The 20 best family holidays for Easter 2026 – all for under £2,000

Early April can be a wonderful time to travel for families, with plenty of options that won't break the bank

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Easter holidays pose a conundrum. It's the only school break where both days and weather are unpredictable. Some years, it falls so early that it means more crisps eaten in the sun than a toddler filed, for example, a late Easter, and the spring sunshine of mid-April is beginning to warm the southern beaches while the mountain slopes turn to soggy slush.

This year it's somewhere in the middle, with Easter Sunday falling on April 5 and most schools breaking up a week or two before, on March 27 or March 28 (see above). But, while temperatures might be hard to predict, the Easter effect on holiday prices is more of a certainty. Inevitably, these will dip rocket as soon the Easter firmaplin begins.

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Some lucky families, whose schools break up a week earlier (March 20), can grab lower rates. The rest can try to avoid the worst hikes of peak time travel by departing on the Friday before the school holiday or flying out a day during your chosen holiday.

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With that in mind, we've done the legwork to rocking down 20 great family breaks which won't break the bank this Easter. Read on to discover more about a ski apartment in the Alpes a villa holiday in the Algarve with pirates starring in the Pirates of the Caribbean in Disneyland Paris, a Greek island hopping on a beachside stay in the Cyclades Islands, a water sports holiday in Egypt or a family-friendly spa hotel in Malta.

There are some cost-effective ideas in the UK too. A seaside hotel with kids clubs in the West Country, a child-focused walking holiday in Yorkshire, or a Scottish castle with a pool and a Harry Potter-themed tea party.

Lastly, if you're looking for more challenging Easter break perhaps a cycling itinerary in Italy, a hiking holiday in Andalusia or a sailing cruise in the Indian.

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Wherever your family's interests, and whatever the weather, read on to find out how to make the most of your Easter holiday budget. Prices are for the adults.

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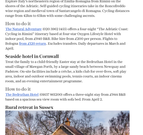
Coastal glut in Normandy

Jump on a cross Channel ferry for an Easter break in northern France to Normandy, where there's plenty of family-friendly fun to be enjoyed this April. With spectacular coastal walking trails and local restaurants specialising in fresh seafood, the Cotentin peninsula makes a cost-effective and convenient base for a week of family exploration.

How to do it:

Brittany Ferries 03219 219 7000 offers a seven-nighter at Le Clos, sleeping four, at Gouville-Sur-Mer in Normandy, from £749 self-catering including return Portsmouth-Caen crossing with car and passengers. From March 29.

Theme park fun in Scarborough



Experience the thrills of over 40 rides including Dodgem, Scenic Railway and The Snake, or settle for the gentler fun on offer in Cheshire Land on an Easter break at Alton Towers theme park, near Uttoxeter. Also on the site is a wide range of accommodation of family sheets and landscaped gardens. Pitches from £19.

How to do it:

Alton Towers Resort 0333 234 0445 offers a three-night stay at Woodland Lodge, sleeping up to five, from £92 B&B including a one-day theme park pass valid from March 20 to April 9.

Cycling tour in Italy

Explore Italy's northeastern region of Emilia-Romagna from Rimini on the shores of the Adriatic. Self-guided cycling itineraries take in the Romanesque-style Pieve del Pedale town of Santarcangelo di Romagna. Cycling itineraries are flat, so it's ideal for those with some challenging ancestry.

How to do it:

The Natural Adventure 0330 3003 9455 offers a four-night "The Adriatic Coast Cycling in Romagna" itinerary based at four one Oxygen Lifestyle Hotel with accommodation from £949 B&B. Also from £200 per person. Flights to Bologna from £80 return. Includes transfers. Daily departures in March and April.

Seaside hotel in Cornwall

Treat the family to a child-friendly Easter stay at the Bedruthan Hotel in the Cornish resort of Mawgan Porth, near the famous surfing beach of Newquay. Perfect. The site facilities include a creche, a kids club for over fives, a soft play area, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, an indoor cinema room, and an evening entertainment programme.

How to do it:

The Bedruthan Hotel 0207 9022207 offers a three-night stay from £944 B&B including return two-row seats with sea bed. From April 2.

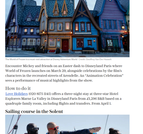
Rural retreat in Sussex

Take part in the Easter events at Nymans, a recreated medieval manor house with romantic ruins, a Grade II listed garden and play areas and farm shop. Easter Sunday is Nymans. A springtime Easter trail runs daily between March 21 and April 12. Entry £15.20 per child includes an activity sheet, bunny ears and a chocolate egg.

