

CULTURE CLUB

VILLA LENA

Villa Lena is an agriturismo destination that combines accommodation, a farm-to-table restaurant and a not-for-profit art foundation. In addition to cooking classes, truffle hunts and more, there's an array of half-term activities this October – including drawing workshops.

villa-lena.it/en/

mama's TRAVEL NOTES

Helen Baron rounds up the most exciting travel kit and destinations

NEW OPENING

THE NEWT, SOMERSET

The main attraction at this West Country gem is the beautifully landscaped garden. The historic estate has been fully restored with 23 rooms, a spa, restaurants, a cider press and farm shop.

thenewtinsomerset.com

ICE BABY

SUNNYLIFE

Ice trays don't come much brighter or more on-trend than these. Jazz up holiday drinks with unicorns, rainbows and cacti, or sneak some extra fruit or veg into little ones' diet by whizzing up some fun, flavoursome smoothie cubes – because kids seem to love food more when it's ice cold. £12;

trouva.com

3 FOR FAMILIES IN CORNWALL

Azure CARBIS BAY

Azure, so-named for its sweeping views of the crystal-clear Carbis Bay, is a spacious and luxurious home set over two floors, complete with hot tub. An ideal family getaway.

cornishgems.com

The Bluehouse WATERGATE BAY

A 7-bedroom luxury cottage with a cinema room and playroom as well as children's items, books and beach toys. The local area, meanwhile, boasts excellent activities for all ages.

bluehousewgb.co.uk

Latitude50 NORTH CORNWALL

Hand-picked self-catering properties ranged around North Cornwall's finest spots. We love the website's journal, too, where you'll find local itineraries for sunny days, dog-owners and more.

latitude50.co.uk

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