How to Choose the Best Villas for Families and Groups This Summer

A Haute Retreats Guide

Planning a group vacation can feel like a dream—until it's time to actually book best villas for families. Once you've wrangled everyone's availability and agreed on a destination (no small task), you'll need to start narrowing down properties: How many bedrooms do you need? Is the pool fenced for kids? Does the layout actually give people space to relax?

Then there are the extras that can make or break a group trip, like having enough private bathrooms, a chef on call, or a separate guesthouse for the early risers in the family. It's a lot to think about—but with a little guidance, finding the perfect villa for your crew can be as rewarding as the trip itself.

If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't worry. We've broken it all down in this easy guide to choosing the best villas for families and groups. From destination tips to layout hacks, here's what to keep in mind when booking a stay that everyone will love.

Start with your group type and travel vibe
Before you start browsing properties, think about who's coming. A trip
with young kids looks very different from a getaway with couples or
grandparents. The best villas for families usually have a few key things
in common: multiple living areas, kid-friendly features, and plenty of
space for people to gather and retreat.

Traveling with teenagers? Look for media rooms or separate guesthouses. Need to accommodate a grandparent with limited mobility? Prioritize main-level bedrooms and easy bathroom access. Have a group of couples? Equal-size suites and private terraces can go a long way in keeping the peace.

Best Villas for Families: Balance Togetherness and Privacy

A great group trip balances quality time with personal space. One of the greatest advantages of renting a villa is the ability to enjoy both.

Look for homes that offer thoughtful layouts:

- Multiple wings or guesthouses allow for separation between families or couples.
- Ensuite bathrooms mean everyone has private space to unwind.
- Terraces and lounges offer options for quiet reading, private calls, or solo coffee moments before the day begins.

Our portfolio includes villas specifically designed with group dynamics in mind. Whether you need space for a nanny, a grandparent suite with no stairs, or a media room for teens, we can match you with a property that fits your group perfectly.

Pick a destination that fits the group vibe



Not every destination works for every group—and that's okay. Want stylish restaurants and nightlife? St. Barts is a solid bet. Looking for long lunches and slow mornings? Tuscany delivers. Craving nothing but sun, sand, and silence? Try Turks & Caicos.

It helps to match the energy of the destination to your group's vacation style. For instance, the best villas for families tend to be in places with easy outdoor activities, walkable beaches, and a slower pace. Adult groups might prefer somewhere with dining scenes and cocktail hour views.

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Know your must-haves



Once you've got the basics down, it's time to get specific. What really matters to your group? A private chef? Daily housekeeping? A pool with a view? This is where the wish list starts to take shape—and helps narrow your options fast.

Here's a quick cheat sheet of features worth considering:

- Private pool
- Walkable location
- Full kitchen or private chef
- Housekeeping and laundry service
- Kid gear (cribs, high chairs, baby gates)

- Pet-friendly policy
- Ensuite bathrooms
- Outdoor dining areas
- Reliable Wi-Fi
- Game rooms, movie rooms, or yoga spaces

When you're choosing the best villas for families, look for practical features that make daily routines easier—like shaded play areas, spacious kitchens for group meals, or fenced gardens where kids can run free.

One of our recent guests described it perfectly: "We didn't lift a finger the entire trip. Every detail—from our airport transfers to a surprise birthday dinner under the stars—was handled with care. It was beyond what we imagined."

Let your concierge take care of the logistics so you can focus on what matters most: time together.

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Think about space—shared and separate

Group trips are all about togetherness, but let's be honest: downtime matters, too. The best villas strike a balance between shared spaces and private corners, so everyone has room to breathe.

Look for layouts with multiple living areas, separate bedroom wings, or guesthouses that allow for a little quiet when needed. A villa where the kids can watch movies in one room while the adults enjoy wine on the terrace? That's a win for everyone.



Don't forget the concierge

One of the biggest perks of booking a villa through Haute Retreats? The extras. From pre-arrival grocery stocking to arranging private chefs or in-villa spa treatments, our concierge team is here to help you create a stress-free trip from start to finish.

Need a boat for the day? We'll have it ready. Want to plan a pizza night for the kids and a wine tasting for the adults? We've done it all. The best villas for families and groups offer more than just a beautiful place to stay—they create a personalized experience your whole group will remember.

Planning a group trip doesn't have to be complicated. With the right villa—and the right support—it's easy to turn logistics into luxury. Let us help you find the space that suits your people, your pace, and your idea of the perfect summer.

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