How to do it:

National Trust Holidays 0344 800 2070 offers a four-night stay at Woodlands Farmhouse, sleeping up to six, from £970 self-catering, including complimentary access to Nymans. From March 20.

Family villa in Portugal



Choose a villa which offers a variety of activities, with on-site staff, ff for an action-packed Easter break wherever the weather. Vilamoura Travel can arrange a family-friendly holiday in the Portuguese resort of Vilamoura, with tennis courts, within easy reach of Dona Ana's on-site, includes recreation water parks, go-karting courses and the bird-rich wetlands of Parque Natural da Ria Formosa.

How to do it:

Vilamoura Travel 0114 2014181 offers a seven-night stay in Casa Da Lada, sleeping six, in Almancil on the Algarve from £975. Flights to Faro from £60 return. Includes transfers. From April 4.

Ski apartment in the Alps

Head to the budget-friendly Tarentaise resort of Saint-Foy, a great pick for families with children of all ages. Ski-in, ski-out, it's home to the Aventure Parc and Tignes lie some easy-peasy skiing. The resort organises a weekly entertainment programme which is largely geared to young families.

How to do it:

Peak Retreats 0203 8260 8383 offers a seven-night stay at Grande Ourse Residence, sleeping up to six, in Saint-Foy-Tarentaise from £1,249 self-catering on a pre-Christmas family apartaccommodation, including Eurotunnel Lefkoeda crossing. From March 28.

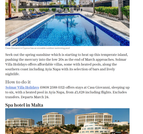
All-inclusive in Tunisia

Track down a low cost deal in the run-up to the Easter break when Thomson Holidays launches its winter programme on Wednesday 18th at 7AM, with up to some hundreds of sunshine and minimal humidity. The high number of travel hacks offering all-inclusive packages makes this region a good pick for budgeting families.

How to do it:

Thomson Holidays 0333 4555 offers a seven-night stay at four-star Djerba Aqua Resort from £1,187 all-inclusive based on a standard classic duplex room, including flights and transfers. From March 23.

Euro Disney in France



Encounter Mickey and friends on an Easter dash to Disneyland Paris where Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean, the Disney Dreamers by the Bible's characters in the mentioned stories of Jesus and "Easter Celebration" seers performance of musical highlights from the show.

How to do it:

Loco Holidays 0333 4071 0345 offers a three-night stay at three-star Hotel Santa Fe, sleeping up to four, in Marne-la-Vallée from £1,299 B&B based on a standard family room, including flights and transfers. From April 2.

Sailing course in the Solent

Introduce the family to a new skill on a learn-to-sail course organised by Promotion Sailing which operates from Port Solent Marina in Portsmouth Harbour. RYA qualified instructors offer flexible start dates, with school holidays, plus all transport and safety equipment provided.

How to do it:

Promotion Sailing 07494 3300025 offers a two-night RYA Start Sailing course from £6,300 for a family of up to five, including half board and private use of a yacht with three double cabins. Ends from March 27 to April 10.

Guided walking in Yorkshire

Meet like-minded families on a walking break in Yorkshire for a choice of daily hikes ranging from around four to 12 miles depending on energy levels. Based in Leyburn Hall, a Grade II listed house overlooking the Yale Valley, near Wensleydale, holidays include warm living for companionship and a family-friendly tour of Captain Cook.

How to do it:

HF Holidays 0330 1071 8004 offers a five-night "North York Moors Family Walking Adventure" from £1,347 full board, based on a family room. From March 30.

City sights in Amsterdam

Catch the train to Lowland's Venice for a cultural Easter break in Amsterdam's city centre. Visit the Van Gogh Museum and Anne Frank House or drop into the NEMO Science Museum to explore the child-friendly, interactive exhibits. Further highlights include a canal cruise and the National Maritime Museum.

How to do it:

Cosmos Holidays 0330 808 4000 offers a three-night stay at the four-star Boutique Hotel Alexander Centre from £1,023 B&B based on a family room, including train travel. From March 30.

Low-cost snow in Bulgaria

Consider a trip to the Bulgarian resort of Bansko in the Pirin mountains, a popular ski resort with a family-friendly atmosphere and accommodation for £100a. A good pick for families looking for value across the board, including accommodation, lift pass and ski school prices.

