

The best family holidays in Europe to take in 2022

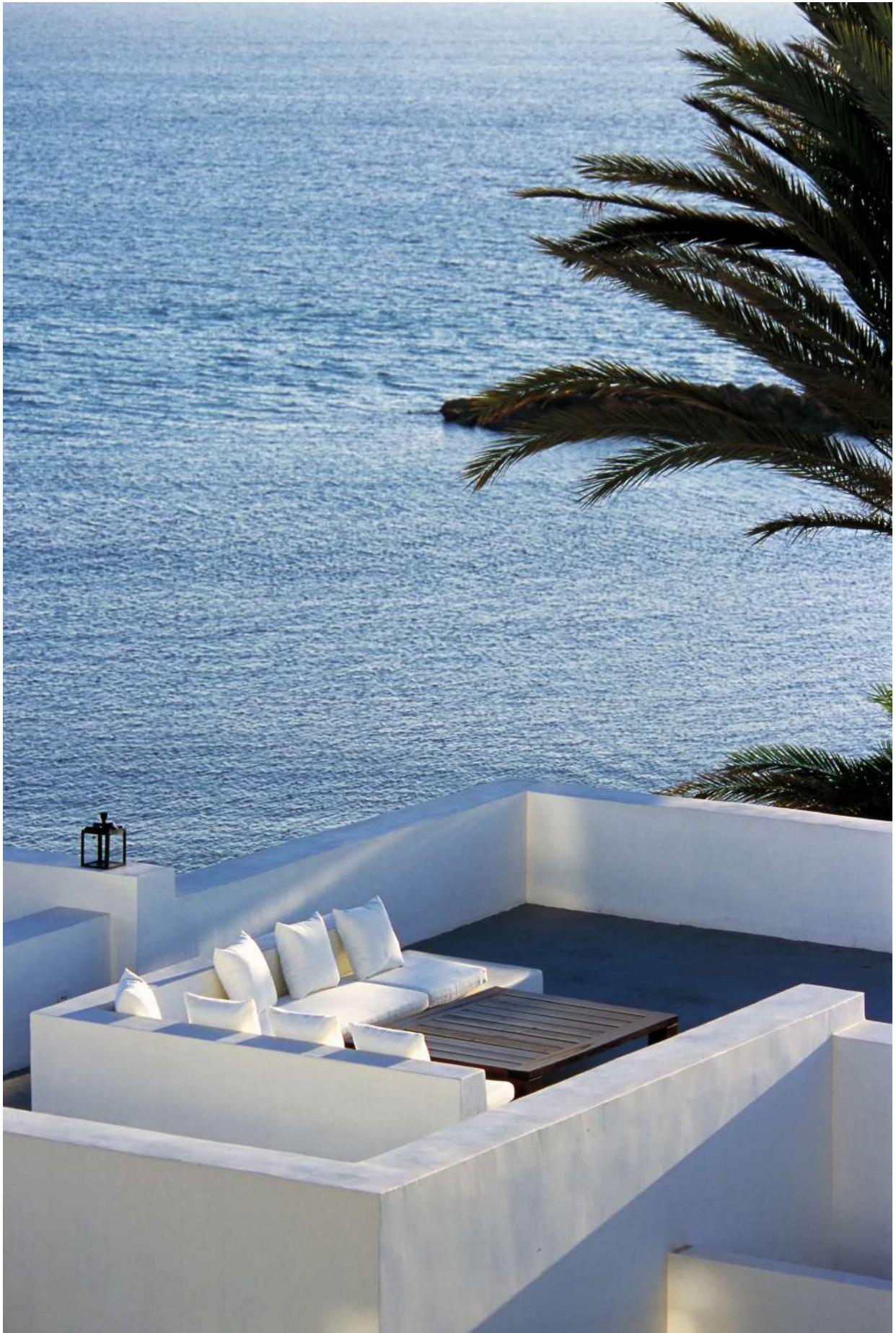
Action-station hotels around Europe, plus wild encounters to fire up young imaginations

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A well executed family holiday can be difficult to get right. With adults seeking a rejuvenating escape, and children craving a dynamic adventure; trying to strike the balance can leave either party feeling short-changed and frustrated. Thankfully, there are a number of mesmerising hotels peppered throughout Europe that have mastered the art of family-holidaying.

From a hill-side stay in Cyprus; to a getaway on Portugal's wild west coast; to a peaceful retreat in rural France, Condé Nast Traveller have selected the most idyllic stays that will satiate the travel-bug in all members of the family.



Almyra

Paphos, Cyprus

Paphos city and its melee may be moments from Almyra, but you'll be hard-pressed to drag yourself from the hotel's family comforts. Every age group is catered for, from the five freshwater pools – including one for kids, heated and partially shaded by a beautiful olive tree, and one sleek adults'-only option, some distance away – to tennis and swimming lessons for the easily bored, and the mighty, multi-spaced kids' club. Split into groups from four months to teens, it guarantees the most attention-grabbing activities – from rather impressive art projects to exploring the nearby harbour and castle. It comes armed with every piece of kit a young human could possibly need, including the space-saving Baby Go Lightly service (also on offer at Anassa, which is owned by the same family), enabling you to pre-order most paraphernalia ahead, from car seats to swim nappies.

Parents can therefore shoot off stress-free to the adults'-only **wellness spa** for a spot of sage-smudging, meditation and massage. You actually want to spend time all together? Book an experience: maybe picking and pressing olive oil, or trekking to where Aphrodite met Adonis. The ultimate highlight here, however, is the food. From heavenly sushi and miso cod at cool Japanese-Mediterranean fusion spot Notios, to super-fresh fish and salads served with a serenade at beachside **Cypriot** restaurant Ouzeri, all dishes are wonderfully distant from nuggets. Somehow this reasonably priced family-owned hotel manages to be laidback enough for rambunctious crews, yet smart enough for grown-ups after a real escape.

INSIDER TIP Book a recently renovated, slick but simple sea-facing Kyma (or 'wave') room, and bring the monitor so you can disappear to its iconic white rooftop with a bottle of the local red during naptime. *Bv Becky Lucas*