The 8 top luxury resorts with kids' clubs that give parents more free time to relax and unwind

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Atlantis Paradise Island Bahamas

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- **Vacations should be relaxing but when traveling with kids, it can be hard to keep them entertained.**
- **Many resorts offer special kids' programs for enrichment and fun, so parents may confidently relax.**
- **We found the best resort kids clubs so everyone in the family can have the vacation of a lifetime.**

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After I became a mom, I learned fast that few family trips could properly be called a vacation for parents. In many cases, it became more about schlepping gear and trying to entertain little ones than actually relaxing.

But when I discovered the world of hotel kids clubs, everything changed. Our children found fun and enrichment, often with local, cultural tie-ins, and at the same time, provided us coverage and confidence to actually enjoy the pool, spa, or a quiet meal. My kids now consider the kids club to be one of the best parts of going away.

They also offer major value. Even when we've shelled out major cash for a fancy resort, these kids clubs come included in the nightly rate and translate to childcare, summer camp-like fun, and a memorable, fuss-free stay for all.

And I'm not talking about resorts meant for kids, where adults' tastes and preferences play second fiddle. Rather, I'm referring to sophisticated resorts you'd travel to without kids in tow that also offer excellent programming for all children. Here are our top picks in the US, Mexico, Caribbean, and South Pacific.

The best hotels and resorts with kids clubs were selected based on the following criteria:

1. Hotels are located throughout the United States, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the South Pacific, and are accessible by nonstop flights from various US metros.
2. These hotels are not geared primarily to kids. Rather, they pamper adults while also offering kids clubs and services that children will love, too.
3. Each has a Trip Advisor rating of "Very Good" or above with a substantial number of reviews and is highly rated on other trusted traveler platforms like Booking.com.
4. This selection of hotels focuses on outstanding services for kids without a price cap. They range in starting price from $119 to well above $1,000 per night for lavish inclusions like personal nanny service.
5. In addition to kids clubs, these are all world-class resorts with top-end design, amenities, and service commensurate with their price points.
6. Each hotel promotes rigorous COVID-19 policies and protocols to reassure and protect guests.

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Red Rock Casino, Resort, and Spa

A sprawling pool complex is one highlight of this impressive resort. Hotels.com

Book the Red Rock Casino Resort Spa

Category: Budget

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada

Typical starting/peak prices: $119/$398

Best for: Families, couples, groups of friends, business travelers

On-site amenities: Multiple restaurants, pool, spa, salon, casino, Kids Quest, bowling, movie theaters, meeting and event space

Pros: This is the most affordable hotel on our list with a wealth of kid-friendly options and a best-of-both-worlds balance between the excitement of Vegas and a striking natural environment.

Cons: If you're seeking the true Las Vegas Strip experience, Red Rock is not for you as it's located 10 miles away.

Red Rock is just 10 miles from the Las Vegas Strip, amid gorgeous Red

Rock Canyon. It offers the high-polish glitz you associate with Vegas, but balances that vibe nicely with its setting in a striking natural environment with access to plenty of outdoor adventures and nature.

For kids, there's a bowling alley with 72 lanes, a game room, a lounge, a snack bar, and more. Kids Quest offers hourly drop-in child care on-site, with activities for children of all ages including art, video games, karaoke, and more.

Entry-level rooms come with affordable price points on most dates and include down bedding, Egyptian cotton linens, spa-like Calcutta marble bathrooms, 65-inch high-def TVs, and views of the cliffs or the Strip.

COVID-19 procedures are available here.

Atlantis Paradise Island

Atlantis is chock full of attractions kids and parents will love from the expansive pool complex to the gorgeous beach. Tripadvisor

Book Atlantis Paradise Island

Category: Luxury

Location: Paradise Island, Bahamas

Typical starting/peak prices: $156/$450

Best for: Families, couples, groups of friends, business travelers

On-site amenities: Aquaventure water complex, spa, multiple restaurants and dining options, casino, golf, kids' concierge, and programming

Pros: This tricked-out, 171-acre resort complex has something for everyone, including a massive water park, kids club programming, and a white-sand beach.

Cons: On the flip side of the same coin, this is a massive complex and the scale will feel overwhelming for those who prefer an out-of-the-way, intimate boutique retreat.

Atlantis is a massive 171-acre resort on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. The sprawling, ocean-themed resort features accommodations built around Aquaventure, a 62-acre water complex with fresh and saltwater lagoons, pools, marine habitats, water slides, and river rides.