How to do it:

Ryan Lite 0330 030 1222 offers seven-night stays at Edelweiss Inn Aparthotel in Bansko, from £1,000 self-catering for a family of four, including flights and transfers. From March 6.

Highlights holiday in Rome

Bring the classroom to life on a trip to Italy's capital where highlights include the Colosseum and Roman Forum, alongside the city's parks and piazza fountains. Stay in a family-friendly hotel, wander through the Trastevere and Centro Storico districts, take a ride into the Tivoli Fountain and take a tour of the Vatican Museum.

How to do it:

AirDoctors 0333 014 0200 offers a three-night stay at the Aparthotel Adagio Roma Colosseo, sleeping up to four, from £1,030 self-catering including flights. Includes transfers. From April 2.

Heated pool in Cyprus

Seek out the spring sunshine which is starting to turn up this temperate island, pushing the mercury into the low 20s at the end of March approaches. Scimar offers some more affordable villas, some with heated private sleeping pools, a stone's throw from Lara Beach, a popular family-friendly nightlife.

How to do it:

Scimar Villa Holidays 0808 2398 0322 offers seven of Cass Gerrard, sleeping up to six, in Lara, from £1,329 including flights. Includes transfers. Airports Paph & Larn.

Spa hotel in Malta

Chase the warming rays on this Mediterranean island yes. You can expect around seven hours of sunshine and temperatures edging 20C in the Easter period, and it's a great holiday for two including the family, with coastal walks and trekkies on offer. Hop off the coastal, Valletta.

How to do it:

Hotels Between Holidays 0844 499 0750 offers a five-night stay at the five-star Bulbesa Hotel, Resort & Spa, Malta Golden Sands Hotel in Mellieha, with three days' half board and sunbed use and spa, from £1,783 B&B including flights. Includes transfers. From March 30.

Cultural break in Morocco

Bask in temperatures which are climbing into the mid 20s with long daylight hours on an Easter break in Marrakech where fascinating cultural sights include the Bahia palace and souks. Warder through the city's old town, haggle in the souks and lives out for the call of the muezzin.

How to do it:

Jet 0800 435 2000 offers a five-night stay at the four-star Imperial Plaza in Marrakech, from £1,793, B&B, based on a standard family room including flights. Includes transfers. From April 1.

Watersports in Egypt

Fly to Egypt's Red Sea coast where temperatures are climbing to 24C in March with two hours of sunshine. The sea water is warm, too, at around 22C, and the resort of Dahab, on the south-eastern shores of the Sinai Peninsula, has some of Egypt's best diving and windsurfing sites. It also makes a good base for day trips into the

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Olympic Holidays (020 8492 6868) offers a seven-night stay at four-star Tropitel Dahab Oasis from £1,865 half board (reduced to £1,679 if booked by Feb 2), based on a double standard room, including flights. Excludes transfers. From March 22.

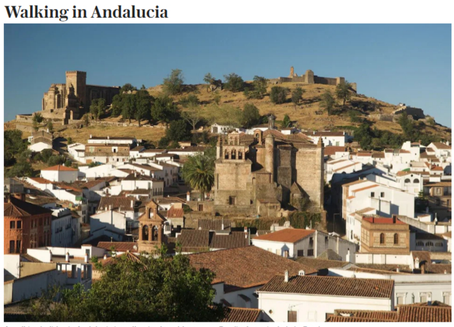
Self-catering in the Canaries

Take advantage of the high volume of flights and big choice of self-catering apartments which combine to make Lanzarote great value for money for families. Temperatures peak at around 22C by the end of March, and flying time is just over four hours.

How to do it

First Choice (0203 451 2690) offers three-star Club Santa Rosa in Costa Teguise in Lanzarote, from £1,844 self-catering based on a superior apartment, including flights. Excludes transfers. From March 31.

Walking in Andalucia



A walking holiday in Andalucia is well-suited to older teens Credit: Antonio J. de la Cerda

Stride out on a self-guided itinerary through the whitewashed villages of rural Andalucia on an Easter holiday break to Sierra de Aracena, a region of wooded hills, quiet pastures and orchards criss-crossed with scenic trails. From a family-run *posada* in Alájar, 70 miles north-west of Seville, walks cover seven to ten miles per day and suit families with older teens, with lunchtime stops at local tapas bars.

How to do it

Macs Adventures (01415 301190) offers a four-night Sierra de Aracena short break, from £1,916 B&B, including transfers. Flights to Seville from £76 return. Departs daily in March and April.

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