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From timeless
COUNTRY IDYLLS
to ground-breaking
URBAN HAVENS

READY, SET,
EXPLORE!
Big ideas for joyful
family holidays



FJORD RANGER

Original Travel's once-in-a-lifetime, 14-night island-hopping journey across the fjords of northern Norway kicks off in Tromsø, a city more than 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle, and ends in Nusfjord on the tip of Lofoten (below). You can spend your days whale watching, learning how to catch your dinner on fishing trips, swimming from beaches, and paddleboarding or kayaking past peaks and traditional fishing settlements built on stilts over the water. You will feel the daily rhythm of rural Nordic life on this adventure, coming into contact with locals whose families have worked these shores for centuries and seen the changes over time in the fishing tradition – once the main industry of Norway. From £5,215 per person for a family of four, B&B, including car hire, guided tours and return flights. originaltravel.co.uk



CATCHING THE WAVES

Surf Hideaways has scouted shores worldwide to find beautiful hotels, villas and retreats ideal for surfing holidays – from France and Portugal to Costa Rica, Sri Lanka (above, The Find, Ahagama) and Nicaragua. Even if not everyone is partial to the waves, the locations also lend themselves to cultural outings and wellness programmes. One of the most spectacular is in Medewi, Bali, with tree houses in the jungle overlooking a black sand beach known for its perfect waves. Closer to home, Aethos in Ericeira, is a Portuguese hotel offering traditional comforts. In France's Basque Country, the renovated 19th-century farmhouse Indarra has 33 rooms and a pool, in the hills near the coastal town of Biarritz – one of Europe's surfing hot spots. surfhideaways.com

ISLAND IN THE SUN

Two openings in Mallorca will offer a new kind of luxury stay this summer. Mandarin Oriental Punta Negra is set on a secluded stretch of coastline west of Palma. With 131 rooms, including suites as well as casitas, six dining options, an extensive spa and wellness space, plus outdoor pools and private coves for beach days, Punta Negra introduces a new level of accommodation on the island, with all the comforts a family could wish for. Rooms from €723, B&B. On the north coast, backed by the Serra de Tramuntana mountains, the Annu group is opening Gran Hotel Margalida in Banyalbufar. It has just 29 rooms and is within easy reach of some of the best beaches, and also towns such as Valldemossa (right) and Sóller. Rooms from €950, B&B. mandarinoriental.com granhotelmargalida.com

