

## 15 Family-Friendly Hotels Mom and Dad Will Love Too

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Sesame Street–themed dinner shows and massive buffet lines? We'll pass. A "family-friendly" hotel can truly be anything you want it to be. We gravitate toward destinations and properties where the outdoors comes in and there's something new for everyone to try. And all the better if your hotel comes with those three magic words: complimentary kids club.



### **Carmel Valley Ranch, California**

Wild deer and turkeys roam the valley setting at this [ranch resort](#) on California's Central Coast, a two-hour drive south of San Francisco. Kids can learn about bee-keeping in the onsite apiary or get a green thumb education in the organic garden and vineyard. A new equestrian center has Pacific views and a variety of horseback riding programs. While they're busy with all that, sneak west to surf Moss Landing, Lover's Point, and the other fine breaks on the Monterey Peninsula, one of the most spectacular coastlines in the world.