There are five separate towers: The Beach, The Coral, The Royal, The Cove, and The Reef, plus the Harborside Resort near the marina, each with its own unique character and price point.

All the water activities are a major draw for kids here with 11 distinctly different pools and 20 swimming areas. But there's a dedicated kids club, too with various activities and entertainment options by age group, including Cooks@Play, a hands-on cooking experience; a performance room with a stage, costumes, and makeup; and a game room featuring 12 gaming stations including Xbox 1, Xbox 360, Sony PlayStation 3, Sony PlayStation 4, a Wii Tree, and Wii-U.

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Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort &

Club

Sprawling lush grounds at Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach lead to the Pacific Ocean.
Tripadvisor

Book the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club

Category: Luxury

Location: Dana Point, California

Typical starting/peak prices: $508/$859

Best for: Couples, families, friends, reunions, travelers with pets

On-site amenities: 7 restaurants, private beach, 18-hole golf course, 3 pools, spa, outdoor fitness classes, family programs, fitness center

Pros: Each of the 400 rooms and suites offers a large private terrace or patio and even the smallest categories are spacious. Rooms are also pet-friendly.

Cons: The $50 resort fee is steep, although Hilton Diamond members receive a $50 property credit, and the fee includes free Wi-Fi. Parking is also expensive at $60 per night.

Located in Dana Point, the famous and widely loved Monarch Beach Resort was rebranded as the Waldorf Astoria Monarch Beach Resort & Club. Here, it's all about views and a vibe that exudes elegance.

The property's wide range of amenities includes an array of restaurants, shops, and activities including standout dining like an American steakhouse from Chef Michael Mina.

Many rooms have Pacific Ocean views with chic, beachy decor and large bathrooms with marble tubs, walk-in showers, and double vanities. Some patios have fire pits (with s'mores kits offered — a huge hit among kids).

When I visited with my family, I felt comfortable bringing my yet-unvaccinated kids as the property's COVID policies are informed by public health and epidemiology experts at the University of California Irvine and certified by the California Hotel & Lodging Association, with international certification from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council.

The Monarch Beach Kids Club is open to kids ages five to 12 for a half or full day of outdoor activities, swimming, treasure hunts, and games on the beach. Families can access various outdoor programming and activities across the coastal property, too, from ocean activities such as surf lessons and stand-up paddleboard tours at the private Monarch Bay Beach Club to more than 50 outdoor fitness classes, family programs, and art activities.

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Conrad Bora Bora Nui

Bring the whole family to experience an overwater bungalow. Booking.com

Book the Conrad Bora Bora Nui

Category: Luxury

Location: Bora Bora, Tahiti

Typical starting/peak prices: $740/$900

Best for: Families, couples

On-site amenities: 5 restaurants and lounges, infinity pool, Hina Spa, fitness center, water activities, butler service

Pros: Just about everywhere in Bora Bora offers some of the world's most indulgent eye candy, but the Conrad might just be located on the most stunning part of the whole drop-dead-gorgeous lagoon.

Cons: The Conrad offers a nice value in the pricey destination and it's plenty luxurious. That said, there are even more over-the-top properties in the region (Four Seasons for St. Regis, for instance) that those on a once-in-a-lifetime trip might choose if budget is no object.

This is the only resort on Bora Bora's Motu To'opua islet, which offers some of the most outstanding views you can find on the lagoon. The property also has a second islet, Motu Tapu, that's available exclusively to guests.

I honeymooned here when it was still a Hilton, and it's only gotten more stunning and amenity-rich since its major overhaul to the elevated Conrad nameplate it carries today. The fully renovated resort is located on the longest private stretch of white sand beaches and accommodations range from spacious lagoon-view suites that are just right for families to bucket-list-worthy overwater villas.

There are five restaurants and bars, plus the Hina Spa located on the hilltop with knockout views, and the Tamariki Kids' Club where young guests learn about the island's culture through activities like pareo paintings, flower crafts, and Tahitian dancing along with beachside games and treasure hunts. There are activity options for guests as young as one year old, and kids can also learn from the hotel's partnership with Manta Trust and the hotel's resident marine biologist.

