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Raymond Blanc, Sophie Grigson & Antonio Carluccio on inspiring happy eaters!

A taste of SUMMER

- * Celebrating the first ever Children's Food Festival
- * Sizzling summer eating with Bill Granger

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Bathing beauties

Little girls can develop an early taste for spa treatments at the Azia Resort and Spa, a stylish boutique hotel in Paphos, Cyprus. The mother-and-daughter Little Girls' Morning costs £65 and includes a pedicure for the mother and a manicure with flowers and sparkles for the daughter, as well as a child's shoulder massage. Followed by milkshakes and iced coffee for refreshments. Prices from £910 for a family with one child sharing a room per week. Tel: 00357 2684 5100 or visit www.aziareSORT.com. Flights to Paphos with British Airways cost from £86. Tel: 0870 850 9850 or visit www.ba.com



Travel shorts

■ Mallorca Farmhouses has added hotels to its property portfolio, so you can now stay at a self-catering, historic farmhouse in the north of the island for one week, then spend a few days in a chic hotel in Palma. Hotel Puro costs from £128 per room, per night. Tel: 0118 947 3001 or visit www.mfh.co.uk

■ Travelling to Northern Cyprus has just got easier as SunExpress, a new low-cost scheduled airline, has launched new flights from Stansted to Izmir in Turkey and Ercan in Northern Cyprus (via Izmir). One-way fares from the UK to Turkey start at £49, including taxes and charges. Tel: 0845 600 1521; www.sun-express.co.uk

■ Club Med has reopened its flagship family village, Opio en Provence. Situated outside Cannes, the village has childcare from four months, as well as a spa, golf, four pools, a circus school and Club Med Baby Welcome, a service to pre-order all your baby's equipment. A week's full-board in September costs around £697 per person. Tel: 0845 367 6767; www.clubmed.co.uk

■ Fancy staying in a waterfront house in Devon or a tower in a Cornish castle? Country specialist Helpful Holidays has some fantastic new properties including a Georgian house in Cornwall, sleeping eight, with views out to sea. Tel: 01647 433593; www.helpfulholidays.com

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Best for... luxury camping

Make camping a cool experience for your family by staying in an Arabian knights-style tent. Situated at Jardin d'Issil, 10 miles south of Marrakech, tents are decorated in brightly coloured prints and silks, with rugs and huge floor cushions. Most have one queen-sized bed and a separate curtained-off area for children; all have en-suite bathrooms and air-conditioning. The main house has a restaurant, bar and roof terrace. Meals can be eaten in a dining room, in Berber tents located next to the pool, or in guests' tents. One week in July or August costs £300 per person with Fleewinter. Tel: 020 7112 0019 or visit www.fleewinter.com. Flights are available from £150 from www.skyscanner.net



Travel

Sue Bryant gives the lowdown on the latest child-friendly deals and must-have family holidays



Sunny days at The Grove

A beach in Watford may be hard to picture, but the five-star golf and spa retreat The Grove has created the full works in its walled garden, along with an outdoor heated pool, tennis courts and relaxation areas. The beach has wooden decking, deckchairs, rope-and-pole fences, parasols, a rowing boat and an oil-drum barbecue, as well as beach volleyball, concierges to spritz you with rosewater, and six funky beach huts. One hut is dedicated to children, with a colourful interior and plenty of toys to play with, as well as HD plasma screens. The other five huts each have their own design: Jackson Pollock style; a beachcomber theme; and three 'spa huts'. Half-day hire starts at £95. Only residents of The Grove will be able to use the beach and hire a hut. An overnight stay costs from £295 per room, per night. Tel: 01923 807807 or visit www.thegrove.co.uk

Great fun in Greece

The luxurious Sani Resort in Halkidiki, Greece, has opened a children's club for summer. The new Melissa Crèche and Mini Club is being run by London-based PB Kids, to UK Ofsted guidelines, and staffed by qualified English nursery nurses. The club has new games, books and toys, and the outdoor play area has wooden climbing frames, an adventure climbing wall plus its very own swimming pool. The crèche takes children as young as six months, making this sunny corner of the Aegean perfect for families with young babies, too. A deluxe double room starts at £103 per night based on two adults and one child sharing on a half-board basis, excluding flights and transfers. Tel: 0030 23740 99500 or visit www.saniresort.gr



Briefing: Family-related travel websites

Here are four we rate among the best: www.takefamily.com Easy to navigate with a range of online holidays, advice and tips. New destinations added all the time. www.babygoes2.com Nicely laid-out site, full of information on shopping and packing for a holiday, getting there and destination reports. Also sells holidays. www.family-travel.co.uk Subscription site filled with highly detailed reports on destinations all over the world. www.raisingkids.co.uk General parenting site with very useful Q&A sections relating to travel issues.

