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Double S Travel Worldchoice - Celebrating Twenty Two Years of service to residents and businesses in the South Bedfordshire area 1985 – 2007

Family Holidays

What is the family looking for?

Depends on the age of the children

- All families want to be safe
- Infants availability of infant foods and nappies
- Toddlers clubs, activities, babysitters
- Teenagers young teenagers want clubs and activities, pool
Older teenagers want nightclubs, beach, pool
- Children of the same age as them

Types of holiday suitable for children?

- Depending on age, short flights or no flights, therefore UK holidays or Mediterranean.
- Cruises.
- Specialist operators and hotels.

Cruises – aren't they for the older richer holidaymaker?

- No, many cruiselines are now offering specific ships that cater specifically for children.
- P&O have 3 ships with a fourth coming in 2008. They are Oriana, Aurora, Oceana and Ventura. They all offer children's clubs, childrens shore excursions, and childrens pools. Prices for children are great too
- Ocean Village. Childrens clubs for 2-17 year olds. Claims to be the only cruiseline offering parent-free onshore excursions and activities for teenagers – called Great Escapes! Ocean Village II has a SEAGA village – an arcade designed by the games company.
- Princess Cruises offers clubs for 3-17 year olds in 3 age groups. Their best child friendly ships are Crown Princess and Grand Princess.
- Norwegian Cruise Line offers clubs for 2-17 year olds. Flexible dining means the family can eat together at any time. There is also a kids café, ice cream machines, and kids packs.
- Disney Cruise Line. With Mickey and friends on board this cruiseline has a headstart when it comes to childrens entertainment. Everything from kids clubs to family dance parties.
- Costa Cruises has clubs for 3 – 17 year olds split into 4 agegroups. Under 18s often only have to pay port charges and flights if they share a cabin with parents.

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Nominated Travel Agent of the Year 2006, 2007, 2008

Finalist Travel Agent of the Year 2005, 2006, Finalist Business Travel Agent of the Year 2006

Finalist Best Specialist Website 2006 www.railchoice.co.uk.

Runner-up, Corporatechoice Business Travel Agent of the Year 2005,

Runner-up, TIPTO Agent of the Year 2005, Nominated Travel Agent Achievement Awards 2005.

-Carnivals newest ship launching next year will be cruising out of the UK. Carnival Spendour will boast 5500sq ft of childrens play area complete with waterpark play area.

What about the UK?

There are many companies offering the UK.

-Pontins Quizzes, Shows, karaoke, have teamed up with PGL the UKs leading school activity trip organiser (snorkelling, Zip ire, Abseiling, Climbing, Archery, KMX karting, trampolining, all with instructors).

-Butlins Puppet shows, adventure play area, mini funfair for under 5s, ballet classes, Pingus fitness classes, football coaching, basketball, touch rugby, arts and craft shows, character Olympics, volleyball, puppet castle, tribute bands, night club, watwerworlds, storybook pantomimes, dogems, funfair rides, bob the builder, etc etc

-Haven pools, splashzones, spas, showbars, golf courses, Going greener – parks encourage recycling.

Surely there are companies that specialise in family Mediteranean Holidays?

-JMC have a brochure called Holidays for all the Family. Offering Free kids places, , crèches for babes in arms (6mths-35mths), KidsWorld has 3 clubs, one 3-4 year olds, one for 5-8 and one for 9-12 year olds for up to 6 hours a day 6 days a week.

- Club Med. Upmarket operator offers Baby welcome with all necessary nursery equipment, Pyjama Club, evening childcare, BabyClubMed 4mths-23mths, PetitClubMed 2-3 yrs, MiniClubMed 4-10 yrs, Passworld, a hangout zone for teenagers

How do I know accommodation is safe?

Book a package through an ATOL opertator. All accn has to have all it's fire and Health and safety certificates. Internet hotel bookings are dangerous. How do you know what has been safety checked?

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