

# Kidcations

2015 EDITION

**Sunwing  
Smile Resorts™**  
More for the family

**Best apps for kids**  
Tips for travelling with tots  
Meet the new kidcation testers

A SplashWorld™

## waterslide guide

How the  
**Family Collection™**  
puts kids first

**The Family Collection™**  
puts kids first



I'm a vacation reviewer



**kid-ca-tion-er** n. 1. A savvy, outgoing youngster under 16 years old who loves having a good time while on vacation. 2. Dedicated youth(s) who may be selected to be sent on vacation to test out the coolest offerings, amenities and accommodations at select resorts in Sunwing's Family Collection™. 3. Kid vacation reviewer.

We are focused on families. We have designed kid-geared family vacations - what we fondly call, "Kidcations" - featuring top-tier, family-friendly amenities, entertainment, facilities and activities in beachfront locations across Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. We've handpicked these resorts for our Family Collection™, as they feature all the large and small details that go into creating a memorable vacation for everyone - and these resorts are only available through Sunwing Vacations. Not only that, we know that families want the best value for their vacations, that's why we offer plenty of perks, including free deals for kids, special prices for teens, and more at our roster of Smile Resorts™, while free water park access abounds at Sunwing's SplashWorld® resorts on or off site. In a nutshell, Sunwing's Kidcations cater to the unique needs of kids and their families - because we like to ensure that every member of the family is treated like a VIP.

I'm a Kidcationer

**Kidcation™**  
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Royalton  
Luxury Resorts



Water park at Royalton White Sands Montego Bay

Experience

All-In Luxury™



Water park



Clubhouse Kids Clubs



Hangout Teens Clubs



Royalton Luxury Resorts were designed with family-friendly accommodation options, kids menus to please everyone, and loads of activities.

### **Kids Adventures**

Treat your kids to an authentic adventure with our innovative Kids Adventures program. Designed for a range of ages, these supervised programs set the backdrop for memorable experiences in an environment that is casual, fun and safe.

### **Clubhouse Kids Clubs welcome our newest guests**

Children ages four to 12 will be able to socialize with others their own age while interacting with our newest guests, Max & Ruby™ and Mike The Knight™, watching cartoons, discovering the playground, and playing various games in secure facilities.

### **Max & Ruby**

Give the whole family an experience to remember when you visit Royalton Resorts, and encounter everyone's favourite bunny siblings, Max & Ruby. Enjoy live appearances, themed activities, and evening entertainment with the loveable and adventurous pair.

### **Mike the Knight**

Set off on a family adventure at Royalton Resorts with your favourite knight-in-training, Mike the Knight. Join the knightly mission and participate in games, activities, scheduled appearances, and live shows with this brave young hero. Don't forget your camera!

### **Hangout Teens Club**

The perfect haven for 13 to 17-year-olds, these lounges feature fun-tastic games, playstation rooms, Wi-Fi areas with charging stations, billiards and ping pong tables.



**Enjoy**  
Royalton Luxury  
Resorts for  
families

## **Memorable experiences**

Make your family vacation at Royalton Luxury Resorts truly memorable. A great selection of age-appropriate activities, supervised by our team of professionals, will keep your children busy and entertained throughout your stay.

Engage in a variety of sports and activities, including beach volleyball, ping pong, cooking classes, dance classes, trivia games, Beach and Pool Olympics, aerobics classes, and weight-training with professional instruction. Take a dip in the splash pool by day, then watch live shows and performances at the open-air theatre by night. Non-motorized sports like snorkelling and kayaking are always popular, while the introductory scuba diving lessons in the pool attract adventure-seeking vacationers.

## Doodles from the editor

Since I can remember, I've grown up in transit; and now, with my own family of three - and four-year-old in tow - I have each family vacation nailed down to a science. Researching, planning, booking, packing and travelling have all become individual pieces of the vacation pie that need our full attention. With so many requests, needs and dependencies to juggle we sometimes wonder how we even leave the house! I try, desperately, to travel with two mantras that most parents should keep in mind: Stay flexible and keep cool. Travelling requires a lot of flexibility, and demands a "water off a duck's back" attitude. From budget balancing to flying jitters, it's easy to get lost in all the details - and there are a lot! With plenty of cumulative experience as travellers and parents, Sunwing's savvy staff of moms and dads (and lots of adoring aunts and uncles) have the low-down on family vacations, with the best tips on what to pack, how to budget and plan, where to stay, and what to do when you get there. This year, while doling out our expert travel advice on family vacations to moms and dads, we have started to shift our focus to kids, because the best family vacation reviews come from the kids after all, and ultimately, their opinions on travel matter! Whether its kid-friendly food options, fun pool activities, mind-blowing excursions or comfy rooms, we want to hear from the kids! That's why we have recently started naming our kid-centric family vacations, "Sunwing Kidcations." We kicked off this new idea by running a Kidcation Tester Contest this summer, and it was a huge success! As a result, we will be sending four lucky kids (and teens) to various resorts in Sunwing's Family Collection™. We are excited for upcoming contests that highlight our Family Collection, Smile Resorts



and SplashWorld Resorts™ as we build our team of Kidcation Testers who can provide their seal of approval on our specially designed family vacations.

See page 44 to learn more about our new Sunwing Kidcation Testers, and find out how to enter the next Kidcation Tester Contest for the chance to win a family vacation and get your kid(s) hired for the coolest job on earth!

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*Memories*  
Splash  
Punta Cana

Travelling with your family? Memories Splash Punta Cana Resort and Spa is the perfect resort in which to book your vacation in the Dominican Republic. You can create unforgettable memories with your loved ones, and enjoy some quality time away from the daily grind.

Memories Splash Punta Cana Resort and Spa welcomes guests of all ages, allowing the adults some one-on-one time while the kids socialize and engage in age-appropriate activities at the Kids Adventure Club and Teens Lounge. From table tennis to trivia games, aerobic classes to mini-golf, replace "I'm bored" with "this is a blast!"

Memories Splash Punta Cana is one of the best family resorts in the Dominican Republic. In addition to a wide range of family-friendly activities, it is also home to the renowned Splash Water Park. The family friendly activities at Memories Splash Punta Cana include:

**Largest  
 water park  
 in the  
 Caribbean!**

**Berenstain Bears® and Toopy and Binoo™ welcome you!**

**BERENSTAIN BEARS**

The Berenstain Bears have touched the hearts of families for over 50 years. Now you can re-live the excitement with your children when you book a vacation at the Memories Resort and experience live appearances, activities, and interactive fun with Brother and Sister.

**TOOPY AND BINOO**

Turn your vacation into an adventure with the beloved characters, Toopy and Binoo, at Memories Resorts. The playful and spontaneous pair, along with Patchy Patch, will entertain the whole family with interactive appearances, activities, games, and a live show.



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**Kids Adventures:** Fun-filled activities designed for a range of ages, featuring kids' characters, special and safe facilities, cartoons, games and playgrounds.

**Kids Club:** Fun-filled activities for children ages four -12 years old, with fun-filled activities, kids characters, are housed in safe and special facilities, cartoons, games and playgrounds.

**Teens Lounge:** Age-appropriate activities for teens between the ages of 13 and 17 feature engaging games, Play Station rooms, a Wi-Fi area with charging stations, a billiards table, and table tennis.

**Sports and recreational activities for families:** Enjoy a wide variety of sports, entertainment and recreational activities available throughout the resort, including access to the Splash Water Park, beach volleyball, table tennis, tennis, access to televised sporting events with the sports bar's Sports Events Guarantee™, trivia games, beach and pool Olympics, aerobics classes, a fitness centre weight training with professional instruction, a disco, theatre and motorized water sports (\$).



A young child with curly blonde hair is sitting on an orange inflatable ring in a swimming pool. The child is looking down and to the right with a slight smile. The background shows a clear blue pool and green foliage.

The best  
family  
holiday



# Memories

## Resorts & Spa

Travel with the ones you love and create unforgettable memories. The large and spacious rooms offer all the amenities and services families need for the ultimate in comfort and relaxation, while the friendly staff will help you enjoy a worry-free and fun family vacation in paradise.

With a wide variety of family friendly activities and services, you can rest assured that you and your children will enjoy one of the best family holidays in Cayo Coco, Cayo Santa Maria, Varadero and Holguin. Experience fun for all ages at this amazing all inclusive resort, and share in the excitement and entertainment. Parents can even spend precious time alone while children are being entertained at the Kids Club, supervised by warm and professional staff.

### KIDS ADVENTURES

Fun-filled activities, designed for a range of ages, feature kids characters, special and safe facilities, cartoons, games and playgrounds.

### BABY CLUB

Available at select Memories properties in Cuba for children up to three years old. The littlest travellers will enjoy age-appropriate activities within a safe and secure facility.

### KIDS CLUBS WELCOME OUR NEWEST GUESTS

Children, ages four to 12, will be able to socialize with others their own age while interacting with our newest guests, the Berenstain Bears® and Toopy and Binoo™; watching cartoons, discovering the playground, and playing various games in secure facilities.

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# reasons to



Add even more value to your picture-perfect family vacation by taking advantage of additional perks that will have everyone smiling at a range of family-friendly resorts offered only by Sunwing. Inspired by carefree family moments under the sun, we fittingly call these our Smile Resorts™.

When you see the Smile logo, here are some of the perks you can expect to enjoy:

**Up to two kids (two-12 years old) stay, play and eat FREE - every night of the year!**

Book your family vacation with confidence, knowing that Sunwing offers the best deal, even over Christmas, Spring Break and March Break. This exclusive offer for families applies to two children under the ages of 12 on the date of the return flight.\*.

**Exclusive deals for teens (13-17 years old) – every night of the year!**

Why should you pay an adult rate when your child turns 13? If you're travelling with teens, take advantage of extra savings – now that's worthy of a smile, even from your teen!

**Don't pay double when travelling solo – every night of the year!**

If you're the sole parent travelling with your child(ren), there's no single supplement to pay when you share a room.

Always giving  
you more  
reasons to  
Smile



\*For resorts that can only accommodate one child per room, this offer applies to only one child.



“When I don’t  
hear a peep  
from my kids  
about being  
bored, that  
makes me  
smile!”

### There’s more!

**Enjoy these additional Smile features:**

- Guest’s beach towels are in the room upon arrival
- A 1-litre bottle of water is replaced in the room each day
- Unlimited access to the Smile Kids Club program
- Fun in shaded playground or play area
- Splash-tastic kids pools (many with shaded areas)

Now that’s something to smile about!

A young child in blue and red patterned shorts is climbing an orange slide. The slide is part of a large, colorful water park structure with a rainbow-colored top and a purple and blue textured side. In the background, there are palm trees, a blue sky, and a blue mushroom-shaped water feature. Another child is visible in the background near a pool.

Hotels for children...

in a world  of fun!



**Kidcation™**

**REVIEWED**

Riu Hotels' family friendly properties are located right on the beach, in addition to a plethora of water activities and sports, RIU offers a whole world of fun for the youngest travellers in your family ensuring everyone will have an unforgettable experience.

**RIULAND: RUN, JUMP, DANCE AND SMILE WITH CALÚ**

Come and meet Calú, a friendly sea turtle born on one of RIU's wonderful beaches. After meeting the friendly hotel entertainers and their young guests, Calú fell in love with this world of activities and fun. Calú invites families to visit and experience the RiuLand entertainment program, where children come first.

It is the wide range of activities that make the ClubHotels stand out. With facilities such as swimming pools with slides, water games and competitions, outdoor recreational areas, play areas inside the hotel and even Calú's dance routine, a full program of fun for all the family awaits you every day on your vacation.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation.



# ASK

## the expert

By Candace Derickx  
YummyMummyClub.ca blogger



### What are your best tips for flying with kids?

Our kids range from 10 to 22, and we've travelled with them at stages from infant to adult. While methods may vary, travel needs are universal for all ages. Kids (and parents!) want three things while travelling: Comfort, amusement, and sustenance.

Infants are relatively easy when it comes to comfort – that's you! Since you'll likely be holding your baby often while travelling, make sure you're dressed for comfort. A pashmina shawl takes up practically no space in your carry-on, and it's perfect for keeping a chill away. Toddlers can bring their own blankie or stuffed toy for comfort and warmth while travelling; and for older kids and teens, travel pillows are a great investment. Make sure everyone is dressed comfortably in layers so they can adjust to varying temperatures from terminal, to plane, to destination.

Parents bristle at cries of, "I'm bored," and while you can send kids outside to play at home, that's not an option while travelling. Board books, lullabies and classic hand games like peek-a-boo are great for infants. Don't stress if baby becomes fussy - it's bound to happen, and completely natural. For pre-schoolers and older kids, tablets are your best friend for travel. Load them up with books, games, music and movies. They're also great for keeping up with schoolwork.

Because of their limited battery life, make sure you have fully-charged battery packs for each device in your carry-on. I also recommend going old-school by packing paper and pens for children to keep a travel journal, or for games like Tic Tac Toe.

Feed kids a full meal before leaving for the airport, even though you'll likely hear, "I'm hungry," at least once at the airport.





Keep calorie-dense granola bars in your purse, and as tempting as bringing fruit is, leave it at home if travelling outside of the country. For infants, bring a small cooler bag to store breast milk or formula. Look for “squishy packs” of baby food for older toddlers who can feed themselves, and worries about breakage are eliminated. Your flight attendant can help you with ice to keep items cool.

Make sure you pack an empty water bottle in each child’s carry-on. Once through customs, you can fill it. They’re better for the environment and your wallet! Personalize bottles with stickers to make them easily identifiable. Once you’re on board, however, you can breathe a sigh of relief because there’s no need to worry about empty stomachs with Sunwing’s award-winning Champagne Service, which includes complimentary meals and snacks.

### What if my child becomes ill while we’re away?

My family travels often, so the odds are stacked against us, and my kids have had their fair share of illnesses on holidays. From colds to bronchitis, sprained ankles and stitches - we’ve seen it all. Thankfully, kids are resilient, and after medical attention, we’ve gone on to have excellent vacations.

First and foremost, do not leave the country without travel medical insurance. Sunwing offers an excellent Worry Free Plan covering trip cancellation up to three hours before departure, and medical coverage if you need it while on vacation.

If your child becomes ill in destination, take heart; they’re in good hands. Medical centres in four and five-star resorts exclusive to Sunwing Vacations have highly-trained doctors and nurses on site or on-call. Just contact the front desk and they’ll connect you to receive the necessary care. Sticking to bottled water is the best plan to avoid possible stomach upsets.





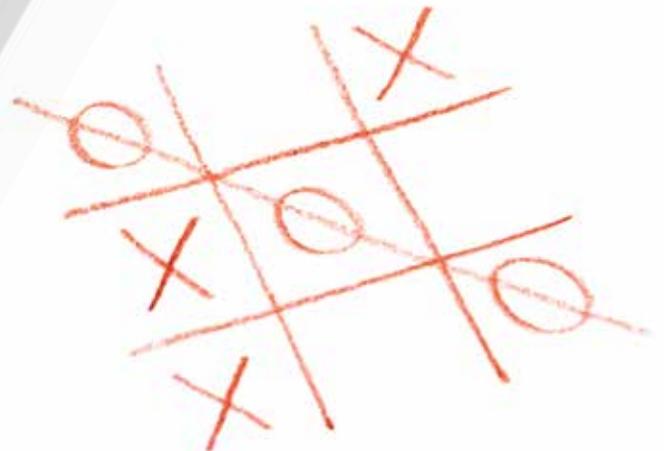
# Ask the expert

## How can I help my kids cope with jetlag?

Jetlag is an inevitable part of travelling long distances, but it doesn't have to ruin a vacation. For destinations with less than a three-hour difference, try and stay on regular schedule according to the time of your destination. Eat lunch at noon in your new locale if that's when you ate at home. You'll be "converted" in no time. Trips taking you more than three hours off your clock need to be adjusted. Allow babies and children to nap and sleep longer, gradually pulling them back (or pushing forward) in order to acclimate to new time zones. Don't plan any big activities for the first few days until you're on track.

## How do you protect your kids from the sun?

Waterproof sunblock (30 SPF or higher, applied liberally and often) is a must under tropical sunshine. Additionally, rashguards (UV-protective clothing) and wide-brimmed hats are a great defense out in the sun. Seek shade under an umbrella while lounging around the pool or at the beach, and stay hydrated! Drink lots of water, and get kids out of the sun during the hottest hours and into the cool fun of the kids club or teens club. This is also a great time for you to escape to the spa.



## How do you keep in touch with loved ones?

With All-In Connectivity™ at exclusive Sunwing.ca resorts like Royalton Riviera Cancun, I don't bother adding a travel package to my cellular. It's easy to stay in touch with loved ones via Skype, Instagram and Facebook using the free Wi-Fi at the resort. But be careful – you don't want to overdo amazing sunset shots! No use making your friends too jealous while taking in your gorgeous surroundings.

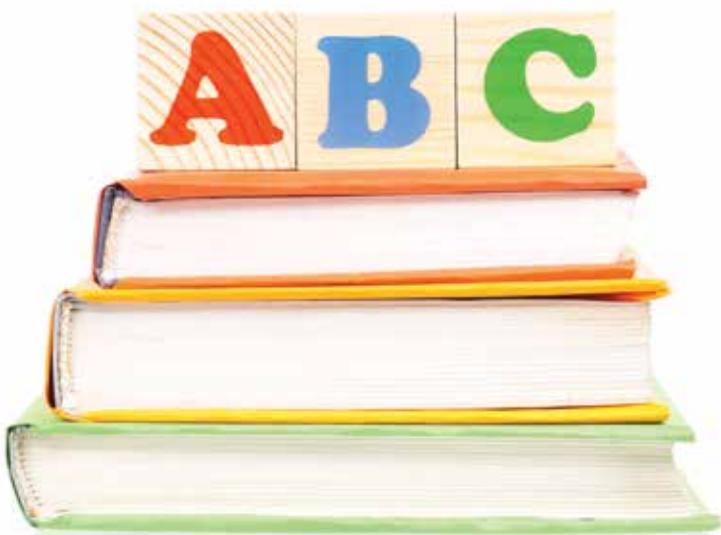
## How do you and your family truly experience the culture/activities of the destination?

I wouldn't dream of visiting a foreign country and not leaving the resort. It's an opportunity for learning under the guise of family fun!

First, decide if you're a surf or turf kind of family - or both! If water beckons you, definitely check out dolphin encounters or snorkelling adventures off catamarans. In Mexico, don't miss experiencing freshwater cenotes - notable at Xel-Há and Xcaret.

If you prefer *terra firma*, don't miss ATV tours through the jungle, or horseback riding along sandy shores. For those who want it all, most destinations booked through Sunwing offer a mix of adventures. In the morning you'll zipline under jungle canopies, followed by afternoon snorkelling with stingrays. The choices are endless.

