



The Residence Mauritius

## Time for a family break

**B**E IT a family adventure, island getaway or a relaxing city break, we've put together the perfect travel guide for GCC families looking for an exciting trip. Whether it's a cultural escape to Bodrum, the ultimate luxurious hideaway in the Seychelles or an adventure in Bali our luxury hotel clients have something for every family to enjoy.

### NORTH ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

A short four-and-a-half-hour flight from the GCC, the Seychelles is the perfect short getaway destination for you and your family. North Island Seychelles is the ultimate in exclusive personalised travel, catering to the 21st century luxury family, making it the ideal destination for a grand getaway. North Island's generous all-inclusive offering allows you to completely give yourself over to the Island's laid-back spirit of barefoot luxury and do whatever you like whenever you like without having to worry about or plan a thing. North Island is the ultimate playground for your children, with a

wide range of activities on land and in the water designed to keep young minds and bodies active, to satisfy the most inquisitive and thrill the most adventure seeking kids. Balloon tennis, pizza making lessons and private treasure hunts are all on the agenda for a fun packed family holiday.

Rates for the Presidential Villas start at €6,127 (\$7,400) per night and €9,644 (\$11,650) per night for Villa North Island excluding tax.

### MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BODRUM

Spoil your family at the newly opened luxurious Turkish Riviera resort Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum. New fitness and wellness facilities, a Butler service for every room category and specially curated room packages are now available at the resort that overlooks the aptly named Paradise Bay. For younger guests, exciting educational activities that encourage confidence building and creativity are offered in partnership with Gymboree Play & Music, a world leader in childhood development in more than 50

countries since 1976.

At the resort's Beach Kids Club and Indoor Kids Club, the experienced Gymboree team will present programmes tailored to different age groups that help improve children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional skills through play. Other Gymboree services will include organising birthday parties and giving private lessons in swimming, fitness and English.

Rates at Mandarin Oriental Bodrum, start from €350 per night.

### SEMINYAK BEACH RESORT

Located just 890km south of the equator, Bali's tropical climate and moderate weather conditions make for a splendid family holiday at any time of the year. With its world-class clubs and restaurants, and expansive villas perfect for all your family, the recently relaunched Seminyak Beach Resort and Spa provides a welcome escape from the outside world. The resort hosts a range of facilities including villas, guestrooms and suites, a state-of-the-art fitness centre, the Kalyangan

Spa as well as an infinity pool sitting on the edge of the oceanfront that the kids can take full advantage of. Also, the hotel is located close by to some of Bali's most exciting activities for kids, such as Waterbom Bali where children can enjoy an afternoon of water fights, and also to Bali Zoo where there are over 350 types of animals and tropical birds for them to explore.

Rates for the Ocean Suite start from \$486 net per night, One Bedroom Garden Pool Villa from \$C66 net per night, and One Bedroom Ocean Pool Villa from \$771 net per night.

### THE RESIDENCE MAURITIUS

Sit on the east coast of Mauritius, along one of the island's most beautiful beaches, The Residence Mauritius provides the perfect family holiday with a collection of suites and inter-connecting rooms and a personal Butler. The hotel's family concierge promises a personalised, tailor-made itinerary of bespoke experiences with everything from late night sitters and yoga classes for kids to Unesco World Heritage Site visits and mini massages at the spa. Families can head to the Black River Gorges National Park to see the protected tropical hardwood trees, or embark on an eco-tour to Ile aux Aigrettes Nature Reserve, where Mauritius' lost paradise is being lovingly restored. For a sense of the island's history groups can visit its two Unesco World Heritage Sites, including the impressive Le Morne Cultural Landscape, a rugged mountain that juts into the ocean where runaway slaves once sought shelter and formed secret meetings.

Families receive one complimentary room on bed and breakfast basis for up to two children, when two adults pay for one room or suite. Compulsory child supplement of Dh272 (\$75) per child per night. Prices start from Dh2,035 (\$555) and will be available throughout the summer and Eid.

### SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, SINGAPORE

Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore launched its child-friendly services with Bubs by Shangri-La, a 2,150-square-metre indoor and outdoor play space devoted to children between the ages of one and 12 years. The interactive play space is designed to encourage fun and family time as well as learning through play. Themed activity spaces have been

created for budding artists, performers and chefs, plus there is a party room for celebrations. For peace of mind, each child wears a radio-frequency enabled wristband so parents can monitor the child's location. As part of Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore's recent Tower Wing renovation, the hotel created 19 new deluxe family rooms and five themed family suites each accommodating two adults and two children under 12 years. The suites and rooms measure 76 and 30 square metres, respectively, and are located on a dedicated family floor. Suites offer dream-themed beds, including a castle and space craft. In addition, the hotel offers a wide range of childcare amenities including car seats, strollers, travel cots and even bath time toys so families can travel lighter.

Tariffs for the family suites start at \$1,200 per night for the month of June.

### SYMPHONY STYLE HOTEL, KUALA LUMPUR

Symphony Style Hotel Kuala Lumpur has introduced a dedicated party room and teens hub to accommodate the high demand for children's birthdays and provide teens with a new place to hang out and celebrate. Situated on the new renovated third floor, the teens hub is a dynamic entertainment zone exclusively for teenage boys and girls. Guests of the teens hub can indulge in the latest video games on Wii and PlayStation and the Internet Cafe. Mexican virtual reality experience or simply have a special birthday celebration that is filled with action and excitement. Besides, the Symphony Kids' Club offers a 500 sqm multipurpose play area, a dedicated room for newborns and sleeping area. Young guests are under the constant supervision of our trained staff, ensuring peace of mind for parents and an exciting adventure for children.

### ALILA JABAL AKHDAR, OMAN

The Buttery Trail at Alila Jabal Akhdar offers an irresistible adventure for families who can enjoy a 3km expedition around the resort. With a scavenger map in hand, the little explorers will set off on a journey of active discovery, learning new facts about the mountains and its inhabitants along the way which include 11 species of butterfly and over 40 species of bird.

Alila Jabal Akhdar is a LEED-accredited design-forward hotel with 86 beautiful rooms and suites, built in the traditional architecture of old Omani stone dwellings amid a stunning mountain landscape. Offering several activities and experiences including nature walks, hiking trails, mountain biking and off-road drives, families looking for adventure, won't be disappointed. Guests can choose from a variety of other activities including The Village Walk, the Cave Adventure Via Ferrata and Stargazing.

Rates start from \$352 for a Mountain View Suite on a bed and breakfast basis, excluding tax. The Buttery Trail is free on scheduled times and days.



The Buttery trail experience at Alila Jabal Akhdar



Children's play setup in North Island Seychelles