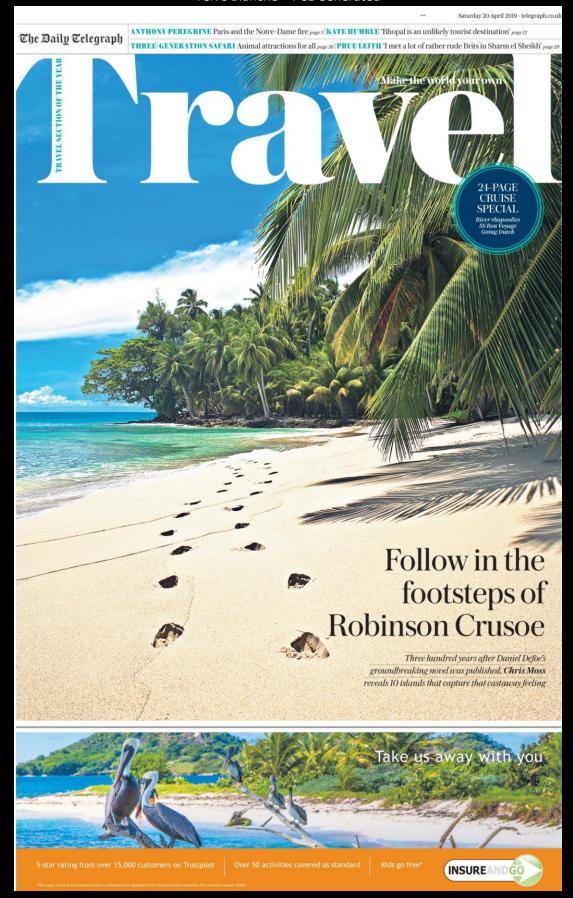
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TOP FIVE FAMILY HOTELS **IN FRANCE**

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

MARTIN, NOUVELLEAQUITAINE
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 □ Rooms £112 (telegraph.co.uk/tt-lachapellesaintmart









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.





Children are kept busy with activities including picnics with donkeys, beekeeping and golf lessons. There's even a dedicated children's restaurant with menus created by a dietitian. "Rooms E280 (telegraph. co.uk/tt-terreblanche)

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-domainedeshautsdeloire)

4. LE RELAIS BERNARD There's no hint of stuffiness at Le Relais Bernard Loiseau, despite its five-star rating and two-Michelinrating and two-Michelinstarred 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/ttlerelaisbernardloiseau)

5. LE GRAND HARD,

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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)