Don't miss the chance to get to know people who make a country great. I recommend at least one city tour to absorb the culture. Connect with your NexusTours representative upon arrival to find the best excursions for your family.



Candace Derickx keeps her restless family's passports full with travel by plane, train, and automobile — or even motorhome when they feel a sudden travel itch. She's learned through trial and error (mostly error) the best ways to keep kids amused while travelling at every age. You can find her sharing stories about travel, food, and family at Life in Pleasantville, Go RVing, Ottawa Family Living, and YummyMummyClub.ca. In the fall, she will be on YTV with her family reviewing one of the hottest resorts in Sunwing's Family Collection™.



The vacation  
of a lifetime

**can**cun

Puerto Morelos · Isla Mujeres · Holbox · Contoy



Your family will never run out of things to do during a vacation in Cancun! Enjoy a wide range of water sports, adventures or take the family to one of our world-renowned Mayan sites.

Here are some ideas that will help with planning an itinerary for a fun-filled vacation of a lifetime, in this paradise.

#### **CANCUN WATER SPORTS**

Water sports in Cancun will delight even the most ardent water babies. Cancun also offers some of the best scuba diving and snorkelling in the natural parks, lagoons, cenotes and reef systems along the coast of the Hotel Zone.

#### **CANCUN ADVENTURE**

For the most exhilarating adventure tours, look no further. Cancun adventure tours are suitable for all the family. Enjoy some of the longest ziplines in Latin America, go mountain biking, drive through the jungle in ope-top Jeeps and swim in cenotes. These tours can be tailor-made to be as challenging or as laid-back as you choose.

#### **CANCUN CULTURE**

Cancun's traces of Mayan culture are its crown jewels. The aura of mystery and majesty still lingers around the Mayan archaeological sites such as Chichen Itza, Tulum and Coba to mention but a few. All within easy reach of Cancun when you book an excursion with Nexus Tours, it's an experience not to be missed.

Cancun's world-class championship golf courses are every golfer's dream! Aside from the fact that they are located in some of the most beautiful natural settings imaginable, the golf courses in Cancun and Riviera Maya meet the highest standards set by professional golf tournaments and expert golfers.

There are so many things to do in Cancun that a vacation here truly offers something for everyone!

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation in this destination.

**México**  
LIVE IT TO BELIEVE IT



*It's a family affair*



Travelling with your family is an experience unlike any other. Not only are you spending quality time and reconnecting with your loved ones, but you are building memories that last a lifetime. At Starfish Resorts, we certainly feel that everyone deserves to have the time of their lives, no matter the age. Our carefully designed family amenities offers just that with a range of activities, sports, and supervised kids programs to keep children of all ages entertained. This allows parents to rekindle their relationship with some one-on-one time, worry-free.



 **Starfish**  
Resorts





# Flying as a family

To help make getting to your destination part of the journey, Sunwing Airlines has designed its Champagne Service to start the moment your family boards the plane.

#### **Celebrate your family vacation the moment you board**

To toast your well-deserved break, the cabin crew offers “grown-ups” a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Beverage service features a selection of fruit juices and soft drinks, along with complimentary Canadian wine with meals. Choose from a selection of premium brand liquor, beer, snacks and other beverages at a cost.

#### **Friendly and professional at 30,000 feet**

As you embark on your journey, you will share the skies with friendly, skilled professionals who offer a smile, hospitality, and a welcome hand of help on board.

#### **Delightful dining in the air**

After you refresh with a hot towel service, you'll enjoy dining on delicious Hot & Fresh Bistro Meals™. Enjoy a bevy of choice (pizzettas are a great choice for the kids!) with complimentary Canadian red or white wines, followed by a tasty dessert. Should you wish to receive a vegetarian, low sodium or kids meal, you can make this request at the time of booking at least 72 hours before the day of your departure.

#### **Caring about kids**

The cabin crew are dedicated to ensuring that your family enjoys a smooth trip, and with that comes a complimentary Sunwing Kiddie Kit filled with activities like puzzles and colouring projects to engage with on board, as well as a beach ball to enjoy on your vacation.

The on-board experience also features a great selection of audio and video entertainment, including first-run movies like top-rated Disney flicks, generous 20-kg luggage allowance per person, and duty-free shopping. The team at Sunwing are eager to welcome you on board, where you and your family can sit back, relax, and enjoy the ride.

#### **Fly like a VIP**

A popular enhancement to a family vacation comes with some VIP benefits. The Sunwing Premium Plan is ideal for budget-savvy families who are looking for extra comfort, added perks and peace of mind. For only \$60 for each passenger, families can enjoy advance seat selection, priority advance booking (ideal for large families), guaranteed NO currency and fuel surcharge increase, the administrative fee waived (if necessary), priority express check-in, plus a \$50 voucher towards a future Sunwing holiday, a total value of \$350.

Life's a journey  
not a  
destination



### Indulge on your in-flight experience

Max out your family's comfort on board. If extra room to stretch those little toes out, and an added 10 kilograms of checked luggage per person hits the mark, consider upgrading to Elite Plus. Other perks like priority check-in (available at a majority of destinations) and boarding, as well as advance seat selection, are available for an additional \$50 each way. And yes, you can also pre-book exit rows (as long as you review and adhere to Transport Canada regulations).

Do the kiddies want to watch the clouds drifting by with window seats? Advance Seat Selection costs an additional \$20 per seat, each way, however, if you're already an Elite Plus member, you'll be guaranteed advance seat selection free of charge. Visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) for more details.

### Pre-boarding pampering

Start the pampering before you reach your all inclusive resort. The First Class Lounge is a haven that will ease you into the relaxing rhythm of your much-needed family vacation, featuring comfortable seating, a hot buffet of delicious fare, a self-serve bar, showers, magazines, newspapers, and a TV. If the prospect of pre-boarding pampering sounds enticing, head to [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to pre-purchase the Plaza Premium Lounge offer for \$25 per person. The walk-in rate is also available for \$35 per person at Toronto, Edmonton and Vancouver airports. Nothing beats enjoying first-class service with your loved ones on your way to paradise!

\*To book Advance Seat Selection or to upgrade to Elite Plus, visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) or call 1-800-668-4224.

## What's included in Champagne Service?

On board Sunwing Airlines EVERY guest receives Champagne Service at no additional cost (available on select flights).

### This includes:

- A Bon Voyage glass of sparkling wine
- Hot towel service
- Hot & Fresh Bistro Meals™ or hot snacks (service differs on Florida flights)
- Wine with meals (on select flights)
- Select snacks
- First-run movies
- Free non-alcoholic beverages for the kiddies
- Free checked baggage up to 20 kg per person
- Free 5-kg carry-on plus one personal item (including a purse, laptop bag or diaper bag)

# A popular pick for family vacations? **Palladium!**



**PALLADIUM**  
HOTELS & RESORTS

When choosing a vacation, finding ideal family-friendly resorts that cater to kids, teens AND parents can be tricky. One hotel chain, however, continually comes up in conversation – Palladium Resorts and Hotels.

Palladium's supervised kids clubs entice with daily programs loaded with sports and entertainment that specifically cater to different age groups, including unique and ever-so-cool activities such as archery and water polo.



While the tiniest of travellers will enjoy hanging out with familiar favourites, Raggs and Friends, as they join dance and sing-along parties, character breakfasts and Broadway-inspired shows!

Enjoy the spectacular beachfront location and kid-friendly options of these stand-out resorts, located on the fine shores of Punta Cana, Riviera Maya and Montego Bay. With exchange privileges that allow families to “play” at neighbouring Palladium properties, these resorts offer an array of facilities and activities to please everyone.

#### **Food allergies are handled with utmost care**

All families are unique, and Palladium has many that cater to them. Collaborating with professional dietitians, the chefs at Palladium have created allergy-compliant recipes so they can offer guests with various food allergies and sensitivities a wide array of carefully prepared gourmet options.

#### **Don't forget Mom and Dad**

A vacation at a Palladium resorts also means that Mom and Dad can relax. Check out Zentropia Spa at select Palladium resorts in Riviera Maya, Riviera Nayarit, Montego Bay and Punta Cana, which feature a selection of soothing and invigorating treatments to detox the mind, body and soul. Treat weary muscles with a couples massage, soak in a Turkish bath or Vichy shower, and indulge in a moisturizing body wrap. Whatever treatment you decide to pamper yourself with, our highly-qualified staff will tend to your every whim.

With superb beachfront locations, indulgent wellness packages, and delectable culinary offerings, a rejuvenating and energizing holiday at Palladium is just the ticket to return to the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.

**Kidcation™**  
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Experience the  
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FAMILY  
COLLECTION™**



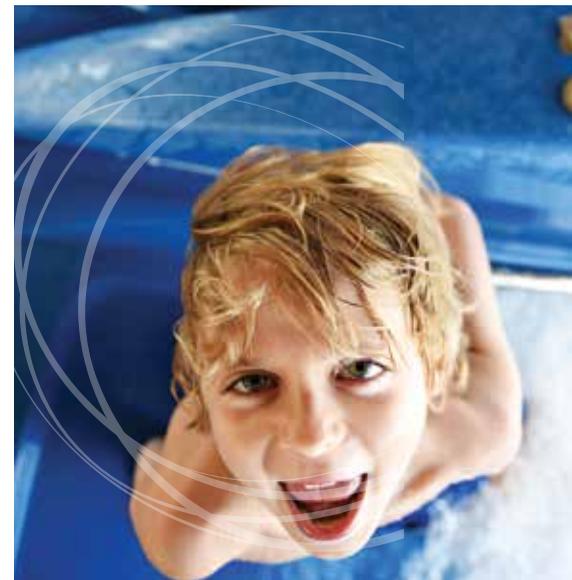
Whisking your family away on vacation has never been easier with Sunwing's exclusive Family Collection™. Our travel experts have carefully selected the best all inclusive, family friendly resorts in stunning beachfront destinations across the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America to suit your unique needs. What's more, they're exclusive to Sunwing Vacations.

to find the resort that suits your family the best. Our Family Collection resorts include all the details – from the tiny to titanic – that go into creating a memorable vacation for everyone.

For the full list of hotels and resorts in our Family Collection, visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca).

Every parent knows that travelling with the whole family can be an extremely rewarding, yet sometimes stressful experience. By handpicking top-rated, all inclusive beachfront resorts that feature the important things like age-specific, supervised kids clubs, a variety of room types, and kids "Stay, Play and Eat FREE" deals, the experts at Sunwing can help eliminate the hassle of having to research and scour the web

"the best all inclusive, family friendly resorts in stunning beachfront destinations"



**Parents and kids agree, the Family Collection resorts are an obvious choice!**

*"I am writing to tell you how grateful I am to have had the pleasure of choosing Sunwing as our airline of choice for our family vacations! All the extras your company provides make the entire experience more enjoyable and special. In our experience, you have found a way to make travel and vacations a truly safe, relaxing and overall positive experience for me and my family. Thank you so much!"*

**–Lynda F.**



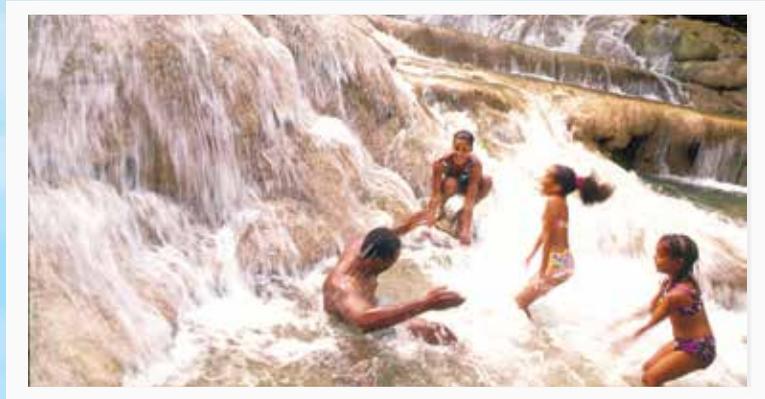
We welcome families here on the island, and we promise to take good care of you! Our naturally charming and beautiful island makes Jamaica the kind of place your whole family will enjoy – from lazy days by the lagoon to picnics on the beach.

Feel at home in our friendly resorts where we'll give you all the advice, service and entertainment to make your family holiday special, with plenty of adventures that will keep everyone smiling. From beach clubs and theme parks to fascinating island tours and artisanal treasures found at traditional marketplaces, Jamaica has something for everyone in the family to enjoy.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation in this destination.

# Plenty of adventures

to keep the whole family smiling





On the flight back from their vacations, over 50,000 families who travelled with Sunwing Vacations in the last year provided reviews of the most popular hotel and resort chains. The reviews focused on features like kid-friendly dining, fun beach & pool atmospheres, spacious accommodations, family-geared activities and service. We tallied the results of this guest feedback, and have shared the highest-rated features most commonly noted by fellow travellers. Let these reviews inspire and encourage you to plan the best all inclusive vacation experience for your family.



**8 out of 10**  
families  
gave the quality and variety  
of food & drink options  
five stars!

**85%**

of families with children  
under 17 years old  
thought the rooms were  
**comfortable and had  
great amenities**

**Guest**

**92%**

thought  
the pools &  
beach were  
**TOP  
QUALITY!**







# Family fun

Look at the family hotels of IBEROSTAR Hotels & Resorts to spend a holiday with your loved ones. At the IBEROSTAR family hotels, we know what it takes to make your family vacation a hit. We offer children entertainment programs, mini-clubs, teens clubs, children swimming pools, games and fun for all ages. Babysitting services, water parks, children discos, and much more are just some of the added extras for kid-friendly fun!

The list of recreational activities is extensive and includes swimming, sandcastle contests, Olympic games, jungle walks, movies, painting and crafts. Our young guests will also enjoy terrific food and beverages at the poolside snack bar, featuring burgers, chicken fingers, ice cream and hot dogs, while our mascots Starky and Stella, play and make them laugh.

Our beachfront resorts in the most stunning destinations in the Caribbean, including Jamaica, Dominican Republic, as well as Mexico, offer the perfect setting for the perfect vacation, where every member of the family is treated like a star.

The IBEROSTAR Hotels & Resorts' family hotels offer 50% to 90% discounts on the first and second child in your reservation.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.



**IBEROSTAR**  
HOTELS & RESORTS





By  
Zeynep  
Tuck

# Packing tips for travelling with kids



While “always be prepared” is a common mantra among most scouts and vacationers, with the way travel has evolved over the years, packing everything in your wardrobe and extras of everything in your diaper bag is no longer your best packing philosophy. Here are some tips to take the edge off of packing for your family vacation:

- Keep an open suitcase in the guest bedroom, or wherever you can squeeze it in your home, and throw items in there as you remember them at least a week or two in advance of your departure.
- Packing cubes are part of every parent’s survival kit. These handy cubes keep t-shirts, diapers, toiletries or even “everything baby” all in one easy-to-find compartment in your suitcase.
- Add an extra outfit for each toddler, preschooler or infant (and an extra t-shirt and tights for yourself) to your 5kg carry-on (when you fly with Sunwing) in case there are unexpected spills and messes on the plane.
- Wipes and re-sealable plastic bags – we recommend the sandwich and freezer-size ones – are the two handiest items you’ll pack.
- Take time to look around when you’re in destination - you might catch a shooting star or gorgeous sunset. Even though most parents are focused on their little ones, those remarkable vacation moments are sure to make us smile.
- While parents are zeroed-in on their children when travelling, kids look to their parents for guidance, especially when things don’t go exactly as planned. So parents who keep their cool during the ups and downs of travel may just steal the “best role model” title from Taylor Swift or Shawn Mendes for the week.

## In your carry-on luggage

- Your e-documents for your flight
- Passports, visas and driver's licenses
- Credit and debit cards
- Hotel reservation confirmations
- Two photocopies of the above documents (carry one set with you, leave one in the hotel room)
- Photocopies of medical and/or trip insurance coverage and prescriptions for any medication
- Phone numbers of your doctor, house/pet sitter, and credit card companies  
(in case your cards are lost or stolen)
- Prescription medicine (in the original bottle)
- Compact first-aid kit that includes Band-Aids, ibuprofen, antacid, antihistamine, diarrhea and motion sickness medicine
- Electronic devices (cameras, smartphones, laptops, tablets, e-readers etc.)
- Electronic device chargers and cables
- Memory cards
- Extra batteries or battery charger
- Sunglasses
- Travel adapter



## Most frequently forgotten items

- Bug repellent
- Favourite stuffed animals or blanket
- Packaged snacks you know they love
- A water bottle (emptied before security check)
- Sun hat
- Swim diapers
- Tissues
- Nail clippers
- After sun and after bite lotions

\*Visit the tourism board website or [flysunwing.com](http://flysunwing.com) for specific travel information pertaining to your destination.

**Here are a few  
packing  
suggestions  
to get you  
started\***

## When travelling with infants

(Luckily airlines like Sunwing allow for a 5kg carry-on for your diaper bag in addition to one personal item like a purse or laptop)

- Blankets (for nursing, coverage during a breezy flight, spills, the list goes on)
- Diaper rash cream
- Wipes
- Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer
- Travel-size bottles of baby wash, shampoo and lotion
- Extra pacifiers (if applicable)
- Diapers (especially when travelling to countries where these supplies can be expensive)
- Diaper pad
- Formula and bottles (if applicable)
- Sippy cup
- Sling or front carrier
- Collapsible stroller (that you can take all the way up to the entrance of the plane)
- Portable playard or crib (many top-rated resorts will supply one, so make sure to connect with the hotel or your travel agent to confirm)
- Plastic bags



## In your checked baggage

(Since each kid above the age of two has a generous 20kg baggage allowance on airlines like Sunwing, there's plenty of room for everyone's belongings):

- Bottoms (skirts, pants, and shorts)
- Tops (tees, tank tops, and blouses)
- Bathing suits
- Beach wrap
- Sandals
- Sundresses (can be worn by day and dressed up for the night)
- Pashmina and light sweater
- Activewear and running shoes (for excursions and tours)
- Accessories (jewellery, belts etc.)
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, deodorant, cosmetics, razors, nail file and clippers, etc.)
- Biodegradable sunscreen
- Aloe vera
- Feminine hygiene products and contraceptives



# Unforgettable

## tropical vacations

Cuba continues to be one of the most desired destinations in the world. Its unique blend of cultures, *joie de vivre*, and warm people attract many visitors year-round. It is a unique chance to discover a world that, at many times, seems attached to the past and entertains unusual images like the fusion of colonial architecture and vintage American cars that buzz around the streets.

The IBEROSTAR Hotels & Resorts in Cuba proudly features a large selection of hotels in various locations throughout the island. Each hotel is surrounded by spectacular scenery, including endless golden beaches, areas of natural paradise, and buildings rich in Cuban history. Each family-friendly hotel caters to families with kids clubs and kids menus in this Cuban paradise.

