

The best family holidays in Europe to take in 2022

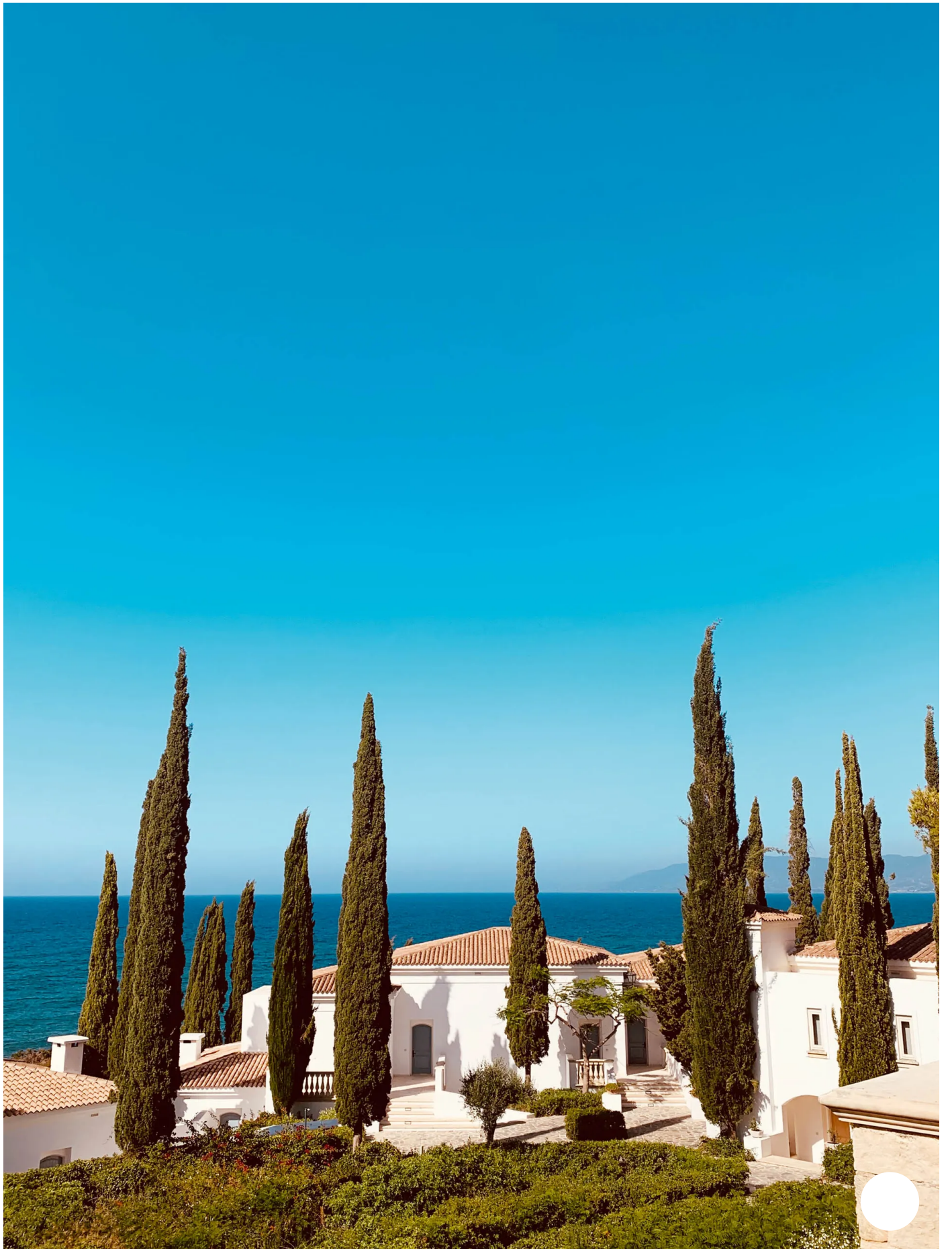
Action-station hotels around Europe, plus wild encounters to fire up young imaginations

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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.



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Anassa

Paphos, Cyprus

Anassa is supremely beautiful. A glossy supermodel of an estate and one of the **best hotels in Cyprus**, it cascades down the Paphos hillside like flowing golden Champagne, a mirage of effortlessly chic, traditional white buildings with blue shutters and terracotta roofs, manicured gardens and gently swaying trees, infinity pools, lush lawns and cappuccino-shade sands. But your kid doesn't care about any of that. What they do care about is the daily breakfast and supper banquets, where tribes of children dart excitedly between buffet tables, wondering how long they have to wait before they can hit the spectacular spread of kids' puddings (so good the adults go in for its ice cream with all the toppings too). They care about the toys magicked up on the beach, the zoo trips, pottery lessons and baking at the excellent kids' club open to babies from just four months, or the self-captained boat trips they can paddle off on (along with their adults), out into the serene, memory-forming **Mediterranean** blue. Parents, meanwhile, are passionate about the hotel's suitcase-saving Baby Go Lightly service, which ensures all holiday-changing essentials, from baby wipes to buggies, are on-hand upon arrival, the early restaurant sittings, evening kids' activities and babysitting options. It's no wonder so many families return year after year to this now decades'-old dream of a destination, until one generation slides into another. *By Becky Lucas*

Price Rooms from about £405