

The 21 Best Winter Resorts For Families

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Winter feels better from the inside of a well-appointed lodge. Time slows and you're able to truly unwind. But don't think that means boring. You can revel by the fire, sweat in a spa, and entertain the kids with everything from skiing and sleigh rides to snowshoeing. Located deep within the mountains and thoughtfully designed with parents and kids top of mind, the best winter resorts for families offer wonderful food, ample activities, cozy sitting areas, and a hot tub and fireplace all within walking distance from your, yes, comfortable room. Best of all, there's one likely within a few-hour drive of your home.

The only question remains: Where to go? From Northern Michigan to Southern California, Montana to the Florida Keys, we've chosen 21 incredible winter resorts for families. These boutique lodges and luxury hotels make wintertime family travel as relaxing, adventure-filled, and low-stress as possible. So, pick your latitude and get ready to get rid of the winter blues.

Shore Lodge



There's no lovelier Idaho mountain town base for winter than along the shores of frozen Payette Lake in McCall, 100 miles north of Boise, where the Shore Lodge beckons with saltwater immersion hot tubs and a heated outdoor pool surrounded by snow.

You can go snowshoeing across the lake, right out the lodge door, or walk to town, where a winter carnival sees the streets lined with fabulous ice sculptures. Brundage Mountain's ski slopes are a short drive away.

Level Up: For the ultimate family winter adventure, ride snowmobiles with a guide on an all-day trip through the Salmon River Mountains to ridiculously scenic Burgdorf Hot Springs to dip in the same rustic pools where miner's once bathed.