Without a doubt, Cuba is an idyllic destination for family vacations. Visitors will find everything within their reach to relax and have fun at the same time. The IBEROSTAR Hotels & Resorts in Cuba has everything for an unforgettable tropical vacation for each member of the family.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.







*Family fun in  
the Bahamas*



**NASSAU & PARADISE ISLAND**

Nassau & Paradise Island offers fun on the water for kids of all ages. There are beautiful beaches to explore, numerous underwater delights to discover while snorkeling, boating excursions to Blackbeard's Cay, catamaran cruises and glass-bottom boat rides around the harbor, day sailing trips and a powerboat adventure to the beautiful Exuma Cays, plus interactions with dolphins at Atlantis and Blue Lagoon Island.

**GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND**

Nature-based activities, the wide open spaces, a recreation center and a kid-friendly marketplace make Grand Bahama Island an ideal family vacation spot. There are interesting kids' programs available at Grand Lucayan Resort and Viva Wyndham Fortuna Beach Resort (which also features a nightly stage show that kids love). You may also wish to spend your family vacation exploring the beautiful waters and fascinating marine life in waters surrounding the island.

The Bahamas is a perfect playground for kids of all ages. Throw on a saddle and trot up and down our pristine shores on horseback. Get down and dirty with a little sand volleyball. Go bowling at one of our many resorts. Or simply build a sand castle on the beach. Kids can even attend Kids Camp, where they'll find a replica of a famous sunken Spanish galleon. Whatever piques their interest, know that you can find fun for the whole family in The Bahamas.



Meet Gabby, Mathieu, Matteo, Olivia and Tyler, the winners of the latest Kidcation Tester Contest! This winter, these five enthusiastic young travellers and their families will be heading to a few of the best resorts in Sunwing's Family Collection™. With Go-Pro in hand, they'll document their wildest moments and share them with other families looking to plan their next Kidcation! Stay tuned to follow their journey by subscribing to our YouTube channel, SunwingTV.



# Kidcation

tester  
contest  
winners



## Gabby

A self-proclaimed "comfort food foodie," Gabby loves to travel and has been blogging about her family holidays abroad at [AlwaysGabby.com](http://AlwaysGabby.com). She's honest and tells it like it is. Gabby has been selected as a Sunwing Kidcation Tester to review Memories Splash Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Stay tuned to Sunwing's YouTube channel to follow her journey. Subscribe today to watch her audition video!

**Family:** This family of four includes Gabby, 11, and her little sister, Mimi. They also have two French bulldogs, Lincoln and Maverick.

**Hometown:** LaSalle, Ontario.

**Ideal family vacation:** Food is usually the central theme for Gabby's family vacations. The perfect getaway for her family would be a place that has a lot of activities that everyone can do together. Another thing they enjoy doing is immersing themselves in the local culture. If Gabby's family are able to do one thing that involves that, they are very happy travellers.

**Winning personality traits:** Kindness, compassion and confidence.

**Things to learn from Gabby:** Life is meant to be lived and enjoyed; don't sweat the small stuff!

**Areas of expertise:** Gabby is a sports nut, she loves to stay active. She plays soccer and runs track. She loves music and plays the guitar. Gabby says that she is a "comfort food foodie" because she loves trying the local comfort food wherever her family travels.

**Most memorable travel moment:** During a family "foodie" trip to Toronto - that included chicken and waffles, deep fried hotdogs over rice, and gourmet doughnuts - a seagull decided it wanted in on the grub. It swooped in and ate the hotdog straight from Gabby's dad's bun. Everyone had a good laugh!



*"We enjoy making memories, spending quality time together and seeing sites that we've only seen in history books or magazines."*

**-Gabby's mom**

Memories Splash Punta Cana

## Mathieu

Mathieu is a boy who really loves sports; he plays many, including hockey, basketball, football and soccer, and would play more if he could. He's always smiling and ready to have fun! Mathieu has been selected as a Sunwing Kidcation Tester to review Grand Memories Varadero in Cuba. Stay tuned to Sunwing's YouTube channel, to follow his journey. Subscribe today to watch his audition video.

**Family:** In this family of four, Mathieu is 11, and his older sister, Corine is 12.

**Hometown:** Charlesbourg, Quebec City.

**Places already visited:** The Dominican Republic and Cuba.

**Ideal family vacation:** Doing unique activities, while also leaving time to relax and have fun at the beach and pool. Going on excursions to discover the destination, its local customs and landscapes are all necessary to a perfect vacation for Mathieu's family.

**Winning personality traits:** Sense of humour and good spirit.

**Things to learn from Mathieu:** He absolutely loves playing video games and he's really good – it's hard to keep up with him.

**Areas of expertise:** Mathieu loves all team and individual sports. He loves to swim and to make waves. He also really likes to cook, but that is mostly a family activity. He likes all things that revolve around video games, tablets, computers and technology. He also likes to read, especially comics!

**Most memorable travel moment:** During a vacation in the Dominican Republic, Mathieu and his family joined in on a foam party at the resort's pool, where a gigantic foam canon and hip-shaking music had them dancing all night long with the other guests!

*"Our daily routine is full of different activities, so travelling as a family gives us the chance to talk, laugh and have fun together."*

**-Mathieu's mom**

Grand Memories Varadero







## Matteo & Olivia

Matteo and Olivia have always been front and centre of their family. Olivia is the risk-taker, and is always ready to get outside of her comfort zone.

Matteo is the youngest member of the family and is outgoing, social and considered the family comedian. Incredibly supportive of one another, one family member's accomplishment becomes a victory for everyone. Matteo and Olivia have been selected as Sunwing Kidcation Testers to review Jewel Runaway Bay in Jamaica. Stay tuned to Sunwing's YouTube channel, Sunwing TV, to follow their journey. Subscribe today to watch their audition video!

**Family:** This family of five includes Matteo, 14, Olivia, 16, and their eldest brother Nicolas, 18.

**Hometown:** Mississauga, Ontario.

**Ideal family vacation:** Finding a destination that caters to every family member's needs and wants is essential to Matteo and Olivia's family vacation. Culture, entertainment, activities and good food are some of the characteristics their family looks for when booking a vacation.

**Winning personality traits:** Kind-hearted, compassionate and outgoing with a great sense of humour.

**Things to learn from Matteo & Olivia:** To never give up and to be fearless; live life fully and in the moment.

**Areas of expertise:** Both Olivia and Matteo are very athletic. Matteo is a rep hockey player who also enjoys playing golf, tennis and baseball. Matteo is also the self-appointed family comedian whose keen gift to be very observant allows him to imitate family members in a loving way with great ease. Olivia has a passion for figure skating. She enters competitions and enjoys not only the athletics of the sport, but also finds the art behind the performance very fulfilling.

**Most memorable travel moment:** When Olivia was five years old, her greatest wish was to meet Cinderella and Prince Charming. So her parents bravely packed up all three children (who were all under the age of six), and headed to Disney World in Florida. When Olivia finally had the opportunity to meet Cinderella, she was over the moon. However, when Prince Charming came over and bent down on one knee to place a kiss on her hand, Olivia pulled her hand away and shouted, "I don't like him anymore 'cause he has bad breath!"





Jewel Runaway Bay

*"Our favourite part about travelling as a family is being able to escape our busy lives and spend quality family time together while creating lasting memories."*

**-Matteo & Olivia's mom**



Jewel Runaway Bay



*"Spending quality time together without the typical interruptions of everyday life is the best part of travelling as a family"*

**-Tyler's dad**

## Tyler

Tyler loves to build structures and could spend days building a roller coaster out of Popsicle sticks. You'll often find him practicing his speed stacks and building LEGO. His parents love to travel and have made it a family tradition to spend two weeks every year at a Caribbean resort - so Tyler's suitcase is always packed at a moment's notice! Tyler has been selected as a Sunwing Kidcation Tester to review Sensatori Azul Riviera Cancun in Mexico. Stay tuned to Sunwing's YouTube channel to follow his journey. Subscribe today to watch his audition video.

**Family:** This family of four includes Tyler, 9, and his younger brother, Daniel.

**Hometown:** Toronto, Ontario.

**Ideal family vacation:** A perfect vacation for Tyler and his family would include a place to relax and unwind for Mom and Dad, a place that offers many different activities to keep him and his little brother busy, excellent food choices, and warm weather. Water slides are definitely a bonus!

**Winning personality traits:** Friendly, brave and always willing to help others.

**Things to learn from Tyler:** Tyler has taught his family about the importance of being environmentally friendly. As a member of his school's Eco Club, Tyler had the starring role in a video production to remind the students of all the ways that we can protect our planet.

**Areas of expertise:** Tyler loves building and all things related to architecture. He is a blue advanced belt in karate, and loves to play video games, in addition to making stop-motion movies. He is very talented in speed stacking and started the first Speed Stack Club at his school to teach other students the sport of speed stacking.

**Most memorable travel moment:** Last year, on the plane ride to Jamaica, Tyler was watching a movie. As he removed his neck pillow, there must have been a tear and the pillow burst. About a zillion tiny micro-beads exploded in the air, attaching to anything in their path. Tyler was covered, head-to-toe, in micro-beads! Luckily, the flight attendant came to his rescue with a mini-vacuum and saved the day - it was a hilarious start to another wonderful family vacation.



# Escape

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Kids of all sizes need a place where they can move to their own rhythm and have an adventure that's exclusively theirs. After all, why should the grown-ups have all the fun? Our signature hangouts let kids and teens escape to an adult-free zone designed just for them. And like every all inclusive Hard Rock Hotel, every kids area delivers a unique vibe.



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- Character meet & greets

**CAMP WOODWARD IN RIVIERA MAYA AND PUNTA CANA**

Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya and Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana have teamed up with Camp Woodward to bring action sports to paradise - debuting in 2016. Guests will be able to learn many of the disciplines offered at the original Camp Woodward, as well as the one-of-a-kind chance to snowboard and snowski indoors while on vacation with the family.

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Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.



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# Calling Kidcation testers



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## Kidcation Tester Contest

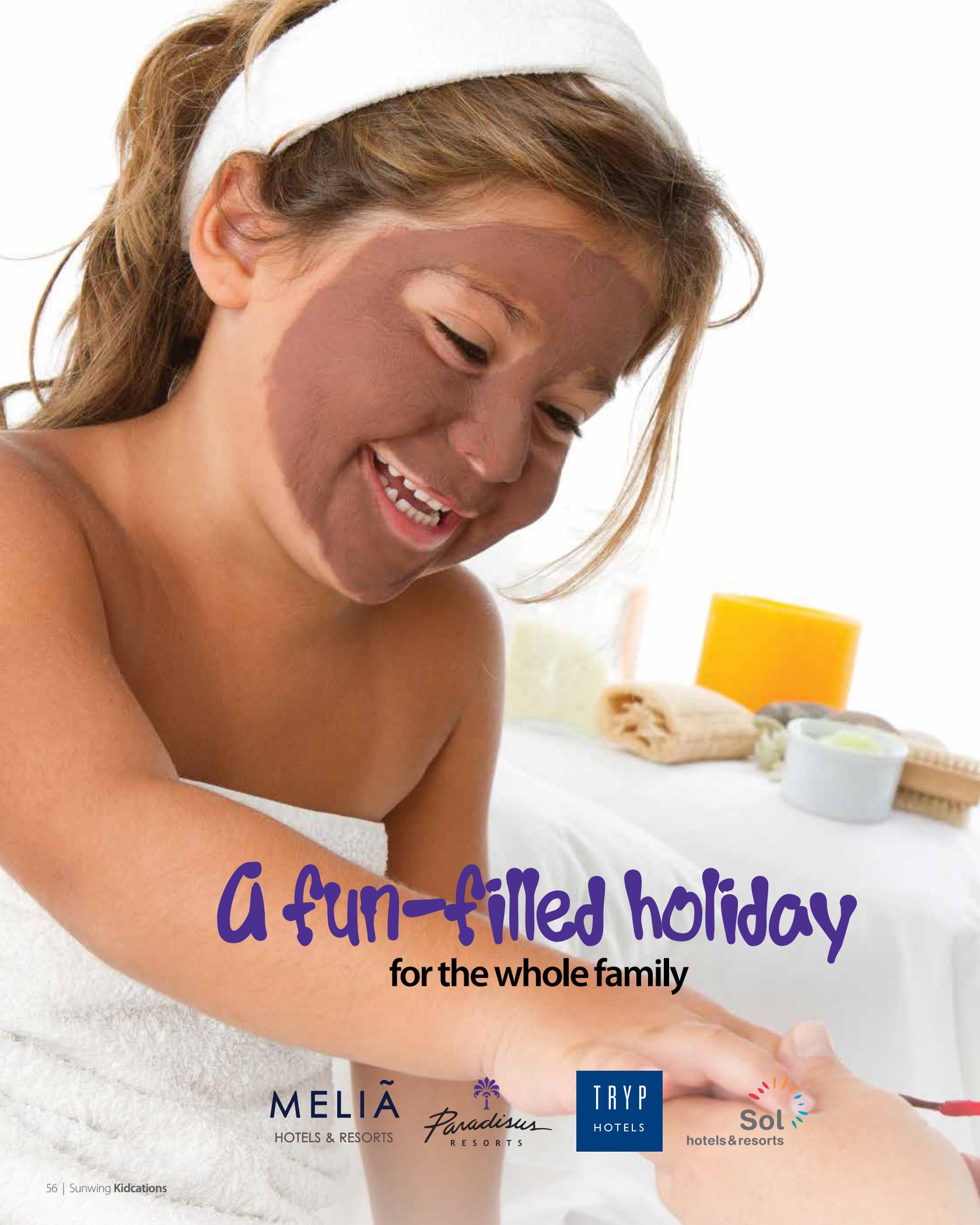
### The search continues for Sunwing's charismatic Kidcation Testers!

As a Sunwing Kidcation Tester, your kids' **\*ahem\*** very important duties include:

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- Sampling the tastiest ice cream flavours
- Trying out everything from cookie decorating to t-shirt printing at the coolest kids clubs
- Slipping and sliding down the wettest water slides, and so much more!
- With Go-Pro in hand, your kids will get to document their wildest moments and share them with other families looking to plan their next Kidcations!

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our next Kidcation  
Tester Contest!





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## Featuring prime beachfront locations

Meliá Hotels family resorts stand out for consistently offering the ideal combination of experiences and services. Part of Sunwing's Smile Resorts™ program, families can look forward to more value and great perks for an incredible family vacation.

Children are the guests of honour at 16 Meliá properties in Cuba allowing families plenty of opportunities to experience a fun-filled vacation together.

Some of the wonderful inclusions available for families at select Meliá hotels include a baby club (four years old and under), babysitting services, mini-club with activities for children (five -12 years old), programs designed for teens (12-17 years old), children's swimming pools, splash pools for babies, beautiful beaches with white sand, and warm, calm, shallow water, as well as shaded areas with lounge chairs and umbrellas.

Even the pickiest of eaters will love the restaurants and bars with children's menus, as well as the fun-filled Kid's Corner. The entire family will be able to stretch out in the family suites and rooms, many of them connecting to each other and offering sofa beds or bunk beds at select hotels.

Get to know, first-hand, the hotels that are devoted to families with a highly-qualified team of professional bilingual supervisors where the youngest guests can take part in a wide selection of sports, arts & crafts, and even cooking activities for the whole family.

Every moment and every detail is the product of passion that Meliá's team puts into ensuring everyone enjoys their holiday!

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**Enjoy**

**SplashWorld®**

By  
**Natasha  
Rajamani**

The most fulfilling family vacations are packed with plenty of opportunities to spend quality time together in beautiful settings far removed from rush hour traffic, laundry, homework and sports practices. A family vacation can include a number of features that up the ante on fun, and access to a water park is one of them. Choosing a resort with access to a full water park is a wild way to pack a family vacation with action and excitement. In addition to exotic landscapes, accommodations that fit the whole clan, kid-friendly, eclectic cuisine, resorts that feature unlimited use of an on-site water park or free access to a nearby water park included in the price of the vacation are what make options, like Sunwing's SplashWorld® resorts ideal for families. Off-site water parks featuring free access three days per seven-night vacation, and the limited scheduled

transportation provided during key times free of charge, are all part of the cost savings passed onto budget-savvy families.

With so much selection out there, it's sometimes hard to know where to start. Luckily, we've rounded up the top resorts with access to the best water parks. Tried and tested by junior travellers, the adrenaline-surging slides and rides in the parks or resorts on this list were actually vetted by the most fearless dare devils, giving it the coveted SplashWorld® title and ensuring that parents won't hear a peep from the kids about being bored. While each one has different features, there's no doubt that the kids will be lining up again and again (and again!) at these top water parks in the Caribbean, Mexico and Florida.



