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THE RESIDENCE
KIZIMKAZI, ZANZIBAR

The spot in Zanzibar for families who want a bit of space, but also a few whistles, a lot of bells. After a beach for the little darlings to mess about on? Well, yes indeed – sand is powdery and seaweed is gathered daily by an army of staff and a big black bullock called Boss pulling a cart. Blue seas? Absolutely – at low tide there are miles of turquoise pools to walk in (avoiding urchins) and when the sea is in there's a wooden pier from which to swim. Coconut palms line the shore, and sweet staff will lop fruit down for

fresh-from-the-tree drinks. There's also a little area with farmyard animals to pet and mini-dunes to scamper up and down. And there are acres of gardens for exploring on bicycles. The food is utterly delicious, from the anything-you-want breakfast feast to coconut curries and perfect club sandwiches delivered in smart rattan baskets. And did we mention the ice-cream man at the pool?

Website theresidence.com Book it ITC Classics (01244 355527) offers six nights from £1,930, half board, including flights and transfers. >

BORGO EGNAZIA
PUGLIA, ITALY

Holy-moly, this is quite a construction. Purpose-built it may be, but what purpose. It feels positively Herculean in its sheer chunk and clunk. And it's so gorgeous! You have to stop yourself hugging a pillar. Is that wrong? It's an endeavour that has pulled in everything local, from stone to staff, and its eyes have sometimes been bigger than its stomach. But if the early stages were a bit patchy, the fact is this hotel has grown stronger daily. It's pitched itself, with gusto, as a year-round destination with a kickass spa, lush golf course, souped-up villas and village squares with evening festivals. Everyone who has offspring longs for this: somewhere hot and beautiful, where they can mooch about hotly and beautifully, while the children learn skills, suck up fresh air and roam in a happy pack of new friendships. The kids' club has a rocket strapped to its back – nobody puts baby in the corner. There are climbing frames the size of the Gherkin but with more ropes, swimming games and treasure-hunts; and the staff are so fresh-faced that everyone from chef to driver will suddenly join in a game of football. Children who would rather eat a porcupine than get involved will have to be dragged away: as a Mediterranean village toy-town of Noddy wonder, Borgo Engnazia rocks.

Website borgoegnazia.com Book it Scott Dunn (020 8682 5040) offers seven nights from £1,830, including flights, transfers and breakfast.



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