

10 OF THE BEST MID-RANGE BREAKS

Take the brood on an Indiana Jones-style trip to [Jordan](#) or aboard a multi-city rail break in Germany, and more

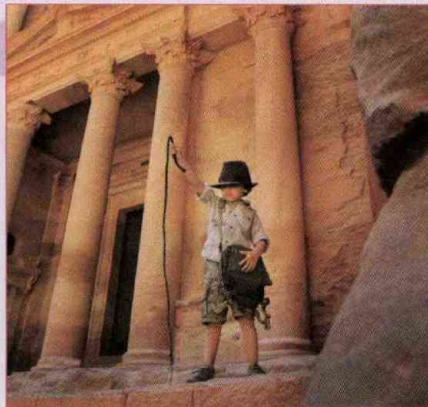


1 VILLA

- **Where:** Menorca.
- **Best for:** Families with primary-school-age kids.
- **Why:** The Cala Galdana resort in Menorca is built around a natural bay, arguably one of the most beautiful coves in the western Med, with safe bathing for young children, shady pined-backed beaches, a dearth of nightclubs, and panoramic coastal walks.
- **Price:** One week from £536 per person, in a three-bedroom villa with a terrace and swimming pool. www.villaselect.com

2 ADVENTURE

- **Where:** [Jordan](#).
- **Best for:** Families with active teens.
- **Why:** [Jordan](#) is promoting family packages for 2013. Turn to p.20 to enter our competition to win a trip for four to [Jordan](#) with G Adventures.
- **Price:** A seven-night private tour, including Petra, the Red Sea resort of Aqaba, and a camel ride through Wadi Rum from £899 per person, based on two adults and two children under 12, including return flights and five-star accommodation. www.bestatjordanholidays.co.uk



3 BEACH

- **Where:** Cyprus.
- **Best for:** Families with restless tweens.
- **Why:** The Mediterranean island has all the attractions of a sunshine resort break, plus a healthy dash of ancient culture. Hike or bike the interior mountains, learn about the Green Line in the capital and enjoy a broad selection of watersports.
- **Price:** Seven nights B&B at the Aphrodite Beach Hotel from £684 per person (based on a family of four), including return flights from Gatwick and car hire. www.sunvil.co.uk

4 GREEN

- **Where:** Gozo.
- **Best for:** Families with infants.
- **Why:** The Mediterranean island off Malta is ploughing ahead with its ongoing Eco-Gozo initiative promoting environmental awareness and low-impact family holidays. Banish thoughts of grim resorts and go for characterful digs.
- **Price:** Seven nights at the Calypso Hotel from £849 per person B&B, based on two adults and one child, including flights from Gatwick and transfers. www.maltadirect.com



5 TRAIN

- **Where:** A multi-city rail break in Germany.
- **Best for:** The extended family — take the kids and the grandparents.
- **Why:** The infrastructure is modern, train stations centrally located, and lifts to the platforms perfect for buggies. Carriages have facilities for babies and children under 14 travel free on German trains.
- **Price:** A six-night itinerary by train, taking in Cologne, the Black Forest and a day trip to Lake Titisee, from £699 per adult; kids under 14 free. www.railbookers.com



<p>6 VILLA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where: Puglia, Italy. ■ Best for: Families with babies or small children. ■ Why: Located on a small farm, Villa Rustic is a <i>trullo</i> (the beehive-shaped buildings unique to this region). Kids can help with egg collecting; grown-ups have an organic veg patch to plunder. ■ Price: Baby-Friendly Boltholes offers a week from £1,200. Brindisi Airport is served by Ryanair from Stansted. A return fare in late July is currently around £60. www.babyfriendlyboltholes.co.uk www.ryanair.com 		<p>7 ADVENTURE >></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where: Morocco. ■ Best for: Families with teens. ■ Why: From cookery lessons to hiking through the Atlas Mountains, this six-day trip, starting in Marrakech, teaches you the secrets of Moroccan cuisine — from tagines to the dishes of Essaouira — and takes you to a traditional Berber village. ■ Price: Six nights in Marrakech and Essaouira, plus transfers, two days' guided trekking and all cookery lessons from £975 per person, including flights. www.originaltravel.co.uk
<p>8 BEACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where: San Sebastian, Spain. ■ Best for: Multi-generational trips. ■ Why: Nineteenth-century Hotel de Londres y de Inglaterra, on Playa de la Concha beach, will appeal to young and old. ■ Price: Doubles from £70; around £243 for a Junior Suite (sleeping four) in July. www.hlondres.com Flights in July (from Manchester or Stansted) to Bilbao (70 miles away) from £100. www.easyjet.com. Half-hourly buses to San Sebastian city cost £13 one-way, taking 90 minutes. 	<p>9 GREEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where: Yorkshire, UK. ■ Best for: Families of all ages. ■ Why: Bivouac's rustic yurts and shacks offer sustainable shabby chic and home-cooked meals. You get a cooking range with a gas hob; water is heated by wood burner (no electricity). Sign up for seasonal food boxes; order fresh fish chowder from the cute cafe, or make new friends over communal meals. ■ Price: A Woodland Shack sleeps seven and costs £360 for a four-night midweek break, or £415 for a three-night weekend. www.thebivouac.co.uk 	<p>10 TRAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Where: Bordeaux, France. ■ Best for: Families with school-age children. ■ Why: Boutique hotel La Maison Bord'eaux has a kids' menu and babysitting. Fairytale-castle estate Chateau d'Agassac offers an iPod tour and quiz for children. While parents taste the wine, kids get grape juice and certificates. www.agassac.com ■ Price: Rooms at La Maison Bord'eaux from £133 a night (under-threes stay free, with cots and extra beds available, for a charge of about £20 a night). www.lamaisonbord-eaux.com