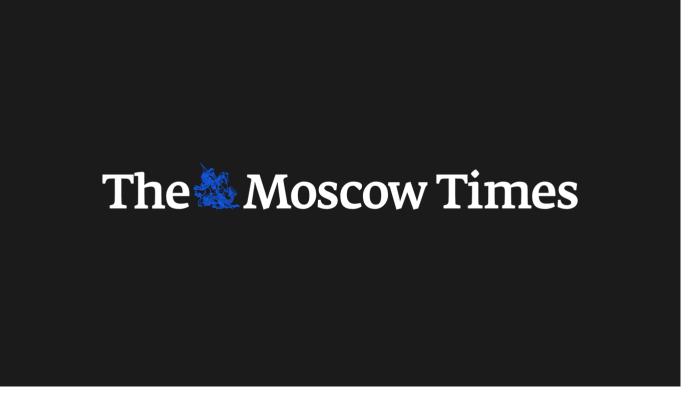


Spain Rated as Top Destination for Travel With Kids

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Spain is the leading destination for Russian tourists traveling abroad with their children during the summer break, according to a list of the top 10 hot spots for summer travel with children published Monday by online hotel reservation site Oktogo.ru.

The list also includes Italy, France, Great Britain, Greece, Portugal, Germany, Turkey, Montenegro and the U.S.

According to the website, Russian vacationists book their holidays in Spain for an average of nine days. The cost of one night's accommodation in a Spanish hotel is less than \$125 on average.

The longest vacations are reportedly spent at Greece's Ionian Islands (28 nights on average), the city of Blanes in Spain (22 nights) and Villamoura in Portugal (14 nights).

The most expensive summer destinations are the U.S., where the cost of one night at a hotel is about \$220, Great Britain (\$176 per night) and France (\$150 per night).

Holidays in China, Mexico and Ukraine are also growing in popularity, said Olga Favarizova, the head of Oktogo.ru's support department.

"The duration of summer holidays with children abroad will increase by 20 percent compared with last year," she added.

According Oktogo.ru, the top five Russian cities for a summer vacation with kids include St. Petersburg, Moscow, Sochi, Yaroslavl and Kazan.

Oktogo.ru is a leading Russian online hotel booking and travel company. The company boasts over 5,000 hotels in Russia in its database and over 250,000 hotels worldwide.

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