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## **Family Vacations**

Family vacations refer to leisure time and space spent with family with the intended purpose of getting away from paid work and household chores in view of an absolute and unconditional enjoyment and for parents and children to relax, play, have fun, and be together.

Historically, the experience of spending days devoted to family getaways was a distinctive practice restricted to wealthy or broadly privileged classes that frequently moved to a summer house for part of the year, leaving their usual house vacant. Family vacations as such are a recent invention. It was only after the Industrial Revolution and later developments regarding working-class rights that vacations become a generalized injunction. Withal, correspondent progression in the education system and the subsequent exemption of children from school during the summer break came to join, in the same period, parents and children: the first away from work, the second away from school. However, family vacations are not only child centered, but other portraits, scenarios, and mottos contest the uniqueness behind the concept of family vacations. Family vacations constitute a bounded liminal time experience, yet they are deeply anchored to the hidden dynamics underpinning family relationality all through the year.

## **Family Portrait on Vacation**

In media and advertisement, hegemonic representations of family vacations are well-grounded in the visual image of a heterosexual nuclear