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# The best cruises for family travel

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**(CNN)** — Looking for a fun-filled cruise that the entire clan can get on board with? Pleasing pint-sized passengers and their parents is the name of the [travel](#) game for these 10 cruise lines that cater to kids (and kids at heart).

Boasting child-friendly activities (Jumbo water slides! Ropes courses! Ice-cream parties!) and age-specific kids' clubs, brand-name partnerships like LEGO and Dr. Seuss, family-designed cabins, dedicated youth staff and itineraries that come chockablock with child-friendly excursions, these top 10 cruises for kids promise an unforgettable family vacation at sea.

## CroisiEurope



Tour Italy on a family-friendly river voyage aboard CroisiEurope's MS Michelangelo.

Courtesy Herve Oudin, CroisiEurope

Another great option for European river cruising with the clan is French cruise line CroisiEurope. The company stands out for its "Family Club" portfolio of child-friendly voyages to Portugal, Spain and Italy; international clientele (your kids can buddy up with new pals from around the world); and no minimum-age policy, allowing even the tiniest of tots to set sail. (Most lines require a minimum of six months -- and in the case of river cruise lines, it's older still: usually four years and up.)

Onboard activities include supervised pool games and a performance in the cruise's closing show. Best of all, children under 16 travel entirely for free, and two kids traveling with two fare-paying adults get a complimentary second cabin next door.

**Coolerest kids' itinerary:** The 158-passenger MS Michelangelo embarks on select 5-night Italian summer sailings round-trip from Venice, with family-ready excursions like touring Verona (of Romeo and Juliet fame) by bike, swimming at the seaside resort of Sottomarina or cruising Venice by gondola.

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