Tubular slides at Memories Splash Punta Cana

## A round-up of this season's top resorts with the best water park access



Roller coaster waterslide at Memories Splash Punta Cana



A family vacation with action and excitement

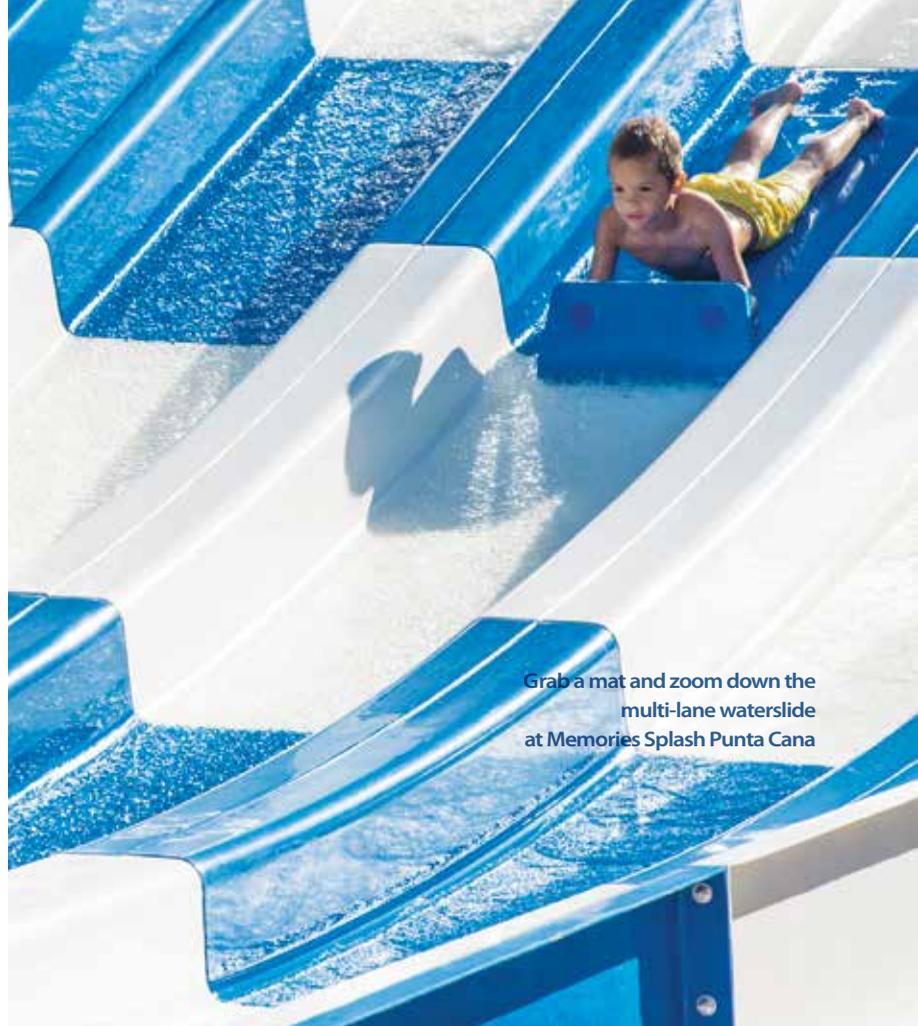
Get drenched at Memories Splash Punta Cana

## Slip 'n' slide action



# on site

More families in recent years have started to lean towards choosing one-stop-shop resorts or hotels with all the facilities and activities at their fingertips – with a special preference for resorts that actually house on-site water parks providing unlimited access to guests staying in select room types at the hotel or a neighbouring property. Kids (and adults) will relish in the chance to rip down slides like the gravity-defying Kamikaze slide, which takes a drop down nearly 50 feet, or they'll fly with a friend down the Hydrotube slide - an enclosed ride with loads of twists and turns. These monster slides that reach heights of up to 50 feet, multi-lane slides, and Boomerang slide are mere highlights of this tropical attraction on-site at the TripAdvisor® over-achiever (with certificates of excellence from 2014 and 2015), Memories Splash Punta Cana resort. Most families struggle to decide whether to congregate around the pool or beach, but having a water park quashes this dilemma, giving kids and their parents an excuse to grab a pool noodle and spend an afternoon bouncing around in the wave pool. Vacations not only give kids quality time with their family members, but they also give kids the chance to socialize and meet new people. With an action-packed kids play area, toddlers and preschoolers aren't left out, and get to experience their own pint-size water park with a splash pad and speedy slides on a much smaller scale. This Punta Cana destination sets the benchmark as the premier water park in the entire Caribbean.



Grab a mat and zoom down the multi-lane waterslide at Memories Splash Punta Cana



Grab a partner and double tube while heading down the roller coaster waterslide at Memories Splash Punta Cana



Pirate-themed water park at Royalton White Sands Montego Bay

While on vacation, kids have the tough task of getting Dad or Mom out of their routine. However, a pirate-themed water park with entertainment options for both big and small buccaneers is certainly hard to resist. The colossal wave pool, massive water buckets, body slides, splash pads and spray grounds – with animal-themed slides – make the on-site water park at Royalton White Sands in Montego Bay, Jamaica a great fit for the gang.

When they're not busy splashing around the resort's sparkling blue pools or swimming in the crystal-clear ocean, families staying at this popular resort in Jamaica have the benefit of unlimited access to the water park from sun-up to sundown when they book select room types. Featuring giant tube and body slides, and spray grounds built just for tiny travellers, this is the place where families go to quench their desire for fun.



Royalton White Sands Montego Bay

## Memories Splash Punta Cana sets the benchmark as the premier water park in the entire Caribbean

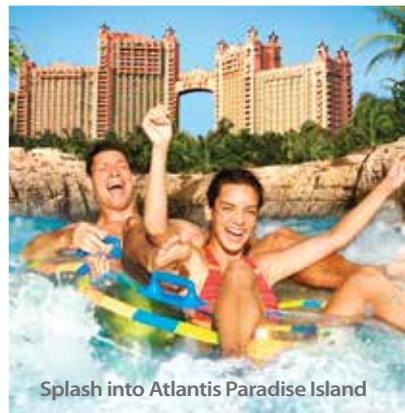


It's all in the family on the multi-lane waterslide at Memories Splash Punta Cana

A circular orange logo with the word "smile" in white lowercase letters and a simple smiley face below it.

The super speed slide at Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort

The lagoon-inspired water park located in Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort is a hot spot for families this season, providing both a sanctuary and action-packed venue for whatever floats your boat on vacation. The family cabanas are a great solace from the sun, as well as a great meeting spot to assemble before setting out to explore rock grottos, waterfalls, and the activity-packed Discovery Island. Raindrop umbrellas and the interactive, multi-level wet deck are highlights of this water park, and if there are speed-seekers in the group, a thrilling ride on the 32-foot super speed slide is the ticket. Those coming down from their adrenaline rush can float down the lazy river or work on their tan on the 5,000-square-foot oceanfront sun deck (and with private lockers on site, parents can pack their peace of mind along with plenty of sunblock).



Splash into Atlantis Paradise Island

# Atlantis rises

Winner of the 2014 and 2015 TripAdvisor® Traveler's Choice Awards, Aquaventure Waterpark, Atlantis Paradise Island's water

park, is a one-of-a-kind, 141-acre waterscape. Featuring over 20 million gallons of water and incredible Atlantis-themed and Mayan towers, it's no wonder it's one of the island's top attractions for families. The 18 thrilling waterslides for guests of all ages include the high-adventure rides and slides, like the Surge, featuring an inner tube at the top of the 121-foot Power Tower that shoots you into a cavern, whipping you through tons of twists and turns along the way.

The Abyss is a slide that offers a staggering near-50-foot vertical drop in almost complete darkness before spitting you out into a cenote. If that's still not enough, the speedy Challenger slide, sends you down the side of a Mayan temple. The more relaxed water babies can enjoy the scenic route on the Serpent Slide, a five-storey corkscrew on an inner tube through the darkness of the Mayan Temple's core. The twists and turns culminate with a leisurely pass through a clear tunnel submerged in a shark-filled lagoon. With so much to do at this water park, it warrants multiple visits.



The Serpent Slide at Atlantis Paradise Island

# Larger than life

Both Be Live Experience Hamaca Beach and Be Live Experience Hamaca Garden resorts in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic have access to one of the biggest water parks in the Caribbean: Los Delfines Water & Entertainment Park. Choices abound, and luckily there is something for everyone in the family with 19 waterslides, 13 rides for adults, and six smaller slides for kids. For families who've had their fill of high-speed adventure, there are also opportunities to slow things down with a plunge in one of five pools or the wave pool.

It's not always easy - although extremely enticing - to trade the beach at Coral Costa Caribe Resort for a few days at Los Delfines Water & Entertainment Park. This two-in-one park is designed to offer maximum fun for every member of the family. Located in Juan Dolio, just 30 minutes from the capital, it's the place to be for families.



Be Live Experience Hamaca



Coral Costa Caribe Resort



It's a race on the multi-lane slide at Los Delfines Water & Entertainment Park

# SplashWorld®



A new way for families and kids of all ages to spend a whole day of fun! Jewel Lagoon Water Park is a day-long destination of swimming and adventure. Featuring over 10 attractions for toddlers through teens, the aquatic parks includes a family raft ride, private cabanas for rent, a 5,000 square-foot oceanfront sundeck, a dining area with full-service bar and grill, a zero-entry beach lagoon with geysers, two splash-down pools, kids

gang slide, a lazy river with rock grottos and waterfalls, a stage featuring daily live music, multi-level kids slides and splash zone, as well as private lockers and locker rooms. Our new water park in Jamaica has everyone saying, "I never want to leave!"

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.

# A whole day of splashin' fun

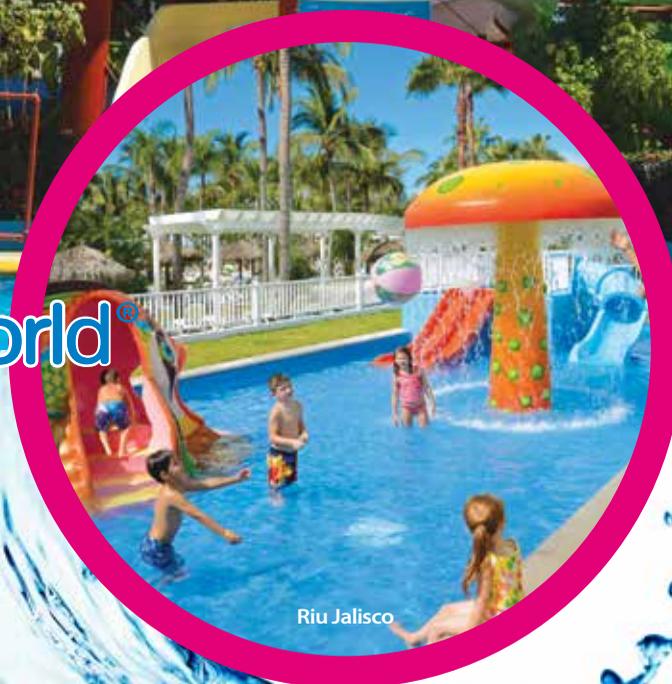


JEWEL RESORTS



SplashWorld

Bet you can't choose just one slide at Aquaventuras



## Aquaventuras waterpark

Located just 10 minutes from the airport and a short ride from Riu Jalisco, Aquaventuras is a world-class water park in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. There really is something here for everyone to enjoy, from mammoth slides to a relaxing lazy river, families just need to pack up some sunscreen and swimsuits, and head out for a full day of fun and entertainment. This park also offers dolphin and sea lion encounters, where little swimmers will have the opportunity to interact with and learn about these amazing sea creatures. There are plenty of dry activities to enjoy, as well, from

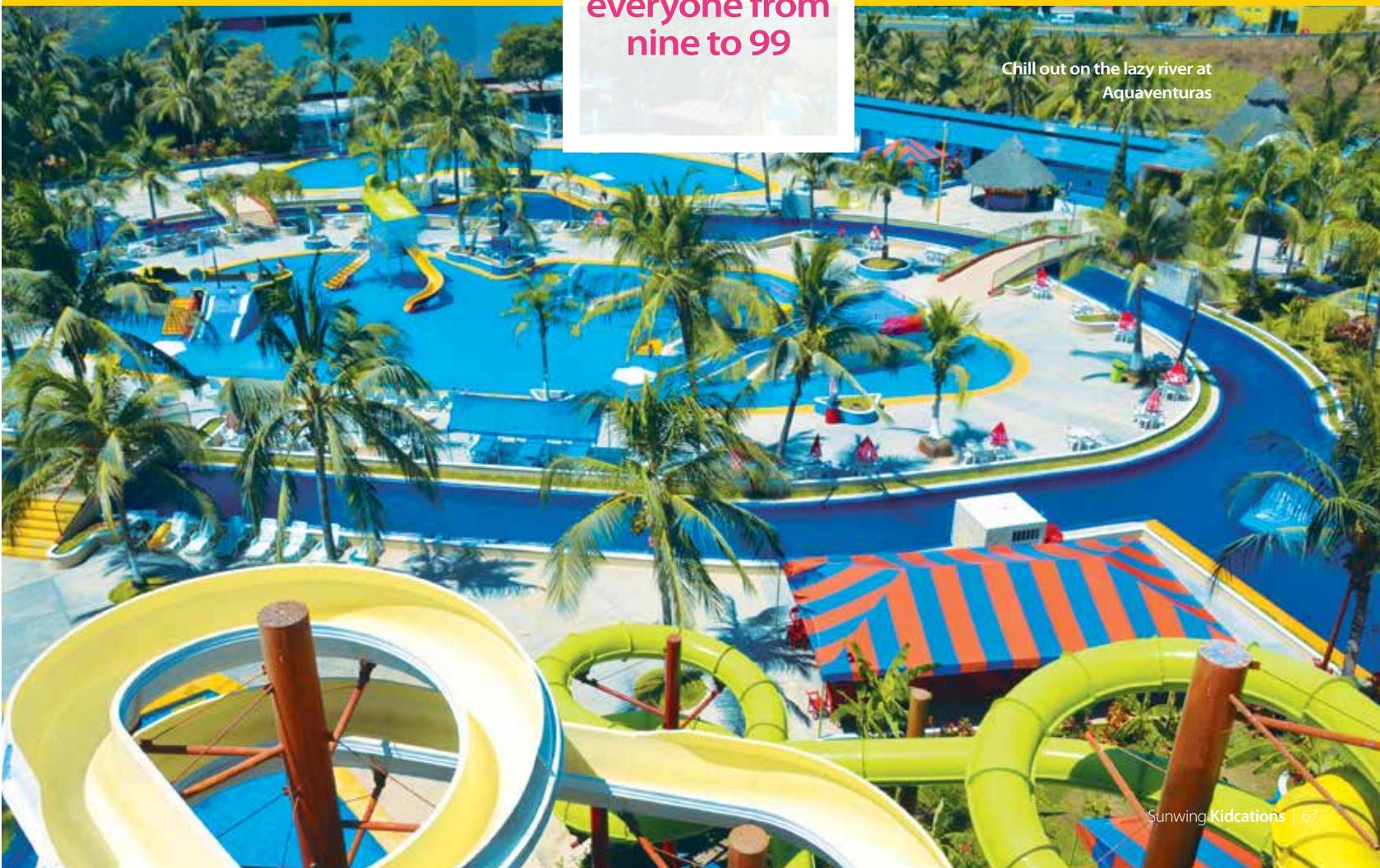
ziplines, rock climbing, and an obstacle course – kids can work up a sweat then cool off in any number of pools.

Families staying at Samba Vallarta also have access to Aquaventuras Water Park. This park not only features a gamut of activities that suit everyone from nine to 99, but also includes twisting, turning two-person tube slides, the gently-rolling raft racetrack, and a massive kids splash area complete with dump bucket and kid-sized slides. Boredom is not an option!



Take a dip at Smile at Samba Vallarta

**This park suits everyone from nine to 99**



Chill out on the lazy river at Aquaventuras



# The ultimate family vacation

Enjoy the ultimate family vacation at Oasis Hotels & Resorts and travel with peace of mind. To add even more value to your picture-perfect family vacation, Sunwing Vacations offers additional perks at several family friendly Oasis resorts, many of which are part of Sunwing's special Family Collection™. The professional staff at Oasis Hotels & Resorts will entertain your children with countless supervised, age-appropriate activities, while you indulge in some much-needed time for romance and relaxation. With an abundance of fun programs for all ages in gorgeous settings, Oasis ensures that all the members of your family will have the time of their lives!

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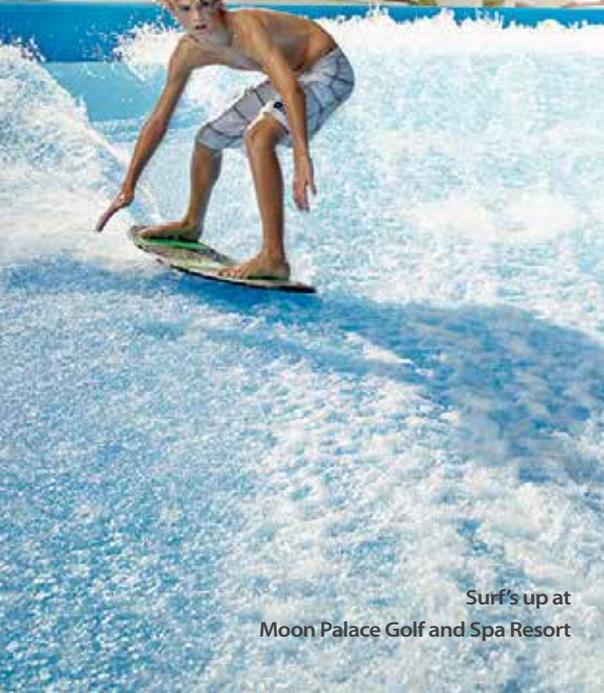


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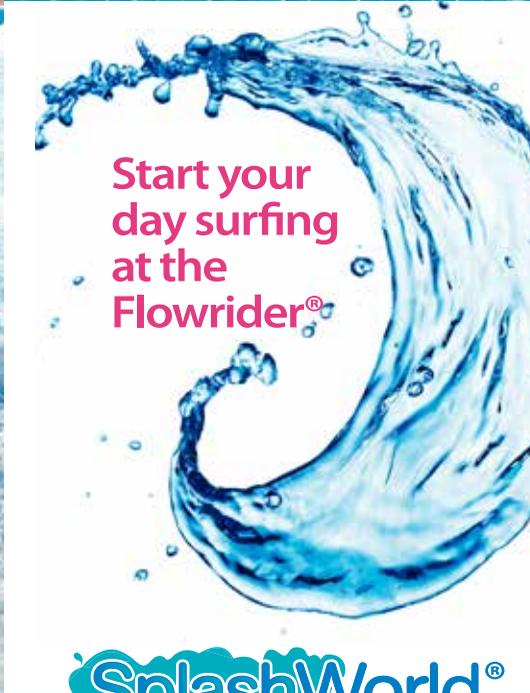
Surf's up at Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort



Take a dip in the pool at Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort



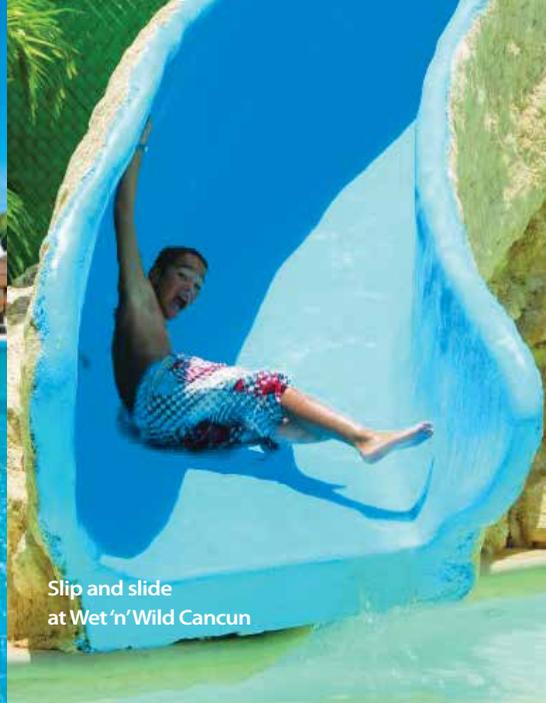
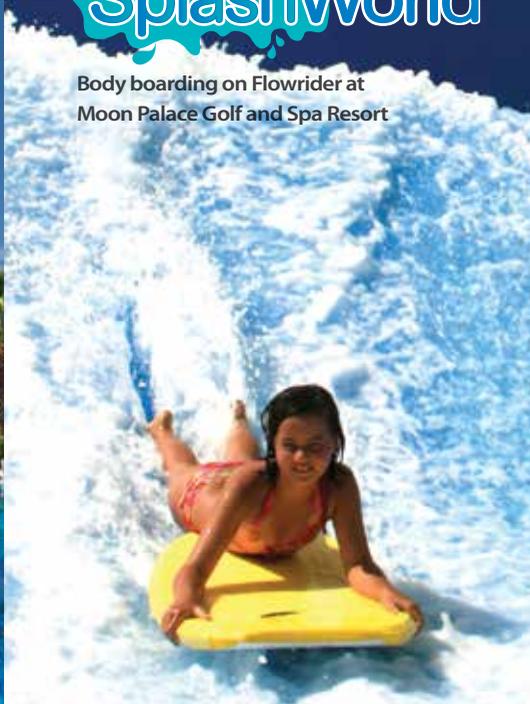
Pirate-themed kids area at Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort



Start your day surfing at the Flowrider®

SplashWorld®

Body boarding on Flowrider at Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort



Slip and slide at Wet 'n' Wild Cancun



The pool at Grand Oasis Palm

# Adrenaline-surging ebbs and flows



Your first day at the Moon Palace Golf and Spa Resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico should start on the FlowRider®, a wave simulator located within the resort complex where the kids can practice their surfing skills and test their balance on some gnarly waves. No doubt, this is quite the workout. Once they're done, it's time to hit up Wet 'n' Wild, the only water park in Cancun and Riviera Maya. Located 25 km from Cancun's Hotel Zone, this park occupies 18 acres of land, and 800 feet of white-sand beach. The rides and attractions will appeal to everyone, whether they enjoy the excitement of something like the Bubba Tub – a giant inner-tube ride that splashes you back and forth down a six-storey slide – or the slower start of the relaxing lazy river.



