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Three hundred years after Daniel Defoe's groundbreaking novel was published, Chris Moss reveals 10 islands that capture that castaway feeling



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TOP FIVE FAMILY HOTELS IN FRANCE

Where to go if you are planning a trip away with the children

1. LA CHAPELLE SAINT MARTIN, NOUVELLE-AQUITAINE
Set within a sprawling park with extensive woodland, two lakes, a tennis court and a swimming pool, La Chapelle Saint Martin has something to keep everyone entertained. Activities including horse-riding, boating and fishing, and seasonal events such as mushroom-picking or Easter egg hunting, get guests out into the fresh air in the daytime; while the Michelin-starred restaurant introduces children to the pleasures of fine dining. [Rooms £112 \(telegraph.co.uk/tt-lachappellesaintmartin\)](http://telegraph.co.uk/tt-lachappellesaintmartin)



2. TERRE BLANCHE, PROVENCE
Families seeking a cosseted, countryside idyll in southern France should look no further than Terre Blanche. There's something for everyone, from two championship golf courses to an enormous spa and Michelin-starred cuisine.



3. DOMAINE DES HAUTS DE LOIRE, PAYS DE LA LOIRE
Set amid 180-odd acres of woodland is this vintage hunting lodge, sporting a lake (fabulous fishing), hiking and cycling trails (the hotel has bikes to borrow), boules, tennis, an outdoor pool and small farm with fluffy rabbits to pet. Children and parents alike can learn the enviable

art of French patisserie in the hotel's cooking school. [Rooms £223 \(telegraph.co.uk/tt-domainedeshautsde Loire\)](http://telegraph.co.uk/tt-domainedeshautsde Loire)

4. LE RELAIS BERNARD LOISEAU, BURGUNDY
There's no hint of stuffiness at Le Relais Bernard Loiseau, despite its five-star rating and two-Michelin-starred restaurant. The beautifully landscaped gardens invite rambles as well as chilled-out pool time, and kids also have their own indoor playroom. Older children can play pool in the billiards room. Baby monitors, cots and baths are free to borrow, and the hotel offers a babysitting service as well as interconnecting rooms. [Rooms £148 \(telegraph.co.uk/tt-lerelaisbernardloiseau\)](http://telegraph.co.uk/tt-lerelaisbernardloiseau)

5. LE GRAND HARD, NORMANDY
Le Grand Hard, set in the Parc des Marais nature reserve, is a 10-minute drive or bicycle ride from the white-sand beaches of Cotentin Bay. The former farmhouse, with large suites, serves as a "relaxation retreat", and the owners provide a fleet of bicycles, petanque sets, children's toys and games, and a large yet cosy bar and lounge by a roaring wood fire. There's a children's menu, and groups can book an evening "Grillade" where a vast grill is fired up in the old stables. [Rooms £90 \(telegraph.co.uk/tt-legrandhard\)](http://telegraph.co.uk/tt-legrandhard)