



ANASSA, CYPRUS

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET? Four and a half hours to Paphos, followed by a 45-minute drive.
SHOW & TELL Cyprus is reliably hot and quite close and its shining star, the Anassa, ticks all the boxes when you are travelling en famille. Privately owned and relatively new, it somehow manages to feel like a hotel from a different era – very big, very high-end, very expensive and yet ridiculously child-friendly. Service throughout is sensational but it really stands out in the Powder Byrne-run kids' club – what's so significant here is they take everyone, even the littlest babies, in the crèche, so that frazzled new parents can have a moment's peace. As for tweens and teens, the spa has mini-manis and pedis, make-up lessons and organic facials, while this summer sees the launch of the Hercules Teen Club – ten-pin bowling, table tennis and watersports galore.
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THE HERMITAGE, ELBA

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET? A two-hour flight to Pisa, a drive to the coast then a ferry ride to Elba.
SHOW & TELL So it's a bit of a schlep to get to, but the minute you step on the ferry and pass the baby to your entirely capable Powder Byrne rep, you know you're in good hands. The combination of stellar PB kids' clubs and Italian adoration of all bambini makes the Hermitage a place where families return year after year. The casitas are not super-stylish (slightly dodgy bedspreads) but they are pretty, with geraniums on the balconies and views down the hill to the lovely thick beach with rows of striped umbrellas. The crèche has stacks of toys, the Scallywags club takes children on proper outings to see prehistoric caves and there's even a football workshop for budding Beckhams. You'll have fun because your kids are having fun.
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