



FAMILY FRIENDLY CHECKLIST

This checklist has been designed to help you consider what **accommodation features** are important to you. Use these prompts to help you choose the holiday accommodation that best suits you and your family.

1. HOTELS

- Is bedding flexible? (eg, 2 double beds, split kings, sofa bed). Do children stay for free?
- Are interconnecting rooms guaranteed? If you need to book 2 rooms, is there a discount on the 2nd room?
- Are port-a-cots free (or for a reasonable rate per stay, NOT per day)?
- Do children eat for free with paying adults?
- Is car-parking provided (free or reasonable rates)? Is the property close to public transport?

2. RESORTS

- Is there a Kids' Club? If so, is it included or are there extra costs? What are the opening hours?
- Of the activities on offer, which are for free and which ones involves extra cost?
- Do children eat for free with paying adults?
- Are packages available to bring down the costs of meals and activities?
- How many people can sleep in a resort room? Are interconnecting rooms guaranteed?

3. HOLIDAY PARK

- Where is the park located? Is there easy access? (many holiday parks have great facilities, but can be located in a less central location).
- Is linen provided in cabins? If not, what is the additional cost?
- Are there additional fees for activities?

4. SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENT

- What are bedding arrangements? Do they suit your children? (eg, will they have to share a double bed or sleep on a top bunk)
- Is the décor the same as portrayed online? (in some managed complexes, apartments have different owners and furnishings)
- Does the apartment have a washing machine?
- Is a highchair and port-a-cot provided? Free or cost?



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5. HOLIDAY HOUSE OR COTTAGE

- Is the property fully fenced or has secured areas for young children?
- Are special safety gates provided? (eg, for stairs and fireplaces)
- Is a highchair and port-a-cot provided? Free or cost?
- What do you need to provide? (eg, linen, towels)
- Is there enough seating for the family? (eg, some holiday houses do not provide enough comfortable seating for the number of people they sleep).

6. B&B (BED & BREAKFAST)

- Is the B&B baby or child friendly? (some B&Bs only cater for couples, so make sure you know which one you are staying at before you book)

7. FARM STAY

- Will your children be scared by the animals? (depending on your children's experience with animals, it might be worthwhile checking the types of animal interactions available)
- Are farm activities available? (some farm stays offer hands-on experiences, while others only offer accommodation)

8. GENERAL FAMILY FRIENDLY FEATURES

- Is free WIFI available?
- Is a bath available? (or a baby bath if there is only a shower)
- Are plastic crockery and cutlery provided? (particularly important for places with strict 'pay-if-you-break policies)
- Are there any toys, games or books available for loan? (some families also like games consoles)
- Are there free beach towels or do you have to bring your own?
- Are there pool toys & beach toys available to borrow?
- Does the property has good relationships with a local services? (eg, baby hire and babysitting)
- What is the location in relation to shops, parks and local eateries?
- Is the swimming pool heated?
- If you are staying out of peak season, are any facilities closed for renovation during your stay?

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