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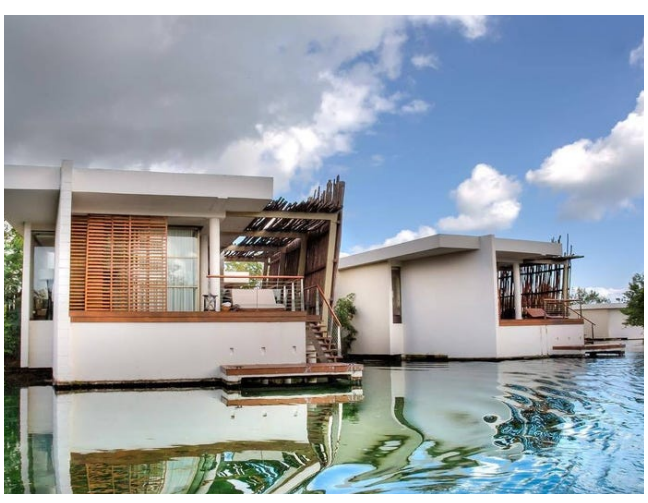
Rosewood Mayakoba



Rosewood Explorers offers eco-boat tours through the Mayakoba lagoon, where some rooms are perched on top.

Rosewood Mayakoba/Facebook

Book Rosewood Mayakoba

Location: Mayakoba, Mexico

Category: Luxury

Typical starting/peak prices: $810/$1,280

Best for: Families, couples, groups of friends, business travelers

On-site amenities: Spa, pools, fitness center, multiple restaurants, Rosewood Explorers kids club, meeting and event space

Pros: This is one of the most luxurious properties in the region with top-notch service (including butler service), and a focus on wellness as well as nature preservation and conservation.

Cons: While most reviewers overwhelmingly cite a positive experience, the few critical ones wanted more value for the money.

Technically located in Playa del Carmen, Mayakoba feels a world apart from the crowds in a lush complex comprised of mangroves, lagoons, leafy plants, and a stunning beach.

Rosewood Mayakoba is an ideal place for both luxury and family-friendly fun, offering top-notch service and major pampering. There are 129 suites, each with an open floor plan, expansive terrace, custom furnishings crafted by Mexican artisans, and private plunge pools. Some sit perched above a lagoon for an overwater feel and eight wellness suites are located on their own private island with room amenities such as a private salt-therapy pool, meditation pavilion, reflexology fountain, and in-shower aromatherapy.

While it might sound kid-averse, the opposite is true with a Rosewood Explorers program that offers a range of activities for kids including yoga, pizza and cookie-making classes, and arts and crafts. One of the most popular activities is the resort's signature scavenger hunt where kids are tasked with locating all of the hotel's onsite *alebrijes*, which are the brightly colored sculptures of mythical creatures that dot the property.

Rosewood Explorers also offers eco-boat tours through the Mayakoba lagoons with an on-site biologist, who shares details about the range of wildlife — from birds to alligators — and hundreds of indigenous flora and fauna. Evening events include movie nights on the beach with hot cocoa and popcorn.

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Four Seasons Punta Mita

Four Seasons Punta Mita has endless options for lounging outdoors, with two beaches, pools, and a lazy river. Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita

Book Four Seasons Punta Mita

Category: Luxury

Location: Punta Mita, Mexico

Typical starting/peak prices: $1,040/$1,450

Best for: Families, couples, groups of friends, business travelers

On-site amenities: 2 beaches, pools, lazy river, spa, salon, golf, tennis, Kids for All Seasons kids club, multiple dining options, on-property COVID testing (as a departure requirement or for peace of mind)

Pros: The service here is at the highest level and is warm and highly personalized. The beaches, pools, and lazy river are each outstanding places to while away hours, and the Kids for All Seasons kids club here is among the best my family has experienced in the world.

Cons: Following the resort's comprehensive multi-year, multimillion-dollar renovation, the room rates edged up in keeping with the increased value, and some travelers may find it cost-prohibitive (But consider the value in childcare alone against the cost of the room night).

This is my family's favorite kids club in the world, We have visited many times since our first visit for my twins' second birthday.

The resort just makes everything so easy and fun for families, pulling us back over and over. The kids club is like the most luxurious summer camp, and almost all of the activities are included with the room rate, which offers outstanding value if used to the fullest.

On our most recent visit in July 2021 — our first family vacation since COVID — the kids club activities were available by reservation only and limited to about six kids per activity as a COVID safety protocol. But when Mexican bingo was full, the kids club opened a separate lunchtime program just for my kids. That's the kind of service kids — and parents — can expect here.

This uncrowded-in-all-seasons resort has two secluded beaches, separated by a dramatic clifftop perch that makes an unforgettable private dinner destination for a special occasion. There's an adults-only pool and an infinity-edge all-ages pool, plus a serene lazy river that feels as if it meanders naturally through a jungle.

