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CARIBBEAN ISLAND HIDEAWAY

ITALY'S MOST ROMANTIC CITY

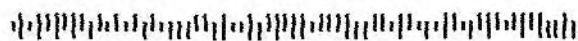
PLUS TOP 100 WORLD'S BEST HOTELS FOR FAMILIES

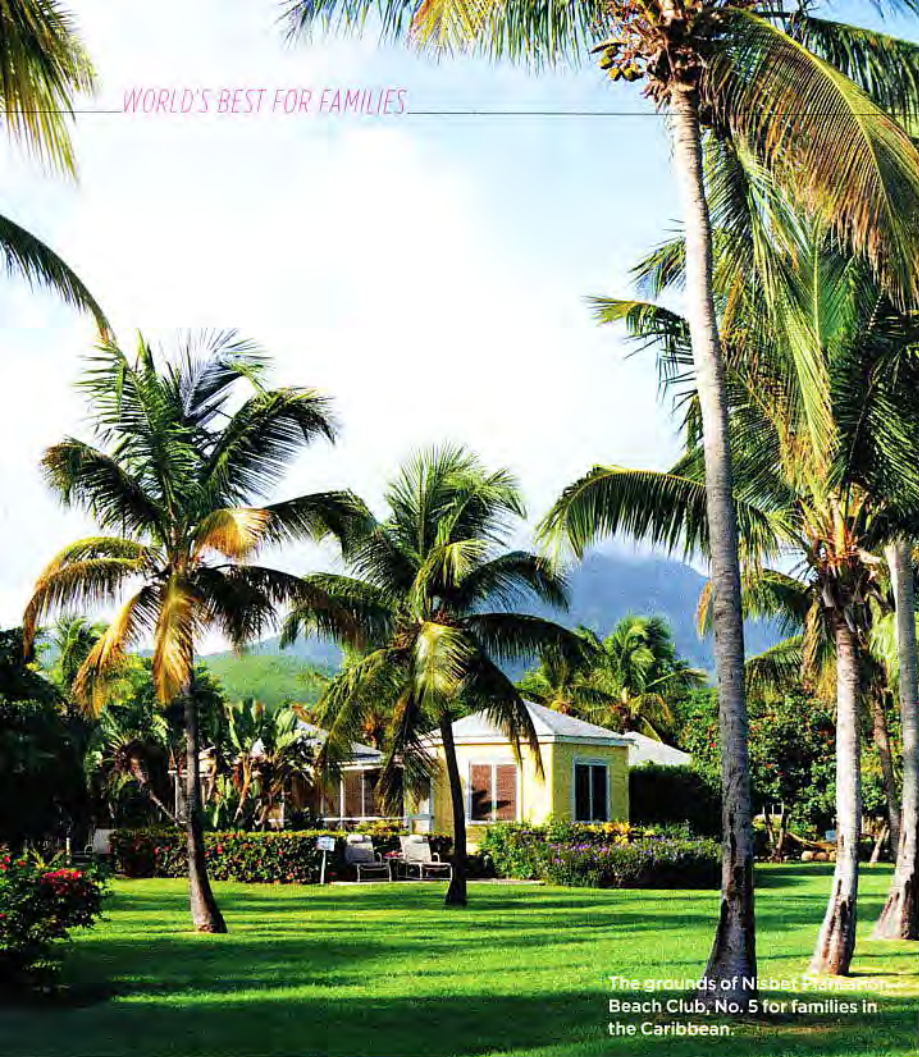
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The grounds of Nibet Flamingo Beach Club, No. 5 for families in the Caribbean.

lodge and a redwood waterslide. 407/934-7639; disneyland.com; doubles from \$265.

19 DISNEY'S BOARDWALK INN & VILLAS ORLANDO, FLORIDA 92.50 Americana, everywhere: think carnival games and enough street theater to rival Atlantic City. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$500.

19 WHITE ELEPHANT NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS 92.50 Kids get pails and shovels upon check-in at this quintessential New England beach retreat, where expansive green lawns lead to the harbor's edge. 800/445-6574; whiteelephanthotel.com; doubles from \$720.

