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50 Best Family Vacation Ideas on a Budget for 2024

From all-inclusives in the Caribbean to quick getaways in the U.S., there's something for every traveler in your group.

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For the four in five parents who plan to take a trip with the kids in 2024, behold our heavily researched, expert-vetted list of the **best family vacation destinations** to visit now, many of which are winners of [Good Housekeeping's 2024 Family Travel Awards](#). Many of these kid-friendly locations used downtime at the beginning of the pandemic to rethink, renovate or both. Some upgraded their pools, others refreshed guest rooms and many revamped their activities and amenities or rolled out convenient tech features. A few were even built from scratch in an eco-conscious way.

It's not lost on us that travel, like everything else, is getting more expensive, so we focused many of our picks on properties that provide great value. When we feature splurgy spots, rest assured they're worth every penny.

Whether you're looking to chill out at an [all-inclusive resort](#), get [active in the great outdoors](#), check out new attractions at a theme park, [hit the beach](#) or cozy up in a cabin, there's a destination or experience here to match every vacation vibe and party size. After all, bringing the grandparents comes with so many benefits, not the least of which is babysitting so you can score some much-needed time for an interruption-free dinner, spa treatment or romantic walk on the beach.

Use this guide to help narrow down your options, and then check out the [Good Housekeeping Institute's](#) tried-and-tested list of essential [travel gear and accessories](#) to get ready for your trip. Since the early bird gets the best deal, shore up your spring break and summer vacation plans now.



Southern Charm

Put on your elastic-waist pants and get ready for indulgent eats plus boating, theme parks and live music.



The Crystal Coast, NC

Winner of a Good Housekeeping 2024 Family Travel Award, the 85 miles of picture-perfect shoreline on North Carolina's Crystal Coast is everything family vacation dreams are made of and then some. The area, also known as the Southern Outer Banks, wows families with 100 locally owned restaurants, towns steeped in pirate history and iconic scenery. Cape Lookout, the lighthouse pictured, is currently getting some TLC to keep it in mint condition. While there are many vacation rentals to book in the region, the waterfront [Beaufort Hotel](#) has comfortable and cute rooms, an outdoor pool and a fantastic restaurant.

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