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The Maldives has long been a draw for British families in search of immaculate beaches and five-star resorts. At Baros Maldives (seen here), children can connect with nature in original ways, planting coral with a marine biologist (then, after returning home, checking its progress online) and catching, cooking and eating their supper. Kuoni offers seven nights, half board, including flights, from £6,870 for a family of four. Call 01306-747738; www.kuoni.co.uk



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

On one side of Curtain Bluff in Antigua is a reef that protects sandy beaches; on the other there is lively Atlantic surf. In other words, this is the ideal place for all manner of water sports. The peninsula-set hotel is all-inclusive, so children can order soft drinks at the bar, without giving their parents a shock at checkout time. The resort re-opens October 23, and, with it, a new Kids' Club, offering nature courses to children between 4 and 10. Elegant Resorts offers seven nights all-inclusive from £11,300 for a family of four. Call 01244-897538; www.elegantresorts.co.uk

GREATEST ANTILLES

Two miles of beach, an equestrian centre and a 'dolphin lagoon' are among the many charms of Half Moon, Jamaica. There is also a children's village crammed with diversions of every kind. Rooms, many with pools, lie along the bay's picturesque curve. Carrier offers seven nights from £5,085 for a family of four. Call 0161-491 7620; www.carrier.co.uk

