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OF THE BEST EUROPEAN CITY BREAKS

Take a short break with a sharp focus and you'll get a unique window into the culture of Europe's great cities. Whether you follow in the literary footsteps of Dostoevsky in St Petersburg, seek out the bright lights of Berlin's club scene, sample the divine gastronomy of San Sebastián or visit the fashionista haunts of Stockholm, a European weekend away is so much richer if you follow a theme. Compiled by Rhiannon Batten >>

★ FAMILY ★

Gothenburg

Friendly, English-speaking locals, plenty of green space, an adjacent archipelago ripe for day trips by boat and a city centre amusement park make West Sweden's capital a child-family destination. www.liseberg.se

Lisbon

One of the great benefits of a trip to Lisbon with children in tow is that you can cover the sights fairly quickly and then head to a nearby beach. Don't know where to aim for? Try wide

[sandy Guincho](#).

Dubrovnik

Like Lisbon, the big attraction here is the combination of city and sea. Once you've spent a day or two exploring the sights of this UNESCO World Heritage city, head to the beach or one of the offshore islands; Mljet, with its national park, is very popular. www.otokmljet.com

Brussels

The home of Tintin, waffles and delicious frites. The city's museums cater well for kids and there's even a dedicated Children's

Museum. www.kindermuseum.be

Seville

Most attractions, while not geared specifically for children, are very tolerant of them, whether you're aiming to climb the Giralda tower or let off steam in the Real Alcázar's gardens. www.catedraldesevilla.es
www.patronato-alcazarsevilla.es >>

