



From left: relax at Hobart's Mona Pavilions; take a soak with a view at Wolgan Valley in the Blue Mountains.

# Happy holidays

There's no need to compromise on luxury just because you're travelling with tots in tow.

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**S**o, travelling light without the kids is not an option, but you're not prepared to forgo the idea of staying somewhere chic with interiors and facilities to match. The very stylish folk at Mr & Mrs Smith have done the legwork to come up with some great getaway boutique accommodation options that are family friendly and well within the smart design ethos of the properties they list in their guides. Here are three local spots that enable the family to travel in style *en masse*.

## MONA PAVILIONS – HOBART, TASMANIA

The eight Mona pavilions overlook the Derwent River, so a water arrival will be sure to kick-start the kids' excitement levels. The two-bedroom pavilions are extra-spacious and have kitchen facilities, allowing you to do as much in-house dining as you like – if eating at The Source restaurant for every meal isn't for you. Parents will welcome the 24/7 concierge service, on-site microbrewery and 400-thread count pure cotton bedding, while kids will love the heated indoor infinity pool and the Cadbury factory, located just across the river.

## WOLGAN VALLEY RESORT & SPA – LITHGOW, NEW SOUTH WALES

Set in the dramatically rugged Greater Blue Mountains area, Australia's first six-star eco resort has it all for everyone in the family. The 40 freestanding luxury suites each have their own private pool and deck,

with a number offering kitchen facilities and two- and three-bedroom accommodation. Mum can head straight to the in-house Timeless Spa, while Dad can start the adventure with an extensive menu of kids' activities, including bushcraft, cooking, pony rides, archery and stunt kite flying. Eat as a family in the relaxed Country Kitchen restaurant or enjoy convenient in-room dining.

## MALI MALI – PORT DOUGLAS, QUEENSLAND

Mali Mali is a luxurious self-catering house set on 16 hectares of hilltops with a staggering 360-degree panoramic view that takes in everything from the Daintree rainforest to the Pacific Ocean beaches. It's a rollcall of non-stop luxury, starting with vast amounts of space and four separate pavilions that house eating, dining, relaxing and sleeping areas. Next up is the resort-style infinity pool with a bank of deluxe daybeds and sun lounges, a helipad for that unexpected visitor, massage pavilion and a gourmet kitchen with all the trimmings, including an espresso machine. The tranquil seclusion is just an added bonus. Kids will love the range of activities, including the tennis court and telescopes for some night-time stargazing. Visit [www.mrandmrsmith.com](http://www.mrandmrsmith.com) for details.



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