The Twister water slide at Wet 'n' Wild Cancun

The Wet 'n' Wild Park is packed with plenty of thrills that are sure to get pulses pounding for guests of the Grand Oasis Palm and the Oasis Palm resorts. The steep slope of the Kamikaze slide, the maze-like trip down the Twister, the refreshing Double Space Bowl, or the motorized bumper boats for the wee ones are all on order. With 10 more slides and attractions, adrenaline junkies will be hard-pressed to figure out which slide to experience next.



Splash into fun at Wet 'n' Wild Cancun



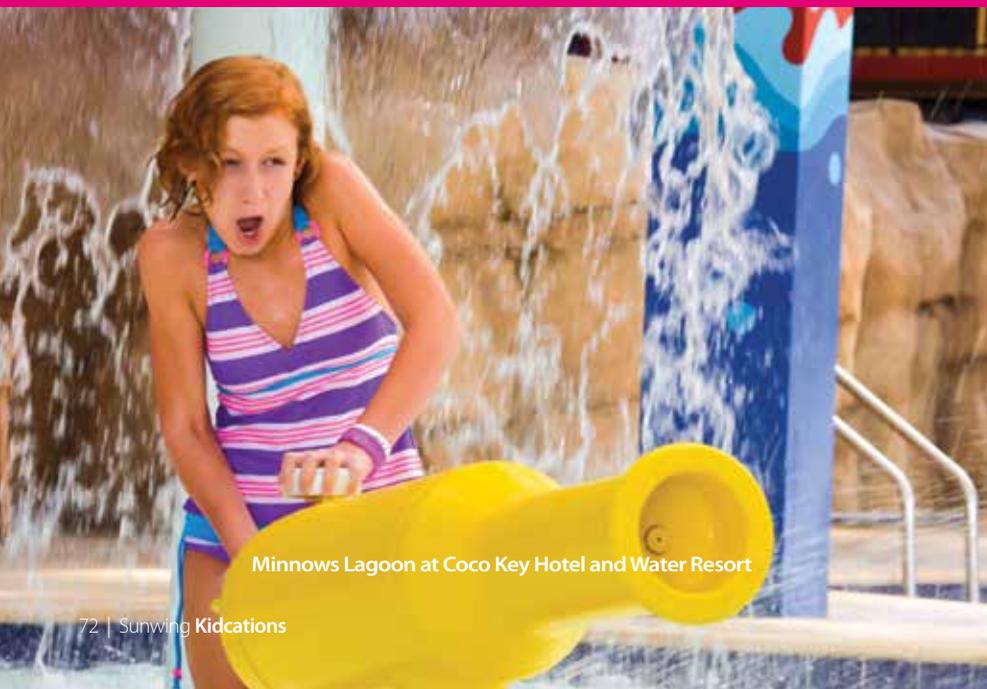
Double Space Bowl slide at Wet 'n' Wild Cancun



Surfers Splash Tube Slide



Boomerango Tube Slide



Minnows Lagoon at Coco Key Hotel and Water Resort

# Fun in CoCo Key

Adventurous families who love to be active will find their home-away-from-home at CoCo Key Hotel and Water Resort. This fun-filled 54,000-square-foot water park is one of Florida's best, and offers plenty of opportunities for kids to explore. With attractions for everyone from tiny tykes to teens, the aquatic playground, slides, rides, and the 6,500-square-foot arcade are sure to earn parents an A+. Many visitors kick off the day with a plunge down the Cyclone, a head-spinning twister slide, then a ride down the totally tubular Boomerango Tube Slide, a ride that rockets you down a ramp and up a watery wall, where you slip and slide backwards to a splash-tastic finish. Kids who aren't quite ready for the larger rides will still have a blast splashing around Parrot's Perch Playground, an aquatic wonderland that features a jungle gym, water cannons, a 400-gallon dump bucket, among the other exciting things to do. With 14 slides, there's tons to choose from, including neat hangout areas for teens, and attractions for younger kids.

Water parks infuse thrill into the relaxed rhythm of all inclusive vacations. From high-speed slides, to twists and turns, and rides through pitch black, the season's top water parks are enough to challenge the wits of the most adventurous dare devils (and tire them out too!) – creating unforgettable memories for the whole family.



# Slides, *styles* and features

**MULTI-LANE SLIDES:** It's all about getting from top to bottom as fast as you can. There's more than one lane, so you can race your friends. On your mark, get set, go!

**FEATURE SLIDES:** These include rides like Masterblasters, which shoot you uphill, and Bowls, which reveal what it's really like to go down the plughole.

**SPEED SLIDES:** They're fast, they're furious, and they'll fire you down at crazy speeds. Oh, and some do it in pitch black!

**LAZY RIVER:** For something a bit more relaxing, grab yourself an inflatable ring and hop on the Lazy River. All the largest water parks in our range tend to include them.

**WAVE POOL:** Fancy the ocean without the sand? Then a decent wave pool's just the ticket for the whole family.

**TUBE SLIDES:** There's nothing more thrilling than shooting down a wonderful waterslide in a giant inflatable ring!

**BODY SLIDES:** Some twist, some corkscrew, some plunge you into darkness, and some simply shoot straight down, but they all leave your knuckles a ghostly shade of pale.

**KIDS SLIDES:** They might look smaller to us, but for the younger ones, these are the real deal! A lot of them are based around a playground area.

Make your family vacation a splashing sensation by choosing one of Sunwing's top-notch SplashWorld® resorts across the Caribbean and Mexico. By booking a seven-night stay in a "Splash" room, the whole gang will get to enjoy FREE, unlimited access to an on-site water park or nearby, off-site water parks. To find out more about wet'n'wild SplashWorld resorts, visit [sunwing.ca/splash-world-resorts.asp](http://sunwing.ca/splash-world-resorts.asp).

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# Vallarta-Nayarit means family!



Vallarta-Nayarit is the ideal place to spend a family vacation. There are a great variety of hotels that offer facilities and activities suitable for kids, like kids-only pools and kids clubs. A unlimited number of tours, excursions and activities in Vallarta-Nayarit provide moments of discovery; whether you choose a stroll along the Malecon to enjoy the sculptures or the sunset, participate in a beach volleyball game, or swim with dolphins, there are plenty of opportunities to create unique memories with the ones you love.

Artistic and cultural activities can also be enjoyed with the family, such as exhibits, concerts and various artistic performances at some of the city's cultural centres, galleries and theatres. Film buffs can take in a premiere at the movie theatres in the city.

The fun never ends in this beautiful tourist destination. Without a doubt Vallarta-Nayarit is a special place in which families can bond.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation in this destination.

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## GOURMET INCLUSIVE®

EXPERIENCE

Moms, dads, tots, teens, even grandparents all agree – nobody serves up family fun quite like Karisma Hotels & Resorts in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Our luxury beachfront properties were designed for today's world of blended and extended families, with spacious Jacuzzi® suites, guaranteed connecting rooms, personal concierges, 24-hour room service and Gourmet Inclusive® dining experiences for every taste. From lobster tail to chicken fingers, everyone gets what they want. And with the Nickelodeon Experience™ at select Azul Hotels\* it's just what families have been looking for.

So whether it's the boutique style Azul Beach, sensational Sensatori Azul Riviera Cancun, or the multi-generational Generations Riviera Maya, you'll find everything from romantic couples massages and kids clubs to beach butlers and available nanny services. Not to mention quite a few secret ingredients.

Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation at one of these resorts.

\* Available at Azul Beach and Sensatori Azul Riviera Cancun only.

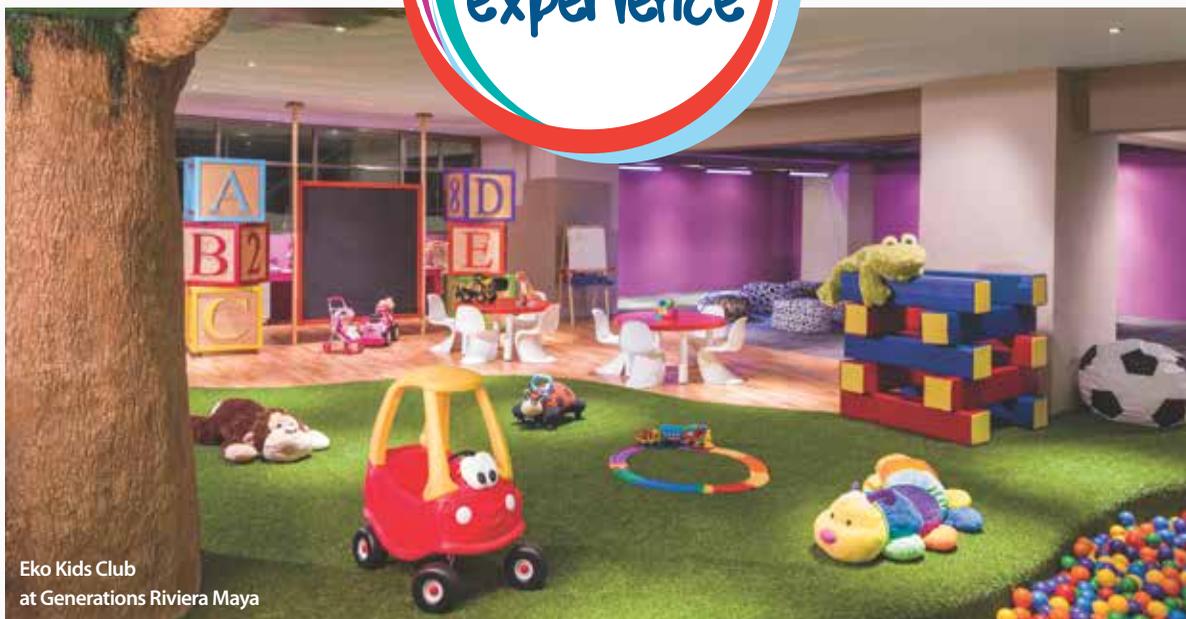


Family Swim Up Suite  
at Azul Beach



Oceanfront Infinity  
Pool Balcony Suite at  
Generations Riviera Maya

The Karisma  
experience



Eko Kids Club  
at Generations Riviera Maya





When you're travelling with kids, it can be challenging to find dining options to suit every age and taste. Luckily, many resorts not only cater to the younger generation, but also make it fun and interesting for them to travel. If you want to be sure to delight and impress the little ones, look no further

### Catered to kids

Families staying at Royalton Riviera Cancun in Riviera Maya, Mexico will love the "mini-buffet" area for the children, which is lower to the ground, making it perfect for pint-sized travellers to survey the kid-friendly foods such as hot dogs, French fries, as well as healthier options. Kids are able to independently select their meal, and have a blast doing so! The variety of the food at this resort is simply phenomenal, and is a fan favourite among the pickiest of eaters as there is always a wide array of cereals, juices, pastries, fruit, plain and flavoured rice and potatoes, all different types

of main dishes and sides. They also cater to food allergies, and the chefs are very well-versed in diabetic, gluten and dairy-free dietary needs. The resort also has the phenomenal Clubhouse Kids Club with visits from Mike the Knight™ and Max & Ruby™, and a jam-packed schedule of activities. I "kid" you not; you can hear children all over the property begging to be dropped off to play with their new friends! The Hangout Teens Club for the 13-17 year-olds, featuring Wi-Fi, pool tables, video games, ping pong and much more, offers great after-meal entertainment.



A guide  
to **kid-friendly**  
dining options  
in the **tropics**

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By  
**Christyl  
Abraham**



Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa

The Grand Palladium Riviera Maya Resort & Spa is known for its extraordinary attention to detail and caters to guests with food allergies. Contact the hotel in advance of your stay, so that they can prepare gluten-free and allergy restricted menus in anticipation of your child's arrival. With easy to read, colour-coded Palladium Dietary cards that you can bring to all of the buffets and restaurants on the property (all 13 of them!) the freindly staff can accommodate your requests quickly and easily. Serious about providing worry-free menu options, they have worked closely with professional dieticians to ensure that they offer a wide range of options to accommodate guests.

Offering consistent, reliable and allergen-free options, RIU Hotels & Resorts are fan favourites for families with picky eaters and adventurous gourmands. When it comes to food, the variety is limitless, from themed restaurants serving up destination favourites like Jamaican jerk, fresh seafood, and authentic Mexican fare to Italian, Asian fusion and a world of flavours and cuisines; even the most stubborn eaters will enjoy broadening their palate at RIU resorts.



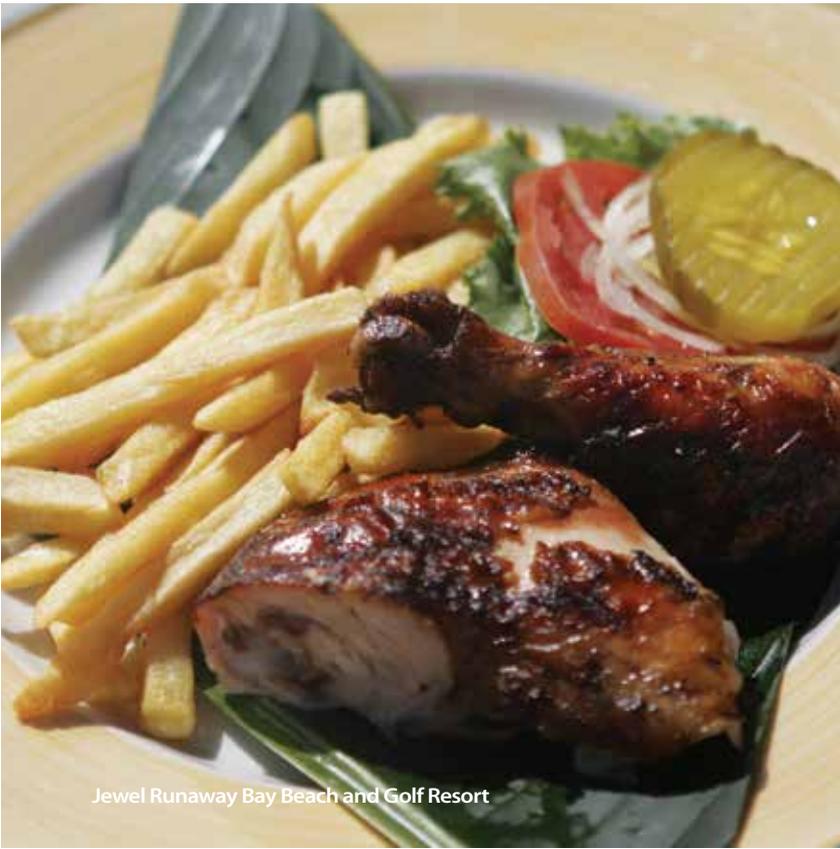
Grand Palladium Riviera Maya Resort & Spa



Riu Santa Fe



kid delicious



Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort



Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort



### Fuelling up for fun

The Coral Café in Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort has a childrens buffet with all of the “fried-and-true” favourites they love. In addition, every restaurant on this property has a kids menu. Options are key when travelling with the little ones, as odds are, they will grow more adventurous throughout the week. This resort is both a Sunwing Smile Resort™ and part of the SplashWorld® program, where up to two kids stay, play and eat FREE, and access to the on-site Jewel Lagoon Waterpark is included in your stay. Kids will no doubt burn off energy and work up an appetite practicing their archery, playing laser tag, enjoying rides, bonfires and more at the resort’s Red Ruby Ranch.



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## Gourmands-in-training

Karisma Resorts takes the cake for its Gourmet Inclusive™ offering, and the kids program is certainly no exception. Generations Riviera Maya by Karisma Resorts in Riviera Maya features the Little Eko Chefs program, based on a popular children's cookbook written by *MasterChef Junior* winner, Alexander Weiss. A tasty and unique vacation inclusion, kids can learn the tricks of the trade in the kitchen, with different themes available Monday to Friday, every week. Kids can brush up on their culinary skills with cooking lessons, learn eco-friendly sustainable techniques, and apply the skills learned to make delicious dishes. Guests between the ages of four and 12 years old can test their culinary prowess with this sweet and savoury offering.

### Some of the oh-so-tasty classes include:

The History of Chocolate – Mini chocolatiers will learn to make chocolate – from bean to bar! Using artisanal techniques and equipment, they'll be able to take home a sweet memento from this confectionary class.

Shaved Ice – What is more refreshing than shaved ice in the tropical heat? This popular class teaches kids how to make shaved ice drinks using natural fruit toppings.

Greenhouse Harvest – Kids with a green thumb will visit the resort's greenhouse to choose vegetables and bring them back to the Eko Kids kitchen, where they'll make fresh vegetable soup and salad. This excellent lesson in sustainable cooking practices adds a healthy helping of fun mixed in!

### Turtles and tummies

Karisma Resorts also features the Nickelodeon Experience at Sensatori Azul Riviera Cancun in Mexico, where the kiddies can have breakfast with Dora the Explorer™, pizza parties with the Ninja Turtles™, ice cream scoops with SpongeBob™, and even an iconic Nickelodeon sliming! Taking creativity and cuisine to a whole new level, Karisma's culinary offerings for kids are as inventive as they are delicious.

