

TripAdvisor Names Top 10 Family-Friendly Bargain Hotels with an Average \$123 Nightly Rate

Staying On Budget Top Challenge for Travelers with Kids According to Worldwide Survey

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TripAdvisor(R), the world's largest travel community, has announced its top 10 family friendly bargain hotels, according to traveler ratings for family-friendliness, with an average rate of \$123 per night.

TripAdvisor also conducted a family travel survey of more than 2,400 respondents worldwide, and discovered that more than half of travelers surveyed (51 percent) said money is the biggest barrier when it comes to taking family vacations. The hardest part of taking a family vacation is staying on budget, according to nearly one-third (30 percent) of respondents who take trips with their children. Forty percent of travelers said they sometimes include the grandparents on a family vacation and 10 percent of those travelers said it's so they can pay part or all of the tab (beyond their own expenses).

Sixty-three percent of respondents with children sometimes leave the kids behind when it comes to leisure trips. Forty percent of travelers surveyed said they are willing to leave their children at a kids' program while on vacation.

Twenty-two percent of travelers plan to take more family vacations in the next 12 months than in the last 12 months, while 63 percent plan to take the same amount of vacations this year. Twenty-nine percent said they will spend more on their family vacations this year than last.

Top 10 Bargain Hotels for Families in the U.S.

1. Water World: Dunes Village Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina --
Average Nightly Rate: \$139

Featuring its own fantastic indoor water park, in addition to beautiful ocean views, the new Dunes Village Resort is a property that is as appealing to children as it is parents. Visitors will marvel at the resort's huge indoor river ride and water slide. According to a TripAdvisor traveler, "Very clean rooms, water parks were amazing and the view was to die for!"

2. Pop Top: Disney's Pop Century Resort, Orlando, Florida -- Average
Nightly Rate: \$104

Pop Century is an entertaining resort that features themed areas celebrating American pop culture from the past, and offers several outstanding heated pools. Said one TripAdvisor traveler, "There are many pools, ALL the employees and guests are very kind, it's very close to all the parks, and the rooms were very clean and very new!"

3. Hooray for HoJo: Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel - Anaheim, Anaheim,
California -- Average Nightly Rate: \$105

A short walk to all the attractions at Disneyland, the hotel has two pools, a "spray ground" for the kids, and spacious rooms with free internet access. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "The HoJo is definitely value for money! The service desk was pleasant, the concierge was very helpful and the rooms were quite big and comfortable."

4. Happy Horizons: Horizons by Marriott Vacation Club at Orlando, Orlando,
Florida -- Average Nightly Rate: \$151

With a pirate-themed pool and water slide pool, the kids will have plenty to enjoy. A gamer's paradise, the resort also features

basketball hoops, pool tables, ping pong, and a mini golf course.

Stated one TripAdvisor traveler, "For families with kids under 10 or so this is an awesome place. If they like pirate type stuff, this place is unbeatable."

5. Lights, Camera, Fun: Disney's All-Star Movie Resort, Orlando, Florida

-- Average Nightly Rate: \$103

Featuring themes of many popular Disney movies, the resort has several delightful pools for the kids, as well as an arcade and some remarkable family-friendly hotel amenities, such as babysitting and laundry services. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "The atmosphere is very festive and you definitely feel the Disney 'magic.'"

6. Viva Grande Vista: Marriott's Grande Vista, Orlando, Florida -- Average Nightly Rate: \$156

Offering large, comfortable rooms and beautiful views overlooking a lake and wonderful pools, the Grande Vista is a great choice for families interested in extra space. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "We had a 2-bedroom unit that was simply fabulous. The room was spacious and was fully equipped with everything you would have in your home."

7. No Place Like Homewood: Homewood Suites Anaheim -- Main Gate Area, Anaheim, California -- Average Nightly Rate: \$121

Only one mile from Disneyland, Homewood Suites offer spacious accommodations, helpful staff and a nice daily buffet breakfast, in addition to the pool and fitness center. According to a TripAdvisor traveler, "The whole place is delightful, the suites are spacious and immaculately clean, with all the facilities required for a comfortable stay."

8. A Great Stay: Staybridge Suites Lake Buena Vista, Orlando, Florida -- Average Nightly Rate: \$155

Large rooms, great facilities and location and outstanding outdoor and indoor pools make the Staybridge Suites a great destination for families. As one TripAdvisor traveler described, "This is a perfect place for families who prefer to stay in a suite rather than the standard hotel layout."

9. Maingate Mainstay: Comfort Suites Maingate East, Kissimmee, Florida -- Average Nightly Rate: \$98

The Comfort Suites Maingate East makes families feel at home by offering large suites, free internet, deluxe continental breakfasts and a large outdoor pool, spa tub and a children's pool. As one TripAdvisor traveler said, "This place is very nice for the price. The rooms are huge, complete with free internet and refrigerator."

10. Music to Their Ears: Disney's All-Star Music Resort, Orlando, Florida -- Average Nightly Rate: \$102

With a musical theme throughout the grounds, including oversized musical instruments and music piped throughout the property and pools, this resort is a hit for children. As one TripAdvisor traveler commented, "We can't say enough good things about this resort."

"These hotels are great for families and easy on the wallet," said Michele Perry, for TripAdvisor. "Outstanding pools are what really set these properties apart, and when planning trips with kids, it's always nice to be able to save some money where you can."

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