There are multiple dining options including the sprawling, airy two-story Dos Catrinas restaurant and lounge that anchors the center of the resort with stunning views. Bahia by Richard Sandoval is right on the sand and Aramara serves upscale Asian fare.

Entry-level lodgings come in at an expansive 645 square feet of indoor-outdoor space with room for three adults or two adults and two kids, plus sophisticated beachy decor and marble bathrooms.

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Mandarin Oriental Canouan

Located on a stretch of the white powder beach, entry-level rooms are one-bedroom suites with uninterrupted ocean views. Booking.com

Book the Mandarin Oriental Canouan

Category: Luxury

Location: St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Typical starting/peak prices: $1,040/$1,600

Best for: Families, couples

On-site amenities: 5 restaurants and bars, spa (one treatment per adult guest currently included with booking), event space

Pros: This resort is all about over-the-top intimate luxury with just 26 suites and 13 villas for a sense of isolation and privacy.

Cons: The only nonstop flight to St. Vincent and the Grenadines currently offered from the US is once weekly from Miami.

This 1,200-acre Caribbean private resort sanctuary has just 26 suites and 13 villas. Located on a stretch of the white powder Godahl Beach, Mandarin Oriental Canouan's entry-level accommodations are one-bedroom suites with uninterrupted ocean views, a light-filled living room, a balcony, and a marble bathroom.

The resort's "Pirates of Canouan"-themed kids and teen programs run daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., offering experiences included with the room rate. Indoors, kids can enjoy cooking, arts and crafts, movies, and games like ping-pong and foosball. An additional schedule of experiences rotates daily, with activities ranging from sea turtle conservation lessons (including a field trip to the on-property turtle sanctuary) to beach Olympics, and cricket and yoga.

There are also two pools — just for the kids club. One is for toddlers with splash areas and slides, and another larger pool for older children, all surrounded by mini lounge chairs and umbrellas. An outdoor playground has swings, an in-ground trampoline, a climbing frame, plus an expansive green space for soccer and cricket.

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Kokomo Private Island Resort

One-bedroom suites come with private pools and jaw-dropping views. Kokomo Private Island Fiji

Book Kokomo Private Island Resort

Category: Luxury

Location: Kokomo private island, Fiji

Typical starting/peak prices: $1,995/$2,600

Best for: Families, Couples

On-site amenities: Nannies, butlers, kids club, Yaukuve Spa Sanctuary, farm

Pros: This hotel is ultra-luxurious, which should come as no surprise considering it's also a private island. The price is inclusive of all meals, spa or scuba, activities, and services that are especially ideal for families, like laundry, a daily kids club, and even a personal butler and nanny services.

Cons: The resort is 45 minutes by seaplane to the major international airport, which is great for adventurous travelers with time — but not so much if time or access is an issue.

Kokomo Private Island is among Fiji's most exclusive private island resorts and is designed around families and multi-generational travel.

Located in Fiji's remote Celestial Kadavu Island Group (a 45-minute helicopter or seaplane flight from Nadi) the 140-acre private island resort is made up of 21 standalone luxury villas that come with their own private pool, tropical walled gardens, ocean views, and direct beach access. They feature large living areas and kitchenettes with air-conditioning and ceiling fans throughout, coupled with a master bedroom with walk-in closet, rain shower, a deep soaking bathtub and outdoor shower. There are also five hilltop residences for large families with nanny and butler services.

The family-friendly resort features various activities including a kids club, a teen club, and nanny services. The kids club offers fish feeding, local crafts, treasure hunts, cooking classes, and movie nights. The teen club adds a bit more adventure with snorkeling, coral restoration projects, and beach games. Kokomo's nanny services are included for children up to three years old.

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FAQ: Hotels with kids clubs

Do hotel kids clubs cost money?

In many cases, hotel kids' clubs are included with the nightly room rate, and for this list, we gave special priority to those that are included this way.

In some cases, there is a separate charge per usage. Here's a good rule of thumb: the pricier the room night, the more likely it is to come with high-value inclusions such as kids club programming.

Do certain activities cost more money?

Even where kids clubs are included with the room rate, additional fees are sometimes charged for activities involving extra supplies or prep, such as tie-dying T-shirts or making chocolates from scratch. Parents will be notified of these fees upfront, and can typically charge them to the room.

Is it safe to stay in a hotel?

While hotels do provide opportunities for face-to-face interactions with staff and other guests in common spaces like check-in desks, lobbies, and dining venues, experts say guests who exercise proper precautions can stay safely in hotels.

No travel is completely risk-free and we recommend following CDC current guidelines as well as all applicable local protocols at the time of travel.

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