For a complete list of Sunwing Smile Resorts™, visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca). Just look for the Smile logo to discover where kids under 12 stay free, teens get special pricing, and more!



Karisma Resorts





Discover a unique way to enjoy Riviera Maya with your kids and the whole family at the Family Club in Gran Riviera Princess All Suites & Spa Resort, which provides superb services and amenities to please every member of the family; from the smallest travellers to the most discerning adults.

This new section of the resort features 144 rooms (40 with direct pool access) fully prepared and designed with families in mind. Two double beds or one king size bed and bunk beds mean that everyone in the family is taken care of. At Princess Resorts, we've thought of everything, leaving you to enjoy the warm Caribbean days with your family – stress free.

Discover all our Family Club has to offer, and start to imagine an all inclusive family holiday at a luxury hotel in Riviera Maya.

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# Family days out

## **We have something for all types of Curaçao family vacations in Curaçao!**

Curaçao is a pleasant, safe place for families with children where you'll find all the conveniences of home. A small-town atmosphere prevails across the island, and food purchased at roadside snack bars (*Snèks*), the market, or anywhere else is safe to eat, the tap water pure and drinkable. Larger supermarkets are well stocked with familiar foods from the U.S., South America, and Europe, as well as other items. In addition, Curaçao offers a breathtaking assortment of activities for fun family travel, including Aquafari, Captain Boots trips and tours, Chichi workshop at Serna's art factory, Curaçao Dolphin Academy, Curaçao Ostrich Farm, Curaçao Seaquarium and Tropical paintball. The possibilities for discovery are endless.

This island has numerous family-friendly beaches that are great for the kids. Swimming in the sea or in a pool, snorkelling, a trampoline for the bigger kids, and a playhouse for the little ones are just some of the activities your family can look forward to. Head to the following beaches, which have a bar and restaurant offering ice cream and refreshments: Blue Bay Beach, Cas Abao Beach, Jan Thiel Beach, Kokomo Beach Curaçao, Playa Porto Mari and Seaquarium Beach.

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CURACAO





Seeing the familiar faces from their favourite TV shows or books are sure to excite and delight your kids when they're far from home. From sing-a-longs, character meals, entertainment shows and even turtle conservation, your tiny travellers can look forward to hanging out with these fun-loving friends at resorts across Mexico and the Caribbean.

#### Mike the Knight™

Junior guests at Royalton White Sands in Jamaica, Royalton Riviera Cancun, in Mexico and Royalton Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, will love setting off on an adventure with their favourite knight-in-training, Mike the Knight. Embark on his chivalrous quest and participate in games, activities, appearances, and live shows with this brave young hero.

#### The Berenstain Bears®

The jet-setting Berenstain Bears family can be spotted at Memories Resorts in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Grand Bahama Island. Join Brother and Sister Bear under the tropical sun with fun and interactive activities, as well as hangouts around the resort.



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# Familiar Faces

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**CLUBHOUSE**

Kids Club





*Memories*  
FUN CLUB



The  
Berenstain  
Bears®  
at Memories Resorts

# Max & Ruby™



*Royalton*  
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## Toopy & Binoo™

Turn your vacation into an adventure with the beloved characters Toopy & Binoo at Memories Resorts in Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Grand Bahama Island. The playful and spontaneous cat-and-mouse pair, along with Patchy Patch will join in on the fun with exciting activities, games, and a live show.

## Max & Ruby™

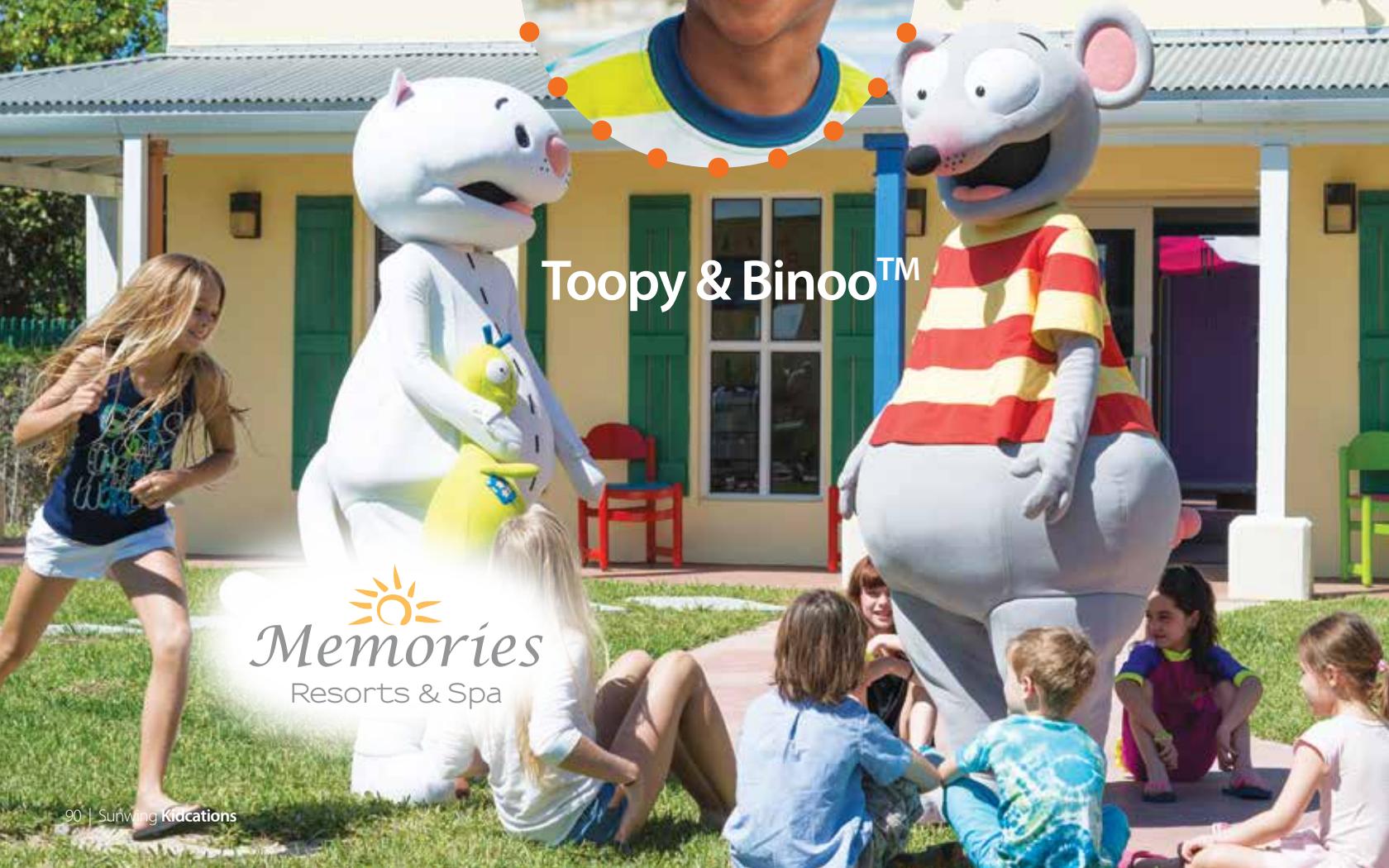
Everyone will have a hoppin' good time at Royalton Resorts with everyone's favourite bunny siblings, Max & Ruby. Live appearances, themed activities, and evening entertainment with the loveable and adventurous pair will excite even the most homesick pre-schoolers. Arts & crafts, fun drama and karaoke sessions with the furry duo will inspire their inner artist.



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# Toopy & Binoo™



  
*Memories*  
Resorts & Spa



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### Calú

Kids will love Calú, the sea turtle mascot, who calls RIU home. This bright-eyed turtle comes with a green thumb, teaching kids about his tropical habitat and caring for the environment, something that Calú hold dear to his heart. Join Calú and help protect these shelled creatures by learning about the RIU Hotels & Resorts' sea turtle protection programs.



nickelodeon  
experience  
AT AZUL HOTELS BY KARISHA

### Nickelodeon faves®

Kids staying at Azul Sensatori Mexico and Azul Beach Hotel in Mexico's Riviera Maya will enjoy the magic of Nickelodeon®. The adventure starts with a customized check-in where kids are greeted with a special smoothie and an exclusive iPad app to play a special game featuring Dora the Explorer™, SpongeBob SquarePants™, and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™. A Toy Lending Library, themed birthday parties, private slime time sessions and a chance to walk the Orange Carpet with all of the Nickelodeon characters are sure have the kids asking, "let's stay!"



Generations Riviera Maya Resort



### Hard Rockin' characters

The fun doesn't stop when the curtain drops at The Little Big Club™ at Hard Rock Hotels in Cancun, Punta Cana and Puerto Vallarta where kids can enjoy fun, sun, learning, laughing, and rocking out with Thomas & Friends™, Angelina Ballerina™, Bob the Builder™, and Barney™.

Artistic youngsters can sing, dance, or have a tea party with Angelina Ballerina; join in on sing-a-longs, language lessons and play instruments with the loveable, purple-hued dinosaur, Barney; build a town out of LEGOs, learn about plant life and get things done with Bob the Builder; or listen to story time, play

conductor of their own train, and make their very own engine with Thomas the Tank Engine. At the end of their stay, these burgeoning stars can join their fun-loving friends on stage at The Little Big Club Live on Stage show.





## Fred Flintstone

### The Flintstones™

Parents and kids alike will recognize all their favourites from The Flintstones. The Melia Caribe Tropical offers their youngest guests a prehistoric-themed kids club that looks like it came straight out of Bedrock!

Infants and toddlers can participate in fun activities, like arts & crafts, dress-up, puzzles, movies, storytime and more in Baby Rock. Kids can start their day with a Bronto Breakfast with Fred and Dino in Betty's kitchen, where even mealtimes are an adventure. Roca Flash Club will help pre-teens burn off some steam taking part in pool games, rock climbing and even zip lining! The kid-friendly Flintstones decor, designed by Betty herself, makes this unique facility feel like home.



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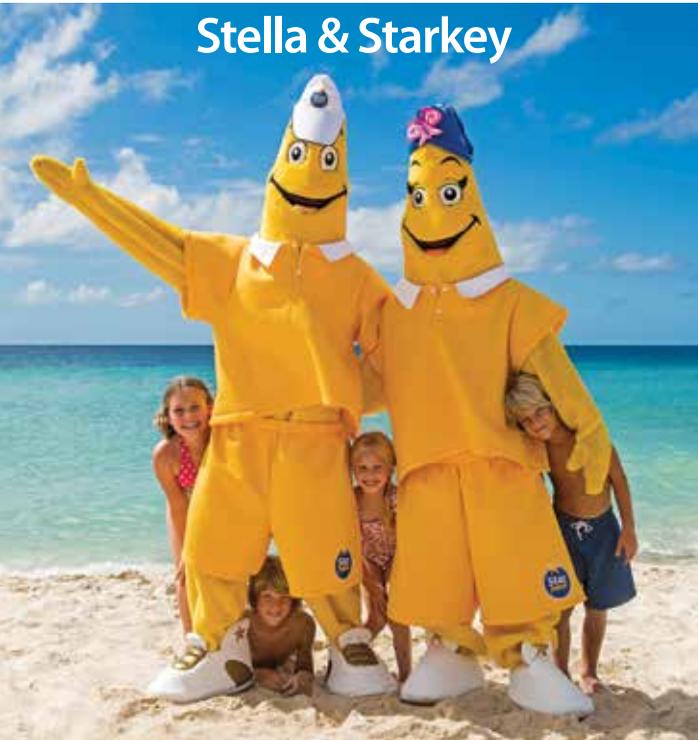
QUELONIO

### Pepelícano, Quelonio and Ijuana

The Cubamigos mascots Pepelícano the pelican, Quelonio the sea turtle, and Ijuana the iguana will welcome your kids and introduce them to a fun-filled activity program. These friendly mascots can be found at select Melia Cuba resorts, where the little ones can experience an unforgettable vacation playing sports, taking part in live shows, arts & crafts, and much more.

### Stella & Starkey

Stella & Starkey are two well-rounded starfish siblings who call IBEROSTAR home. Kids can join these underwater critters by taking part in fun-filled activities like arts & crafts, sports on the beach, movies, dancing, the list goes on!



## Stella & Starkey



**ARUBA**

One happy  
island



An Aruba vacation is the perfect family vacation destination. With an average temperature of 82 degrees and the most sunny days in the Caribbean, families can get the most out of their happy time together.

Kids love exploring the undersea life and making a splash in the pools at Aruba's all inclusive resorts. Parents love how easy, safe and fun a family vacation in Aruba can be. Aruba has calm water for the kids to snorkel, great family dining, and unique activities like the Butterfly Farm and the ancient caves. Gentle trade winds create the perfect conditions for windsurfing and sailing and help keep sun worshippers refreshed while lazing on the beach. Grocery stores and safe drinking water straight from the tap. With so much to do and experience, your vacation in Aruba is sure to be filled with an endless list of fun and amusement.

Getting there is even easier as Sunwing offers convenient flights from Toronto and Montreal, and plenty of kid-friendly hotels and resorts.

Let this island paradise enchant you with its many charms and allow you to experience the family vacation of a lifetime. Contact your travel agent or visit [sunwing.ca](http://sunwing.ca) to start planning your family vacation in this destination.



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# Active and invigorated families

The top spa facilities and activities to keep the whole gang relaxed and rejuvenated

By  
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With paradise as the backdrop in tropical locales like Mexico and the Caribbean, families can recharge and stay active by enjoying spa treatments, wellness activities and fitness facilities together. These moments spent unwinding with each other not only alleviates stress, but can also enhance a family vacation in many beneficial ways.

Babies find security in the sense of touch. From six months old to age two, the youngest members of the family can bask in a Sooth Massage at Royalton Riviera Cancun's Royal Spa. Or it's possible to make the spa experience a moment to bond with your little ones through the Connecting Souls Massage for parents and children. Don't hesitate to order an exclusive massage for kids and teens where parents can supervise. Hydrotherapy is also available for kids up to age 12 and will introduce them to the elemental healing powers of water.

A girls-only day at the spa is made all the more special when daughters receive similar beauty treatments as their moms. Little girls feel like royalty after the Sweet Facial, Princess Makeup and Hannah's Hairstyle sessions, while hands and feet are never left behind thanks to the Cutie Girl and Junior manicures and pedicures. After these oh-so-pretty treatments, kids haircuts will let them be picture-perfect for all those moments you intend to photograph.



A warm welcome to the Royal Spa, Royalton Riviera Cancun



Hydrotherapy pools at the Royal Spa at Royalton Riviera Cancun

Press the Pause button at Palladium Hotels & Resorts where a selection of amenities and services can help families relax and forget the demands of a hectic schedule. Spread across the Caribbean and Mexico, this five-star resort chain offers hotels that extend luxury to every member of the family.

At Grand Palladium Jamaica Resort & Spa, children don't have to worry about vying for the same space as the grown-ups with a kids-only pool. Surrounded by other tadpole swimmers, they won't feel intimidated by older generations and can splash around with fewer inhibitions. The resort's children's program for ages one to 17 and the supervised kids' club and playgrounds add extra opportunities for them to burn off some steam, and offer a bit of quiet time for mom and dad.

Palladium Resorts in the Dominican Republic boast similar amenities. Surrounded by a coconut plantation and lush tropical flora, Grand Palladium Bavaro Resort & Spa has four kids' pools for the little ones to refresh. After a dip, families should make their way to Zentropia Palladium Spa & Wellness centre, one of the most complete spas in the country. Mom and Dad can luxuriate in a couple's massage or detox with a Vichy shower. Manicures and pedicures will have mother and daughter looking prim and proper.



Along Riviera Maya in Mexico, where turquoise waters meet white-sand beaches, Palladium continues to offer family escapes to paradise. Grand Palladium Riviera Resort & Spa invites the entire family to dip into its fresh or saltwater pools. Smile at Grand Palladium Colonial Resort & Spa boasts babysitting services upon request and a splash park in addition to its children's pool. The Grand Palladium White Sand Resort & Spa, similar to its sister hotels, offers a variety of sports activities to keep kids fit and active, including aerobics in water or on dry land. Switch to the Grand Palladium Vallarta Resort & Spa on the Riviera Nayarit, and let your kids discover competition in the Game Room, the revitalizing nature of a mid-day rest in the nap room or the energy of a night-time, supervised disco for the older teens.



Junior Club at Grand Palladium Vallarta



Iberostar Hotels & Resorts are beacons of healthy activity scattered across the Caribbean and Mexico.

In Cayo Coco, Cuba, the Iberostar Cayo Coco, Daiquiri and Mojito resorts offer dance lessons for your musically-inclined kids. For the water-lovers and avid swimmers, water sports such as catamaran rides, kayaking, water polo and windsurfing await. At the Ole Playa Blanca in Cayo Logo, Cuba, your family can embark on an underwater adventure by snorkelling in the diverse marine ecosystem. The kids can put their swimming lessons from back home to good use at the Iberostar Ensenachos in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba, which has five pools and scuba diving lessons nearby. If you and the ones you love prefer freshwater pools, stay at the Iberostar Parque Central in the heart of charming Old Havana.

Iberostar boasts another four family-friendly resorts along the Riviera Maya: Paraíso Maya, Paraíso Del Mar and Tucán, where young adult daughters, mothers and grandmothers can indulge in a three-generational day at the spa and other special treats at these hotels. Take the five-star Paraíso Del Mar for example, which offers one of the largest pools in Riviera Maya – perfect for kids to luxuriate in. At over 3,280 feet-long, this aquatic oasis is lined with Balinese beds and palm-thatched gazebos, allowing family members to ease their minds as they relax their bodies. The Tucán hotel, part of Sunwing's Family Collection™, within the lush rainforest is another property where the entire family will find refuge from the stresses of daily life. Countless species of flora and fauna will re-focus everyone on the beauty, peace and relaxation that life has to offer.

Aquatic oasis at Iberostar Hotels & Resorts



Active kids at Iberostar Hotels & Resorts

Jamaica is home to the family-friendly Iberostar Rose Hall Suites Resort and the Iberostar Rose Hall Beach Resort in popular Montego Bay. Soak up some sun therapy with your little ones as the lapping azure waves soundtrack a relaxing day on the silky-soft sands. Keep their arms and endurance strong by playing sports like tennis and archery. When they're all tired out, send them to the children's pool for a relaxing soak.

In Mexico, at Iberostar Cancun and Iberostar Cozumel, have your older children join you at the fitness facilities. In Cancun, the kids can waterslide their way to a more active lifestyle. In Cozumel, let the children bask in the calming powers of wading in a freshwater pool.





Infinity Suite Family pool at Generations Riviera Maya

Karisma Hotels & Resorts offers family-friendly escapes to the wonders of Jamaica and Mexico. The Azul Sensatori Negril in Jamaica comes with an Azulitos Fisher Price Program for moms and babies. The resort is also a success with kids thanks to its Playhouse with a splash park and an exclusive My Gym Program to keep kids active.

