

Hi there! And greetings from everyone at **Take the Family**

The sun's out - or at least it was when we were writing this - and you may have seen in the papers that there are over 4 million cheap holidays on offer - so here are a few ideas and special deals to help your family make the most of what's left of summer:

Center Perks - save up to 35% with Take the Family's **exclusive deals at Center Parcs** this summer. But book early, these are always very popular.

Chitty Chitty Sing Song - book your family **tickets** to the West End hit musical and if you can't remember the lyrics, find them in our '**great songs for car journeys**' section.

Holiday Reading - Forget that Jeffrey Archer, toss away your Barbara Cartland, the only thing to read this summer are Take the Family's new guides to **Paxos**, the **Italian Marches**, **Suffolk** and the **Isle of Wight**. They're all bound to become bestsellers.

Win with Hilton - If you signed up for our newsletter since mid-June, you've been automatically entered in our lucky draw to win a Hilton family break. Hey but in the meantime, why not book your own - they start at just £109 for two nights, including dinner on the first night. To give yourself even more chance of winning, simply '**tell a friend**' about **Take the Family** and you'll be entered in the draw twice! But hurry, you've only got till the end of August.

Last minute deals - our good friends at lastminute.com have selected the very best and the very cheapest family holidays for you to enjoy. Just **click here to book that trip that lets body and wallet relax**.

Baby Powder! Forget summer. Hello winter! Ski (and summer holiday) specialist Powder Byrne is offering free travel to all children under two, when they stay in their parents' room. Plus the creche is free of charge too - 6 days a week, normally £250 per week - (except for busy holiday weeks (Xmas / New Year, Feb half term & Easter). Just get in touch if you want our award-winning travel experts Real Holidays to **help customise your family ski holiday or indeed any holiday**.

Cottage Specials - There are plenty of good deals to be had all over the UK, France and Ireland. For example **stay at Manor House in the Pennines from only £9.50 per person per night** where you can pay a visit to 'Tan Hill' - the highest pub in England only 6 miles away! but if you don't fancy a tippie your'e still handy for both the Pennines and the Lakes. **Click here for our full range of cottages**.

Surchin for stuff - our other good friends at Urchin have put together a selection of the very best travel accessories and clothes to make your trip that little easier. **Click here to buy stuff for your little urchins**.

No such thing as a free launch

Since we last spoke, we've officially launched Take the Family and we're pleased as punch with the result.

You may have seen us mentioned in most of the national newspapers over the last few weeks and we were even interviewed live on some radio stations - OK, it wasn't exactly Jeremy Paxman, but we tried our best.

Plus the Daily Express named us Site of the Week while handbag.com gave us Website of the Month. Thanks guys! And thanks to you for all your support too.

So we're off and running and looking to make improvements all the time. If you have any ideas, travel tips or advice, please **just send them in** via our site or, alternatively, by simply replying to this e-mail. We'll be adding more destination guides and bringing you even more special offers soon too.

In the meantime, if we can do anything at all to make your family travel easier, please just get in touch. And if you think we can't then we'd rather not bother you, so feel free to unsubscribe by replying and asking us. Oh and bon voyage!