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Belmond Napasai

KOH SAMUI, THAILAND





This secluded, 17-acre resort on the Koh Samui coast is a tropical idyll set in lush gardens filled with palm and cashew trees. The traditionally furnished villas have sea views and the unhurried pace makes it a good choice for families seeking low-key downtime with a cultural focus (think Thai boxing, language lessons and Thai cooking).

Standout service The "My First Job" scheme, for kids aged 3-12, is an unusual offering allowing kids to try out professional life – assisting the resort's pastry chef making chocolate roses in the hotel's kitchens or tending the resort's flowers with the gardeners. Movie night on the beach, complete with popcorn and lemonade, is also an experience not to be missed. Special amenities Dedicated children's pool and the longest beach on the island, which is complete with complimentary watersports center – snorkeling along the reef is highly recommended. There's also a private boat which is available for customized marine tours of the area and numerous animals on site (including two water buffalo) that children can pet.

Room to book The multi-level Private Pool Residences stretch along the cliff side and come with private pool, massage salon and personal housekeeping services. Contact Olga Smirenskaya, concierge,

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Per Aquum Niyama

MALDIVES

There are many beautiful Maldivian resorts, but not many allocate a whole island to the entertainment of small people. Play is one of two islands that make up the 86-suite resort, Niyama. A wooden bridge leads to a charming kid's club with circus-themed buildings and energetic staff. Older kids can inner tube or swim with dolphins while adults de-stress at the restaurants or spa on the calmer Chill island.

Standout service "SPArties" incorporate "reconnecting" massages for parents and children; mini Olympic events organized for tweens; the Finding Nemo exploration is a favorite with younger children.

Special amenities Fine-dining floating restaurant, over-water spa treatment rooms, watersports, an underwater nightclub and excellent, plentiful babysitters. Room to book The family Ocean Pavilion has a hot tub, two private pools and black-out curtains to maximize baby sleep potential. Its location allows for hours of beachcombing fun, or snorkeling from the front garden.

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