



▲ COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN

Or, more specifically, Moraira, the delightful Spanish coastal town that's one of the best-kept secrets on this sun-kissed stretch of Spain. Sandwiched between Valencia to the north and Alicante to the south, it's the kind of blink-and-you'll-miss-it place that you'll kick yourself for blinking and missing. It really is the ideal holiday destination with sunshine all but nailed on and good times guaranteed. There's dramatic scenery, an abundance of things to keep the young ones entertained from world-class water parks like Terra Mitica (www.terramiticapark.com) to a wealth of watersports and enough restaurants to give you a dinnertime dilemma every evening. And if it's beaches you want then you've come to the right place. From the central Platja de l'Ampolia to the picturesque Platja del Portet and on to the stunning and secluded cove at Cumbre del Sol (more suited to older kids), you can choose a different beach for every day you're there. Stay at Villa Nevette (pictured). Situated a short stroll from the centre of Moraira (www.teulada-moraira.org), it's the perfect base for your Costa Blanca holiday. With four bedrooms, two kitchens, two lounges and a couple of bathrooms, it's super spacious and with its gorgeous gardens and secluded setting, it's very quiet too – until the kids discover the gargantuan pool, that is. Visit www.villaspain.co.uk or call for +44 (0)1273 623723 for details.

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POINT THE WAY TO FAMILY FUN:

(From top) Girl looks out at Cumbre Del Sol across the Costa Blanca; Villa Nevette in Moraira; and the Old Town well and plaza seen from Dubrovnik's city wall



DUBROVNIK ▲

With older kids, city breaks can become more alluring. Plump for fairytale Dubrovnik. Start by walking the medieval city walls to get your bearings and take in stellar town and sea views. The Old Town is compact, pedestrianised and jam-packed with astonishing architecture. You shouldn't get too many complaints as you stumble upon palaces, museums and galleries, providing you stop off at the plentiful pavement cafes en route. Scale steep Mount Srđ by cablecar and share the sunset with your family. Dine at Gil's (www.gils.web4hr.net) if you want to convince your teens you're still in with the in-crowd. Seek out Copacabana beach for water chutes, parachute boat rides and jet skis. Feeling intrepid? Go diving around shipwrecks or sea kayaking together.

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