The Generations Maroma and Generations Riviera are all inclusive, gourmet resorts made for families of all sizes: Small, blended or extended. At both these luxury resorts, book a yoga instructor for a private family session. Unlike a group class filled with strangers, the instructor can cater to the physical abilities and goals of your loved ones. Away from your hectic life, pass on to your children a love and appreciation for your favourite sport; whether it's golf, horseback riding or an array of water sports, resorts offer a multitude of activities to keep guests physically engaged.



Rebuild family dynamics at Riu Hotels & Resorts in the Caribbean and Mexico. The Riu Palace St. Martin offers an aqua gym, allowing all ages to take advantage of water's healing properties to become and stay fit. At the Riu Cancun, make it a mother and daughter day at the spa, which includes delicious chocolate manicures and a full head of braids on its menu. At the Riu Lupita in Riviera Maya, step outside of your comfort zone and take the kids with you for lessons with a professional PADI-diving instructor.

Engage your core as you show your kids how cool you are body boarding at the Riu Bachata in the Dominican Republic. At the Riu Palace Bavaro in Punta Cana, it's okay when the family splits up, half heading to play golf and the other half heading to enjoy a reflexology massage for the feet. While at the Riu Palace Punta Cana, the entire family will ignore their smartphones when jogging on a trail through the tropics. In Costa Rica, the Riu's Junior Suite Garden View comes equipped with a hydro-massage tub, so family members can unwind after a busy day gallivanting around the resort.

Whether it's spending a day at the spa with Mom, hitting the tennis courts with Dad, body boarding with siblings or teeing off with Grandma and Grandpa, engaging in treatments and physical activities will leave the whole family feeling rejuvenated - mind, body and soul. Take advantage of the many de-stressing options that resorts offer to have you ready to take on the demands of the daily routine, and where the only stuff you'll be sweating about is the tropical heat.





# Better together

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A haven to keep your young ones entertained



Fun with Angelina Ballerina™ at Hard Rock Hotels



By **Natasha Rajamani**

# Join The Generation Z Club

Whoever thought of the Kids Club definitely had parents in mind. The first concept was probably something like a daycare, with a few toys, some books, and a babysitter so parents could enjoy some alone time and not feel guilty about it while on vacation. Nice and simple. These days, whether you're at sea or on land, you'll be hard-pressed to find a family resort, or a cruise ship, that doesn't have some sort of children's facility. With fun names like Riu Land, Barcy Club, Club Mongoose, and Explorer's Club, these kids clubs are all brightly-coloured, kid havens with every imaginable thing to keep your young ones entertained and engaged.

While first-time parents might be hesitant to plop off their infants at the Baby Club, take heart. Today's baby clubs cater to children up to three years old and are chockfull of educational toys and books sure to stimulate their young minds and curiosity while allowing them to play in a safe, supervised, air-conditioned area. Activities like arts & crafts and sing-alongs are sure to encourage their sense of creativity, while visits from characters featured in their favourite TV shows and books, like Toopy and Binoo™, the Berenstain Bears® at Memories Resorts or Mike the Knight™ and Max & Ruby™ at Royalton Luxury Resorts, let tiny tots interact with their favourite friends from back home.

As more and more kids clubs sprout up, it's easy to see the innovation that has gone on behind the scenes. Catering to kids up to 12 years old, the kid approved structural design of many of these clubs is astounding. Painted in a rainbow of colours, these facilities are easily bright enough to locate without the use of Google Earth. Washrooms with pint-sized toilets and sinks, miniature chairs and tables, little



Climbing into the Kids Club Royalton Punta Cana Resort and Spa





pools with teeny tiny beach chairs complete these kid-sized amenities. If you think it couldn't get better, just head outside where some resorts feature not only your typical playground, but also a water park on site. Just check out the Royalton White Sands Montego Bay, Jamaica, which features a pirate-themed water park with body slides, splash pads and tipping drench buckets, perfect to cool off after monkeying around in the playground.

Kids seem to have an endless supply of energy, and many kids clubs have risen up to the challenge. There is no option for boredom at the kids clubs, each doling out a variety of activities to keep them busy, entertained and engaged. From arts & crafts, outdoor playgrounds, and language lessons, to singing, dancing, acting, cooking, and even DJ-ing classes, the assortment offered is meant to pique all interests.

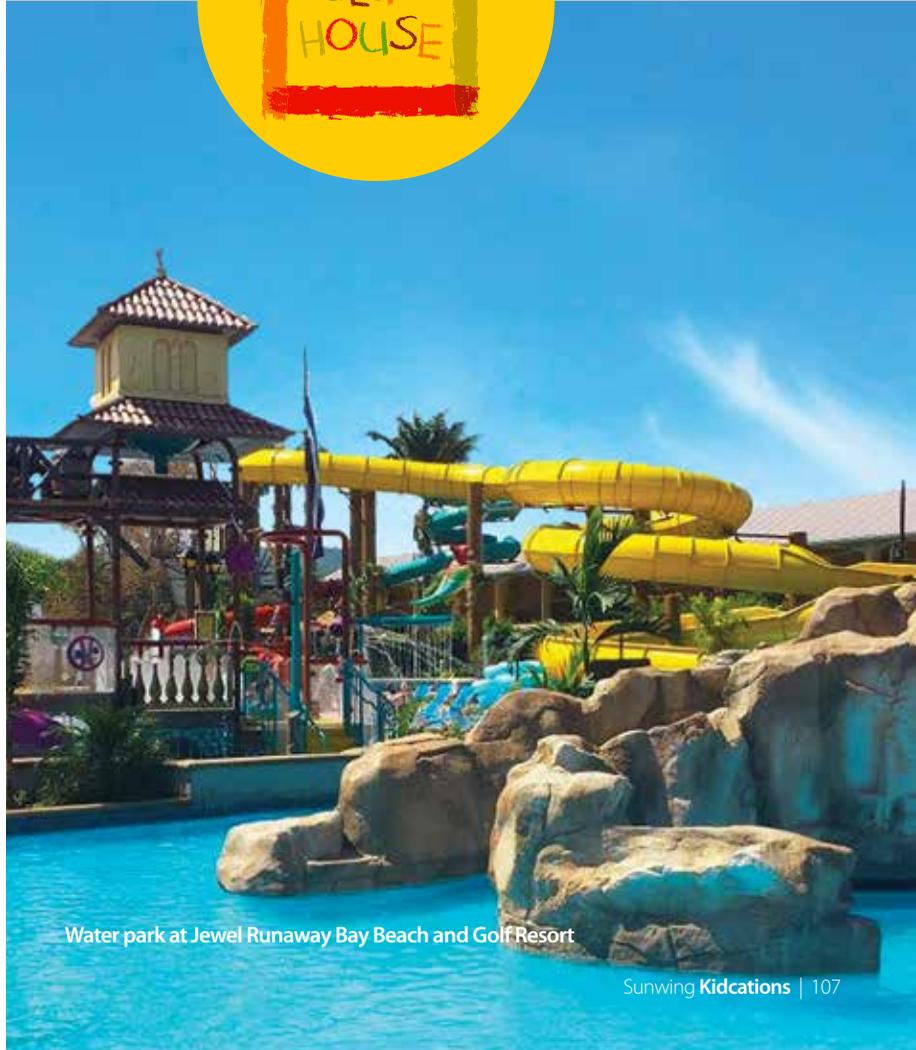
For the budding athletes, many clubs entice with daily programs of sports and entertainment that specifically cater to different age groups, and can include ever-so-cool sports such as archery, water polo, and rock climbing. There are even large outdoor areas for basketball and tennis, perfect for a quick game before dinner.

There's no sense in denying that technology has become enmeshed in your kids' lives, and many kids clubs have embraced new technology. While puzzles and colouring books can still be found, it seems archaic when compared to the interactive options that are available. Video games, simulators, and computers are now prevalent and reflect the world in which Generation Z-ers live.

The supervised baby clubs and kids clubs not only offers parents the peace of mind that the kids are in good hands, but also offers a variety of age-appropriate things to do, including activities, characters, , games, beach fun and playgrounds, all supervised by trained staff providing endless ways to keep your tiny travellers entertained during your vacation. The 21st-century kids club has definitely evolved and is limited only by the imagination of its young guests. Just be warned, there's so much to do that you might have to start scheduling time with the kids on vacation!



Arts & crafts at Memories Splash Punta Cana



Water park at Jewel Runaway Bay Beach and Golf Resort





# Fun & excitement

At Hyatt Ziva™ all inclusive resorts, kids can have a blast at the KidZ Club and parents get to finally relax – soaking up the warm tropical sun and indulging in the finest amenities. Service is from the Heart™ and the Evolution of All-Inclusive™ comes to life.

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Hard Rock Hotels



# Teens in tow

By  
Joe Tuck



Royalton Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa

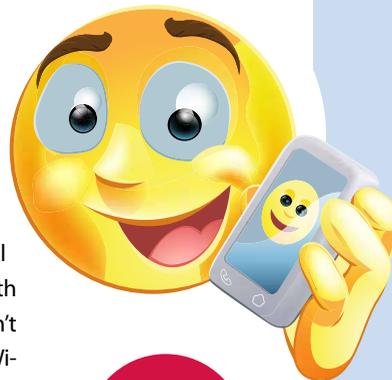
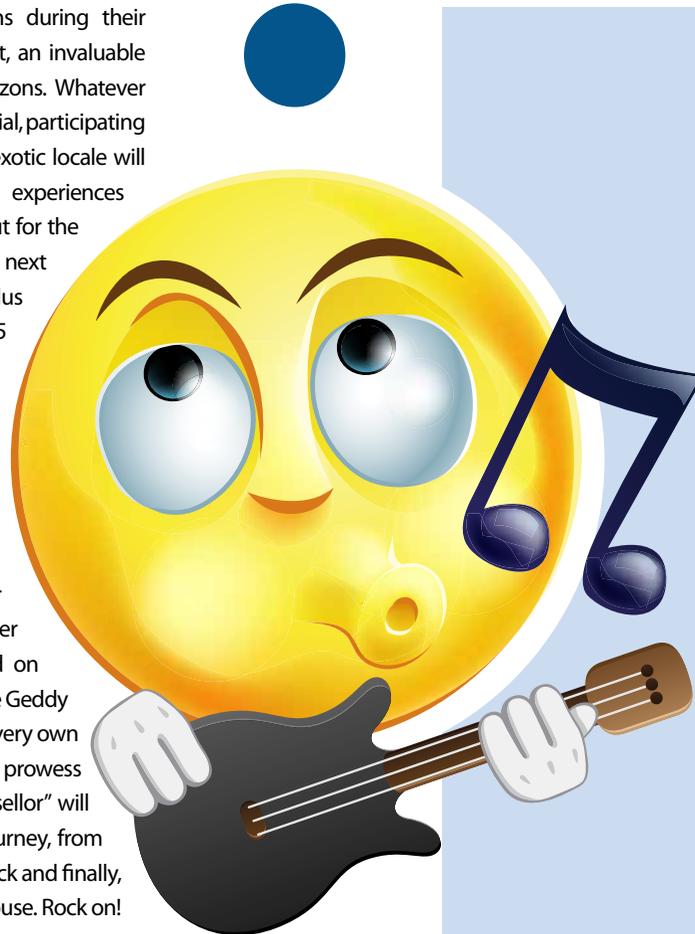
Travelling abroad with your teens during their formative years is, without a doubt, an invaluable opportunity to broaden their horizons. Whatever their interests, be it arts, sports or social, participating in activities and adventures in an exotic locale will leave them with memories and experiences they'll be texting their friends about for the rest of the year – well, until your next awesome family vacation, that is. Plus they'll thank you for it - in about 15 years' time.

### The music junkie

"It's a long way to the top if you want to rock n' roll," and The Cavern Club at Hard Rock Hotel Cancun is the perfect haunt for your budding rock star to begin his/her musical odyssey. Music Labs, held on Tuesdays and Fridays, gets your little Geddy Lee to act as frontman of his or her very own rock band, regardless of musical prowess or ability. Here, a "Rock Star Counsellor" will lead them on a three-hour rock journey, from lessons and rehearsal, to sound check and finally, a real live gig in front of a packed house. Rock on!

### The U.N. ambassador

The best part about travelling is meeting people from different countries and learning about cultures from around the world. Places such as the Hangout Teens Club at Royalton Riviera Cancun is an ideal spot to meet a new WhatsApp buddy, and language is never a barrier when it comes to shooting some pool or playing air hockey, foosball or ping-pong with a new friend. Of course, the Lounge wouldn't be the ideal spot for teens without the free Wi-Fi included in Royalton's All-In Connectivity™, allowing them to post their globetrotting photos alongside their new jet-setting group of buddies.





## The foodie



A teenager's appetite is endless, and nowhere is this satiated more completely than at an all inclusive resort. The two à la carte restaurants, one snack bar and three buffet restaurants at the Azul Ixtapa Resort in Ixtapa, Mexico are sure to keep them coming back for more. In addition, the plethora of different cuisines on-hand will expand what might be a picky palate.



Core Zone at Dreams La Romana





Velas restaurant at Azul Ixtapa Resort

## The personal trainer

If your all-star kid is on their way to an athletic scholarship, point them in the direction of The Core Zone Teens Club at Dreams La Romana, Dominican Republic. Here, kids 13-17 years of age can play a range of sports and games. In addition to the air, pool, ping-pong and foosball tables, your young adults will be elated to discover there is also a baseball batting cage, an archery field and pistol range. There is an abundance of activities to keep their competitive juices flowing while you're sunbathing on a sun lounger. In the evening, while you are enjoying an intimate dinner for two, your teen can be spared from the romance, and instead, make new friends at a bonfire or disco mixer.



## The undefeated gamer

Travel is not for everybody, and it's fine if your kid still wants all the comforts of home while on the road. The Black & White Junior Club at Jamaica's Grand Palladium Lady Hamilton Resort & Spa is the perfect place to keep your teen entertained while you enjoy a well-deserved holiday. Here, in addition to the full complement of tabletop games, there is an area where teens can participate in their primary leisure activities: Video games and access to free Wi-Fi.



Black & White Junior Club at Grand Palladium Lady Hamilton Resort & Spa





Learn  
& play





If you're seeking a hotel to enjoy with your family on your next holiday, this is the place for you.

Barceló Hotels & Resorts have many hotels located in Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica and Cuba, which are ideal for parents and children.

Our family-friendly resorts have a large range of activities at their kids clubs to ensure that even the smallest members of the family will enjoy themselves. The parents can also indulge in a wide range of entertainment and leisure activities.

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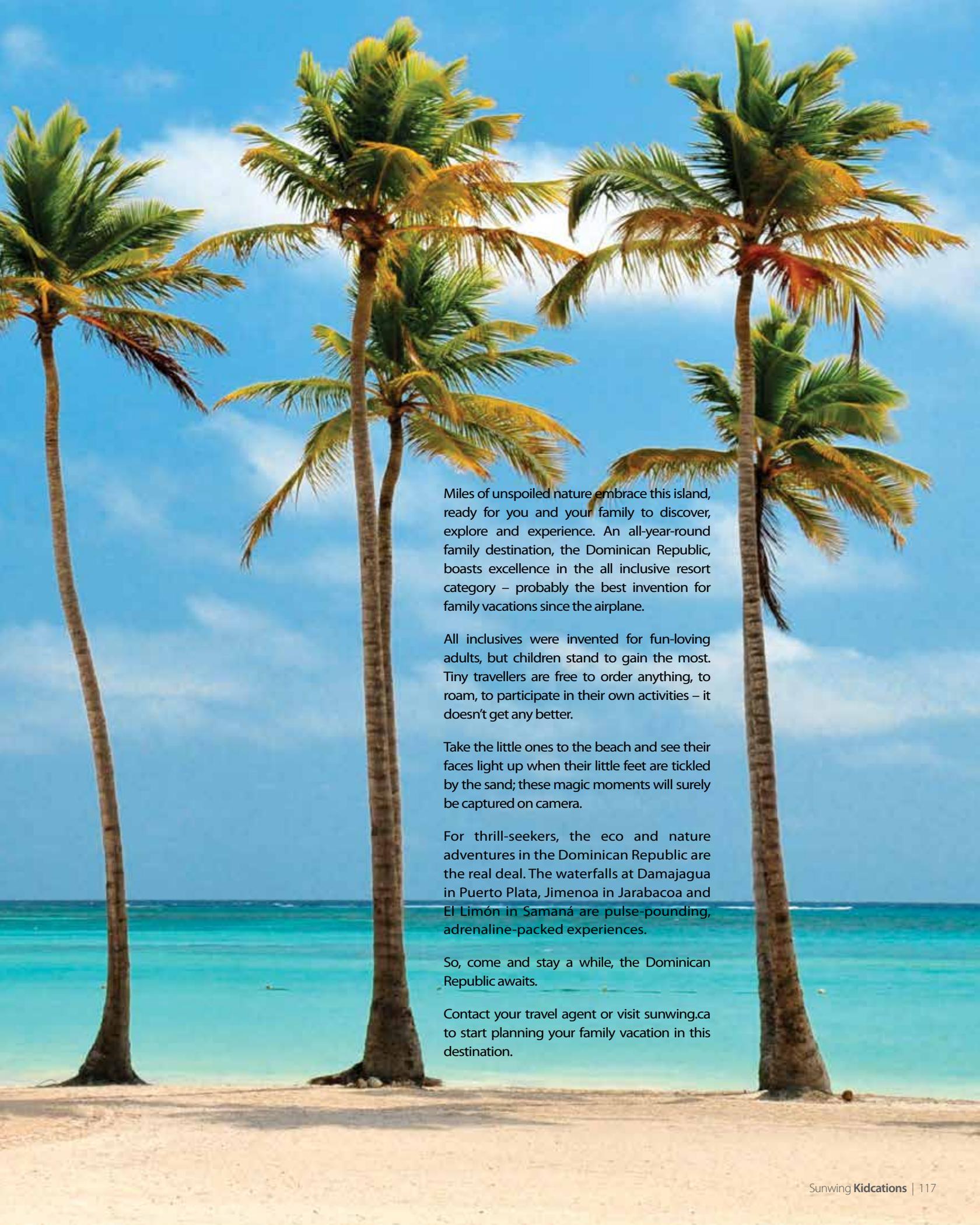
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**Dominican Republic**  
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Miles of unspoiled nature embrace this island, ready for you and your family to discover, explore and experience. An all-year-round family destination, the Dominican Republic, boasts excellence in the all inclusive resort category – probably the best invention for family vacations since the airplane.

All inclusions were invented for fun-loving adults, but children stand to gain the most. Tiny travellers are free to order anything, to roam, to participate in their own activities – it doesn't get any better.

