

## Four of the best...eco-friendly February half term breaks

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Whether you're in the market for an organic French farm or a spot of skiing in the Scottish Cairngorms, there's an eco-friendly half term break for you and your family

Europe is home to some of the most beautiful winter landscapes in the world, whether you're contemplating a Scottish staycation or heading south to the Alps. Better still, there's absolutely no need to fly with most of the continent's (and the UK's) prettiest Alpine panoramas within striking distance of a railway station. What's more, taking public transport instead of the car can be a positive boon when travelling with children', as Charlotte Hindle, author of the *Lonely Planet Guide to Travelling with Children* pointed out.

'Don't assume that the car is always the easiest way to travel,' she says. 'If you don't have too much luggage, taking public transport is great for children and they tend to enjoy it. Ferries are particularly exciting and it's easy to go as a foot passenger.'

So where are this winter's child-friendly hotspots to be found? Between the stunning scenery of the Alps, Europe has some of best skiing conditions on the planet. Choose eco accommodation powered by renewable energy, which will cut down your carbon footprint by more than half. Away from the slopes, try getting back to nature with moonlit walks in France or even a spot of yoga during a child-free moment. Whatever you're looking for, travel journalist and green travel expert, Holly Tuppen, has come up with something to suit your needs and your budget.

### Winter Wonderland Holiday on a Forest Farm, Halsingland, Sweden

Experience life on a working Swedish farm and enjoy heaps of activities in the beautiful, snow-drenched countryside including ice fishing, sleigh rides and cross country skiing. This holiday, offered by Nature Travels, is an excellent option for families.

**Get there:** Accommodation is only two and a half hours from Stockholm and transfers to and from the nearest station are included in the price. See [Seat61.com](http://Seat61.com) to find out more about getting from London to Stockholm by ferry and train.

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