unprotected swimming pool during a family holiday, Tots to Travel is the only family holiday brand to guarantee extra child-safe and parent-friendly measures in place for

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every destination offered on their site.

From ensuring every private pool has a physical safety barrier, to personally hand selecting, inspecting and perfecting each destination for parents with young children, every location is rigorously analysed for child friendliness and any potential risks that cannot be mitigated are clearly highlighted to parents. Every inspection also includes the use of a detailed '30 point safety checklist' featuring the measurement of balcony railing gaps, window heights and more.

Each destination is also equipped with the 'Tots Essential Kit' containing 20 key items of baby and toddler gear, such as sterilisers, monitors and blackout blinds, so parents won't have to pack them. Where possible, gardens are enclosed and layouts are specifically selected for their suitability for parents with young children. When it comes to resorts, Tots have also visited and hand-picked only the most luxurious and most genuinely child suitable resort room options, so that families can be confident in knowing they're staying in the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

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