21 GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT & SPA 92.47 Close to Poipu Beach, with an inventive youth spa menu (hair braiding; Polynesian temporary tattoos). 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$365.

22 HILTON WAIKOLOA VILLAGE HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND 92.32 Water, water everywhere, from the saltwater lagoon to

the tropical-fish-filled canals. 800/445-8667; hilton.com; doubles from \$369.

23 HYATT REGENCY LOST PINES RESORT & SPA TEXAS 92.31 Twenty-three miles east of Austin, with draft horses for mascots and a "Don't Mess With Texas Animals" program where children learn about the wildlife of the surrounding habitat. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$319.

24 STOWE MOUNTAIN LODGE VERMONT 92.17 The only ski-in, ski-out hotel on one of the best slopes in the East, with an après-ski spa for all ages. 888/478-6938; stowemountainlodge.com; doubles from \$259.

25 DISNEY'S VERO BEACH RESORT FLORIDA 92.00 Two hours from Orlando: beachfront breakfast with Goofy for the kids, wine-pairing classes for you. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$375.

26 STEIN ERIKSEN LODGE PARK CITY, UTAH 91.43 Five minutes from Main Street and right beside the lifts, with ski valets for

every age. 800/453-1302; steinlodge.com; doubles from \$639.

27 LOEWS PORTOFINO BAY HOTEL AT UNIVERSAL ORLANDO FLORIDA 91.23 Lavish re-creation of a picturesque Italian town, complete with nightly operas sung from the balconies. 888/464-3617; loewshotels.com; doubles from \$349.

28 GRAND HOTEL MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN 91.11 Open from May to October, this legendary 19th-century resort on Lake Huron features 100 rocking chairs on the world's longest porch. 800/334-7263; grandhotel.com; from \$279 per person, including children's activities and most meals.

28 GREAT VALUE HYATT REGENCY COCONUT POINT RESORT & SPA BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 91.11 Near the Gulf of Mexico, with adventure—a rock-climbing wall; corkscrew waterslides—around every bend. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$199.

30 HYATT REGENCY HILL COUNTRY RESORT & SPA SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 91.00 SeaWorld is your neighbor, but the fun begins on site: the four-acre water playground includes a 950-foot tubing river and a zero-entry kiddie pool. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$349.

31 HYATT REGENCY MAUI RESORT & SPA 90.84 Set along a three-mile stretch of Maui's crescent Kaanapali Beach and fresh from a \$15 million face-lift; the stargazing nights are a hit. 888/591-1234; hyatt.com; doubles from \$279.

32 RITZ-CARLTON NAPLES, FLORIDA 90.65 Eleven aquariums, eco walks, and naturalist-led boat tours give young guests a crash course in conservation. 888/856-4380; ritzcarlton.com; doubles from \$769.

33 LAPLAYA BEACH & GOLF RESORT NAPLES, FLORIDA 90.63 Order piña colodas by the Gulf of Mexico after dropping the kids off at Aquatic Camp. 800/237-6883; laplayaresort.com; doubles from \$439.

34 MAUNA KEA BEACH HOTEL HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND 90.48 Built by Laurance Rockefeller in 1965, with lanais for all rooms and a Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed golf course. 888/977-4623; princeresortshawaii.com; doubles from \$500.

35 DISNEY'S GRAND FLORIDIAN RESORT & SPA ORLANDO, FLORIDA 90.38 Turrets and plenty of gingerbread trim turn Disney's flagship property into a showcase of Victorian style. 407/934-7639; disneyworld.com; doubles from \$505.

36 HAPUNA BEACH PRINCE HOTEL HAWAII, THE BIG ISLAND 90.37 On a fabled stretch of fine white sand overlooking the Kahala Coast. 888/977-4623; princeresortshawaii.com; doubles from \$415. >>

METHODOLOGY Rankings are based on reader evaluations collected in *Travel + Leisure's* 2011 World's Best Awards survey. Respondents rated hotels on how well they cater to families. Scores are indexed averages of responses, rounded to the nearest hundredth of a point; in the event of a true tie, properties share the same ranking. For full survey details, visit TravelandLeisure.com/worldsbest.