

# Large Family Vacations | Travel Tips

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- Traditional resorts and rooms with double-bed layouts can accommodate a family of four beautifully, but when you have three or more children, finding a family vacation destination that provides enough space for everyone proves challenging. Some resorts offer spacious options, such as adjoining rooms or condominiums. To ensure that you get adequate room for your family, book your accommodations early for your next family vacation.

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With the right resort, your large family can enjoy a trip to Maui or another popular vacation destination.

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- **Aston at Papakea Resort**

If a Hawaiian vacation matches your ideal spot for your large family, consider booking a three-bedroom condominium at the Aston Papakea Resort on Maui. These condos have sleeping space for up to eight guests. The large accommodation options have just over 1,200 square feet of living space with a private furnished lanai offering an ocean view. Full kitchens and laundry facilities in each condominium help make a stay more comfortable, cutting down on laundry and dining costs. The resort has two swimming pools, two jet spas, a 12-hole putting green and lighted tennis courts. The oceanfront location provides quick access to the sand and surf of Maui's beaches. If the adults in the group want some private time, the Camp Kaanapali children's program provides supervision and entertainment for children. Aston at Papakea has a family plan that allows children age 17 years and younger to stay free when they occupy an existing bed. In addition, children 12 and younger get free meals and free access to resort activities on the family plan. Aston at Papakea Resort Island of Maui  
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- **The Breakers Palm Beach**

The Breakers Palm Beach gives large families the opportunity to book up to five adjoining rooms, giving them plenty of space to spread out while enjoying the resort's many family-friendly amenities. Children younger than 16 stay free in their parent's rooms, and the resort will child-proof any rooms with little ones. The Breakers offers families age-appropriate children's camps in Coconut Crew Camp for children ages 3 to 12. To make dining out accommodating for the entire family, the resort's Italian Restaurant offers kid-friendly cuisine and an adjacent children's playroom. While parents finish their meals, children who are done eating can play in the monitored play area. The Breakers also has an arcade, movie theater, playground, sports court facilities and a clubhouse. Since most large families also have teens, the resort plans activities regularly for guests ages 13 to 18, including glow-in-the-dark volleyball games, geocaching activities, a murder mystery theater and teen game nights. For family fun that involves everyone, the resort maintains five swimming pools, including one for babies. (See References 2 and notes) The Breakers Palm Beach 1 South Country Road Palm Beach, FL 33480 888-273-2537 thebreakers.com

- **Winnetu Oceanside Resort**

Earning Fodor's Choice Gold Award as one of the Best Hotels for Families in 2010, Winnetu Oceanside Resort in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, offers accommodations for up to 10 people in cottages, suites and townhouses throughout the South Beach area on the island. From June 1 until the beginning of September, the resort offers a Children's Day Program that takes youngsters ages 3 to 12 on adventures in Martha's Vineyard, while parents enjoy time alone on the beach or exploring the historic island. Two heated pools, on-site tennis courts, a life-size outdoor chess game, library, putting green, pirate-themed children's playground and an outdoor ping pong facility provide hours of family entertainment on resort property. While the cottages and homes have kitchen facilities, families can also dine in the Osprey Family Dining Room, which offers a child-friendly buffet and an adult-pleasing menu. An entertainment area inside the restaurant keeps busy children occupied after they are done eating. Winnetu Oceanside Resort 321 Commonwealth Road, Suite 201 Wayland, MA 01778 508-310-1733 winnetu.com

- **Ojai Valley Inn and Spa**

The Ojai Valley Inn and Spa in Ojai, California, offers families adjoining rooms with sleeping for up to eight. In 2010, the resort offered a family vacation package that included a complimentary adjoining room for children to use when traveling with their paying parents. Children and teens can attend programs at the Ojai Valley Inn

and Spa, providing parents with ample opportunities to relax at the spa or catch up on sleep. Hiking, basketball, fishing, volleyball and supervised camp programs all serve to create an ideal family vacation destination. Teens have a dedicated area, The Nest, where they can play pool, badminton, Xbox and Wii or indulge in creative activities with other vacationing teens. The entire family can spend time together at the resort's 800-acre ranch and stables with its petting farm, scheduled hoedowns, pony rides and horseback riding lessons. The resort earned Five-Diamond status from AAA and was named among Parent's Magazine's "10 Top-Rated Resorts for Families." Ojai Valley Inn and Spa 905 Country Club Road Ojai, CA 93023 805-646-1111 [ojairesort.com](http://ojairesort.com)