

## **Things to do with Kids**

Hi there,

Cathy here, myself and Derek own these villas and we visit regularly with our own children, aged 8 and 9. Here's what our kids love to do.....besides the 8 hours a day they spend in the pool!

### **The Zoo – La Lajita Zoo**

There are lots of animals here but the three big attractions for my kid's are

- the opportunity to have a photo taken with a parrot on your head
- the "Crocodile Dundee" style show (they've loads of alligators!)
- the aviary, with a huge variety of birds, lizards, camodo dragons etc.

Oasis Park is a Zoo and Botanical Gardens in the south of Fuerteventura. The Zoo features over 200 species including Alligators, Monkeys, Giraffes, Zebras and Birds. The 200,000 Square meters of Botanical Gardens, which feature many Endemic Species and Cacti, can be enjoyed from the back of a Camel on the Camel Safari.

### **Beaches**

There are gorgeous beaches all over Fuerte but here are our two favourites; Corralejo for sheer exhilaration and the local beaches for total convenience.

#### *Corralejo*

It's a huge long wide stretch of stunning beach with white, white sand and clear blue sea. It's handy for the kids as its developed i.e. you can get sun beds, umbrellas, there's toilets and a beach hut that serves some of the best food on the island; plan to have lunch there! The reason it's a particular favourite is that it's usually very wavy and as a family we've had great fun together jumping the waves and body surfing here. It is breezy though and be careful of the sun as it's stronger than you think – the environment may be a little harsh for babies. Bring a long-sleeved top for everyone and loads of sun cream, sun glasses and hats! They also do camel rides here from time to time and our kids loved that.

It's about a 35 minute drive from the villas at the golf course. Take the coast road north and follow signs for Corralejo; it's well sign-posted. After about 30 minutes you'll pass the sand-dunes and see two large hotels on the right-hand-side, both part of the Riu group. Take a right immediately after the first one and park on the end; on your left is the beach-hut cafe, loos etc so we tend to hire beds there.

### *Beaches opposite Golf Club*

This stretch of coves with beaches is walking distance from both villas. They have lovely white, soft sand and the coves are surrounded by break-water barriers (natural stone) so there are no waves and they're ideal for a gentle swim with toddlers. There are sun beds and umbrellas and there's an "island" you can walk out to with a snack restaurant, with lovely views straight over the ocean.

At the entrance to the golf club (where the villas are situated) cross over to the Atlantico Shopping Centre and walk straight through it to the coast; you'll see a row of these coves to your left.

### **Restaurants**

#### Bahia Mar, La Pared



Don't leave the island without coming here – kids or no kids! It's a fish restaurant right on the coast – both the food and the views are stunning. But for the kids its fantastic also as there's both a toddlers' pool, which you can watch as you're dining al fresco and there's a large pool for older kids with a long slide into it. Bring runners/heavy shoes i.e. not sandals as there's a short climb you can do from the restaurant up to a rocky plateau where the views down the coast on both sides are stunning. Don't forget the togs and towels!

Situated on the north west coast of Jandia, you can get to La Pared via the road from Pajara.



## Baku Water Park

<http://www.bakufuerteventura.com>

A new water-park with about 8 slides of diff scary levels, a wave pool, Jacuzzi etc  
Expensive enough so make a day of it but bring own picnic; food desperate. Overall a  
must for the kids though if they like waterslides!

## Surf School

They have small boards suitable for kids – last time we were there they were doing drop-in classes for all levels every morning.

[http://www.ventura-surf.com/escuela\\_eng.htm](http://www.ventura-surf.com/escuela_eng.htm)

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- Supervision with safety boat
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- Courses for kids (small rigs)
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## Mountain Biking

<http://www.ventura-biking.com>

Haven't tried this yet but intend to this July-have asked if kids can come; waiting for reply

