

SUMMER TIME...AND THE SAVING IS EASY



Good morning

Hot isn't it? That'll be the summer with its traditional high temperatures and record hours of sunshine. So how come when I go down to Devon it always rains? Anyway, it's July already and suddenly you wake up in the morning and the kids DON'T have to get changed for school. AAAAAAAAAAAGGGGHHHHHHH! Yup. It's the summer holidays.

Think of your memories of summer hols - long lazy days running through fields of golden corn, hours spent building sandcastles on sunlit beaches, the drought of 1976 when you could fry an egg on

your Dad's car bonnet. Only thing is, it was your parents who paid for it all. And now it's your turn. Luckily, at [Take the Family](#) we've managed to negotiate some exclusive rates for everyone to make the long summer months a little more bearable.

For example, you can now take up to £250 OFF Summer 2005 Thomson Al Fresco holidays. Stay 12 nights or more and SAVE up to £250 on selected holiday parcs in France, Italy and Spain on August 2005 departures. Hurry! Limited availability, [click here to visit their site](#) for more info plus terms

Or consider waiting until the end of August and spend 7 nights starting 22 August at any campsite in Spain, Dordogne, Cote d'Azur, Languedoc Roussillon, Cevennes, Tarn, and the Ardeche for just £229 per family (accommodation only). Other dates are available. Get full details from the [Canvas Holidays site](#).

FISH ARE JUMPING AND THE PRICES AREN'T HIGH



Here's a small selection of great value short breaks in Europe if you fancy a lastminute sprint to the continent:

- 1) Last minute getaway - [2 nts in Barcelona flights - £236](#) - availability for late July and early August.
- 2) [2 nights in Paris for kids of all ages](#) - includes a one day Disneyland® Resort Paris pass - from £189

- July and August

YOUR DADDY'S RICH (ISH) AND YOUR MOMMA'S GOOD LOOKING (Don't argue)

And if Daddy isn't that loaded, here are some unbeatable offers for top family summer hols:

- 1) [Relaxation guaranteed in 3* sup Sharm El Sheikh](#) - 7 nights with choice of board basis. August thru to April 06 - book up until 23rd July
- 2) Majorca - [3* Half Board Hotel Alcudia in Alcudia - 1st & 2nd children 2-15 years from just £149](#) - book up until 23 July
- 3) [Golden sandy beaches for 7 or 14 nights in 4* Hammamet, Tunisia](#) - self catering with great prices for children and reduced green fees for golfers

For a bit more adventure the following trips still have availability



- [Around the Bay of Naples](#) - departing 23rd July
- [Active Andulucia](#) - departing 31st July and 7th August
- [Nile River Adventure](#) (Single Parents) - departing 23rd July

And you'll find a number of other adventure holiday options on [Take the](#)

[Family's site.](#)

SO HUSH LITTLE BABY DON'T YOU CRY (AND EVEN IF YOU DO, RECEPTION WILL HEAR YOU ON THE BABY LISTENING)

Especially at our hand-picked selection of top UK seaside resorts and hotels with childcare plus availability for the summer holidays. Check out our pages highlighting [Devon](#), [Cornwall](#), the [Lake District](#), [Norfolk](#) and [Suffolk](#).

You can also choose from great [sea-side hotel offers](#) selected by our friends at lastminute.com. Or you can check out our own pick of [terrific properties offering childcare in the UK](#).

If you fancy escaping for a bit of luxury, Luxury Family Hotels are offering 20% off their room rates from Sunday to Thursday at their [Ickworth Hotel and Dower House Apartments](#) in Suffolk. Plus complimentary sports activities for children every day such as football, rounders and quick cricket. Remember to mention Take the Family when you make your booking.

And if you'd rather do self catering, [click here for a fantastic selection of great value, cosy cottages](#) by the seaside, by the lochside or on the mountainside.

READY, STEADY, GOAT - HELPTHEFAMILY



Three of Take the Family's founders are jumping in the deep end of London's Victoria Docks to raise money for African focused charity Kidsforkids, who donate goats and other livestock to needy families. Well as they say - No pain... no goat, so we're taking part in the London Triathlon and would be extremely grateful if you could [sponsor us](#) as we swim, cycle and run on August 6th. While many UK families think nothing of spending seven hours

to get to a water park in Florida, plenty of kids spend the same amount of time getting to a well.

Have a fantastic time wherever you Take the Family

So whatever you end up doing this summer have a fantastic holiday or break. And tell us what was great and what was not so we can help you and other families always have a great summer.

web: <http://www.takethefamily.com>

Take the Family is the one place every parent should visit for tips and ideas on places to visit and things to do.