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### 5 Woolley Grange Wiltshire

This sumptuous 25-room Jacobean manor in 14 acres close to Longleat was the first member of Luxury Family Hotels (luxuryfamilyhotels.co.uk). Small, cosily luxurious and comprehensively family-friendly, it retains a loyal following. It has everything from a heated pool and crèche to children's teas and a room-service menu that includes purée. Parents focus on the small spa, Mark Bradbury's farm-fresh British food and the cocktails. In summer, Woolley goes into overdrive, with mask-making, mini Olympics and rounders.

**Details** From £140 B&B (0844 4822152, woolleygrangehotel.co.uk). Children stay free when sharing their parents' room.

### 6 Tresco Sea Garden Cottages Isles of Scilly

The subtropical Tresco in the Isles of Scilly is a car-free haven for safe swimming, messing around in boats, bike rides and short hikes. These split-level stone houses come with private beach and hotel-style service; there are nine one-bedroom cottages and options for three-bedroom versions. Meals are taken in the Ruin Beach Café, where sandy-footed kids are welcomed with mini menus. A tennis court, croquet lawn, sailing centre and golf club keep kids amused and parents have their own sauna, hot tub and gym, plus access to the Flying Boat Club spa. If you don't

want to cook, Tresco Stores does dishes that can go straight into your oven.  
**Details** From £230 room only (01720 422849, tresco.co.uk).

### France 7 Résidence Nell Paris

In the arty 9ème arrondissement, Résidence Nell has 17 serviced apartments with white interiors styled by Patrick Jouin, a Philippe Starck protégé. All have one double bedroom, separate living space (with a sofa bed for two) and mini kitchen. The concierge can organise anything from dry cleaning and manicures to chefs and trainers. Laptops, PlayStations, games and iPads are available to borrow. There's a lift for lugging bags, a babysitting service and 15 types of home-delivery cuisine.

**Details** From £187 room only (00 33 153 24 98 98, residencenell.com). Cots are £17 a night.

### 8 Château les Merles Dordogne

Rural Château les Merles is an elegant, 13-room honey-stoned hotel in the château-truffled Dordogne. It's a parent pleaser with antiques on its white walls, wine tasting, a gastronomic restaurant, massages and on-site golf. Children will love its swimming pool, tennis court, bikes for hire, playground and sandpit, child-friendly fare, forest trails, horseback hacking and river kayaking. Day and night childcare can be arranged. Don't miss the



markets in Bergerac, Lalinde, Libourne and Sarlat. An extra bed is £17.  
**Details** From £95 room-only (00 33 53 53 63 13 42, lesmerles.com).

### 9 La Signoria Corsica

Between mountains and sea, framed by conifers and palms, and filled with art, La Signoria is grown up but unstuffy. There's a sun-drenched terrace and cosy bar, and the gated pool is stocked with toys. The La Palmaria restaurant is upmarket but earthy, with a children's service at 7pm. Fourteen of the 29 rooms are suites, with an assortment of

self-catering villas. Adults' needs remain key: there is a spa stocked with homemade Corsican products, hammam, babysitter and 24-hour room service. The hotel's private beach is a five-minute shuttle-bus ride away.

**Details** From £170 room only (00 33 4 95 65 93 00, hotel-la-signoria.com). Extra beds £128 a night and cots £43.

### 10 Le Mas de Chastelas Provence

Laidback Le Mas de Chastelas hotel is a 23-room hidey-hole moments from the St Tropez crowds, combining grown-up escapism with bucket-and-spade fun.

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