Take the little ones to the beach and see their faces light up when their little feet are tickled by the sand; these magic moments will surely be captured on camera.

For thrill-seekers, the eco and nature adventures in the Dominican Republic are the real deal. The waterfalls at Damajagua in Puerto Plata, Jimenoa in Jarabacoa and El Limón in Samaná are pulse-pounding, adrenaline-packed experiences.

So, come and stay a while, the Dominican Republic awaits.

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A person's hand is visible on the right side of the frame, holding a thick, dark rope. The background is a lush field of tall, green grass, slightly out of focus. The overall scene suggests an outdoor adventure or a safari setting.

# Exotic excursions

for the whole family

Sometimes the little ones, and even Mom and Dad need a change in scenery on vacation. Luckily, many southern destinations are more than just their stunning coastlines, doling out plenty of natural wonder, vibrant culture and a spectacular variety of wildlife to be discovered. From thousands of endemic species, to dolphin encounters and awesome ancient ruins, we doubt you'll have a hard time convincing your tiny explorers to join in on the adventure with NexusTours, the official destination representative of Sunwing. You can pre-book your family excursions for added savings, and to guarantee your spot in these popular and exciting experiences.



## Check out our top picks for excursions for the whole family across Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America:

### **BAYAHIBE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** **CARIBBEAN PIRATES**

Arrrr matey! Set sail on the high seas for some old-fashioned swashbuckling fun! Pirates play host to guests on board the largest pirate ship in the country to set sail for a treasure adventure little sailers will not forget. Jump into crystal-clear waters to explore the coral reef, and watch out for a rowdy band of buccaneers who will excite and delight with plenty of pirate games, shows, and interactive fun.

### **PANAMA** **CANOPY AT ANTON VALLEY**

Located within one of the largest inhabited volcanic valleys in the world, the Anton Valley's nutrient-rich volcanic soil and year-round pleasant climate make almost every species of plant and animals thrive in this environment. Zipline through the treetops and see how many of the 500 species of birds you can spot! Visit an orchid conservation centre, which displays over 100 native local species; and if you're lucky, catch a glimpse of the critically-endangered Panamanian golden frog.

### **PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** **SIDE BY SIDE**

Experience rip-roaring fun and discover Punta Cana on off-road Club Car 4x4 buggies. A visit to Los Ojos Indigenas National Park is a highlight of this adrenaline-filled experience. Home to 12 freshwater lagoons (five of which you can swim in), a subtropical rainforest, and an iguana sanctuary – this protected ecological reserve is perfect for kids who love the creepy and the crawly!

### **NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS** **BUBBLE SUB**

Submerge 20 feet below the surface of the sea, piloting your own submarine, and get up close to coral reef formations while a rainbow of colourful fish surround you. Bring photos of marine species native to The Bahamas, like the queen conch, Bahama sea star, Nassau grouper, and the prickly porcupine fish, then see who can spot the most!

### **CANCUN, MEXICO** **EK BALAM MAYAN CENOTE**

Squeeze a little learning into your tropical vacation with a visit to the ruins at Ek Balam. Located deep within a lush jungle, explore the mysterious world of the Mayans by taking in ruins covered in paintings and carvings. The sheer size of the site will give your budding archaeologist perspective of what this powerful culture was all about. Next, swing from vines like Tarzan, then cool off with a refreshing dip in the cool waters of a cenote.

### **ROATAN, HONDURAS** **SWIM WITH DOLPHINS**

Get to know the most gentle, intelligent and social creatures of the sea - dolphins! This half-day excursion will take you to a shallow bay where tiny tykes and adult adventurers will have the opportunity to interact with these playful mammals. This unforgettable experience is followed by a visit to the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences, which is dedicated to preserving Roatan's natural resources by educating visitors about marine flora as well as creatures of the deep.

### **LA CEIBA, HONDURAS** **MAYAN RUINS COPAN**

This UNESCO World Heritage site is evidence of a spectacular and mysterious ancient civilization. Wander through a complex of ruins built over 3,000 years ago, and play code breaker with your mini-Indiana Jones as you take in more than 1,800 individual glyphs, one of which constitutes the longest known Mayan inscription left behind by this enigmatic culture.

### **COSTA RICA** **PALO VERDE NATIONAL PARK**

A slice of wetland paradise in Costa Rica's driest province, Palo Verde National Park is home to 300 bird species that can be seen in the networks of mangrove, lagoons, marshes, grassland and forests that make up the park. Equip your kids with their own binoculars and a disposable camera – they'll love capturing the over 250,000 birds that reside here at once.



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PANAMA



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CANCUN, MEXICO

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# A natural paradise

Riviera Maya is an ideal place for a family vacation. The combination of mangrove swamps, coconut trees, and white-sand beaches are ideal for families, where kids can build sand castles decorated with shells, algae, and smiles. Like every earthly paradise, Riviera Maya is full of ancient human traces. Stones from antique cities and temples inform us of our past while the gentle sea breeze beckons us forward to enjoy family moments in the present.

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So, you've finally decided to book that family vacation you've been dreaming about for what seems like forever. Time to round up the troops, pack your bags, and jet off for a relaxing time in the tropical sun - if only it were that simple! Travel preparations can be stressful, but factoring kids into the mix is enough to send blood pressure levels skyrocketing through the terminal roof.

Stay calm and carry on with these handy tips to have everyone relaxed on this much-needed holiday.



## Things to consider

From choosing a destination that offers plenty of fun for tiny travellers, trying to cram a playroom worth of distractions into one carry-on, and figuring out ways to keep them happy and entertained at your destination, you might start to feel like you'll need a vacation to recover from your vacation. However, as stressful as it might seem, the benefits of travelling with children far exceed the negatives. Not only will you get invaluable family time together, far far away from the bills, the homework, and the growing piles of dishes, but your children will also get a hands-on opportunity to learn about the world around them. New experiences allow for growth and development, and travel offers the kind of education you just can't get from sitting in a classroom. And, the good news is that with just a little bit of pre-planning, travelling with kids in tow can be a (tropical) breeze.



## Before departure

**Documentation.** It might seem like a given, but passports do have an eerie way of expiring right when we need them the most. There is nothing worse (or more expensive) than a last-minute scramble to get your travel documents in order, so play it safe and apply early – the earlier the better – to allow plenty of time for your passports to arrive. Many countries require passports to be valid for a specific number of months beyond your departure date, some require proof of health insurance or other documentation (like a letter of permission) if children are travelling with one parent only, so consult [travel.gc.ca](http://travel.gc.ca) and [flightsunwing.com](http://flightsunwing.com)'s Frequently Asked Questions page to avoid any unwanted surprises. Lastly, keep everything in one place, and keep it easily accessible while travelling. And when you arrive at your all inclusive resort, store all documents in your in-room safe until you're ready to head home.



**Destination dilemmas.** Now that you have your documents in order, it's time to decide on the destination that will play host to your much-anticipated family vacation. As much as a relaxing beach vacation in a quaint hotel might appeal to you, kids tend to scoff at the thought of seven straight days of sunbathing or shopping, so it's important to choose a resort that will offer something fun for everyone. The whole family will likely be eager to take advantage of some quality beach time, so take into account the location of your desired resort, as well as the type of beachfront it offers. For instance, Cancun is an amazing place to travel with kids, but the water in some areas is far too rough for little swimmers. Parents should consider booking a hotel in the north end of Cancun's Hotel Zone where the sea is somewhat sheltered by Isla Mujeres, much calmer and more kid-friendly.

Many resorts also cater specifically to children (while offering plenty of fun for teens, too). Score some much-needed time alone by choosing a resort with a supervised kids or teens club, where your little ones can play with kids their age, while you enjoy some quiet time by the pool. If you've got a troupe of water babies, why not try a resort with an on-site water park? Many resorts also offer meet-and-greets with some of their favourite cartoon characters (see page 88), so finding something to appeal to everyone should be a cinch.

**On-board diversions.** From portable DVD players, to iPods and tablets, there are plenty of travel-friendly ways to keep the kiddies entertained. Avoid boredom by packing a variety of options, and amp up their excitement with some special travel-related distractions you'll give to them after take-off. In addition to the Sunwing Kiddie Kit filled with an activity book, featuring puzzles and colouring projects, as well as a beach ball to enjoy in destination, load up a device with games and diversions, ranging from silly and fun to immersive and educational, and you likely won't hear a peep until you touch down on the tarmac. Check out some of these apps on page 138.



### Super charged

Check voltage requirements for your specific destination, and to be on the safe side, make sure to bring adapters to recharge your devices.



There are other fun games to play on the plane that don't involve electronic devices. For example, find pictures of cloud formations, and see if your kids can spot them all from the airplane window. Make a list of native animals found at your chosen destination, and have your kids draw them, or recreate them using pipe-cleaners.

It's also a good idea to give first-time fliers some gum or candy to chew on (or perhaps a sippy cup or soother if they're too young for sweets), and remind them to continuously swallow to pop their ears and avoid any pressure build-up. Lastly, even if they swear they don't have to go, have everyone use the bathroom before boarding the plane to avoid any accidents or outbursts caused by delayed departures.

## Upon arrival

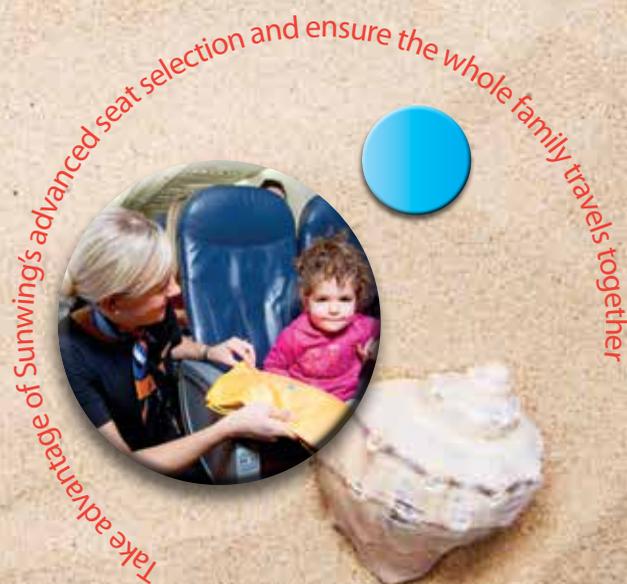
Now that you've arrived in your dream destination, it's time to get busy enjoying your vacation. Though the beach or pool are probably your easiest and most reliable entertainment

options, it never hurts to have a back-up plan. Here are some other great ways to keep them entertained throughout your stay in paradise.

**Picture perfect.** Purchase your child a kid-friendly or disposable camera, and let them capture their favourite vacation moments along the way. Kids will relish in the chance to point and shoot, and you'll likely be surprised, and even proud, of the memories your budding shutter-bugs will capture.

**Excellent excursions.** While away, it's also important to try and experience some of the culture and local landscapes found outside of your resort. Though you might want to spend a day trekking around the Mayan ruins, the historical significance is likely to be lost on your three-year-old, so avoid headaches by planning ahead, and choose excursions that will entertain everyone – you can do that at the time of booking, on board your Sunwing flight or at your Welcome Meeting with your NexusTours rep. From dolphin encounters to pirate adventures, there are plenty of options available at each sunny destination that'll keep the whole family happy.

**Remember to relax.** Everyone wants to make the most of their vacation, but jam-packed schedules can start to get stressful for everyone. Vacations should be about unwinding and taking a break from the hectic demands of everyday life, so remember to make time to relax and just enjoy your time together. Join your little ones, and do the things you loved to do as a kid – build a sandcastle, chase some waves, search for seashells – sometimes the simplest pleasures are the most enjoyable ways to spend time under the sun!





## Healthy snack ideas for the airport

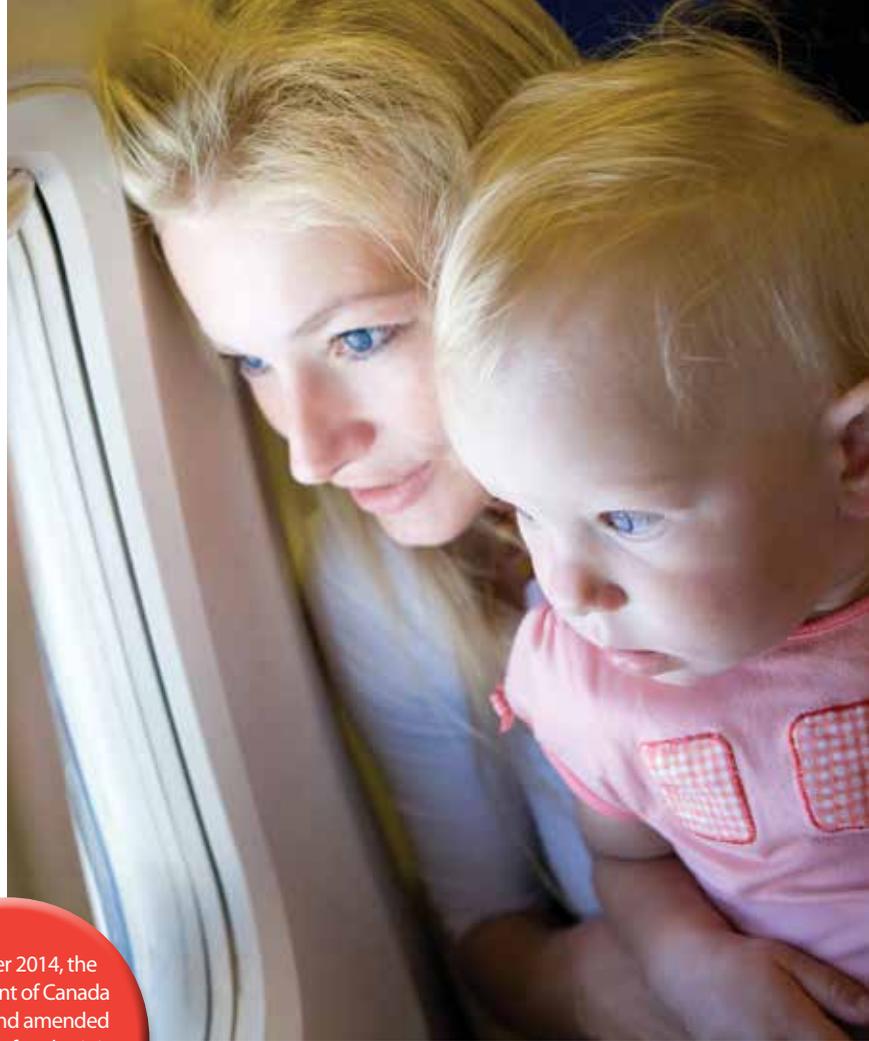
Purchasing food at the airport can get expensive. Have some of these snacks on-hand for when tummies start rumbling:

- Hummus with veggies
- Crackers and cheese
- Granola bars
- Trail mix
- Low-salt pretzels
- Sugar-free cookies
- Dried fruit
- Dry cereal

Tip: Some destinations restrict or prohibit agricultural products from coming in through customs. Eat your fruit & veggies before arrival.



In October 2014, the Government of Canada updated and amended requirements for obtaining children's passports – go online to find out more



## Advice from real moms

*"When we booked our first family vacation, all I could think about was how terrible the flight was going to be. But the service on board and my toddler's ability to keep herself entertained with the kids' backpack provided on the plane made the four-hour flight to Cuba go by in a pinch."*

–Erin from Hamilton, ON

*"My main concern was the food when we booked our all inclusive trip to Riviera Maya. My tween is a picky eater, and I didn't want him to gorge on french fries the whole week. So, when we arrived and saw all the great kid-friendly menu options at the buffet and specialty restaurants, - and even on the room service menu - I was completely relieved!"*

–Rachel from Saskatoon, SK



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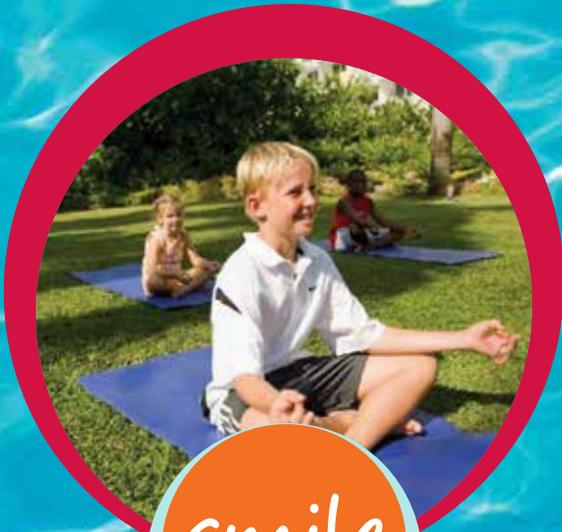
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# Nine reasons why travel is good for kids

By  
Z. Tuck

A sedentary life glued to numerous screens may keep your little tykes informed about current affairs and the Kardashians, but activity and exploration will allow them to develop face-to-face connections and relationships, discover new perspectives, and learn, first-hand, from the world around them. Since mom and dad need a break once in a while, a family vacation to a southern destination may be your win-win. If travel can make you healthier, then it's not only good for you, but for the whole family.

HERE ARE NINE OF THE TOP REASONS WHY TRAVELLING WITH KIDS IS ONE OF THE BEST THINGS YOU'LL EVER DO:

1. Climbing up Mayan ruins, snorkelling by a world-renowned barrier reef, ziplining across the Costa Rican jungle, or taking Spanish lessons by the beach in Cuba are only some of the adventurous and culturally-stimulating activities that kids just won't experience from a magazine, book or iPad.

2. Screaming kids and crying babies are not everyone's cup of tea, especially in a crowded plane before a four-hour flight, or by a relaxing pool on your only vacation getaway for the year. That's why parents are blessed with choice! Many all inclusive resorts in southern destinations have built-in Kids Clubs offering younger travellers age-appropriate activities that aim to engage and educate.



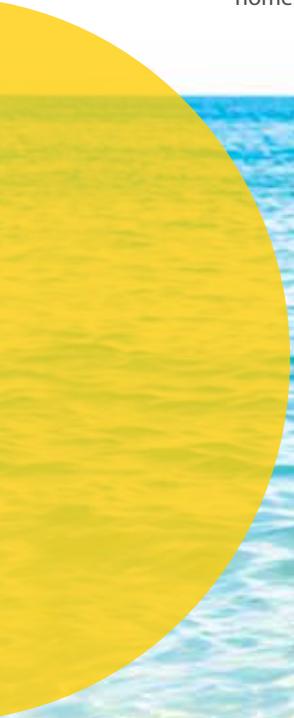


**3.** A sunburn from too much fun in the sun in a tropical locale is easier to treat than a cold caught while trying to pitch a tent in the rain on a camping trip north.

**4.** Travelling with toddlers can be a challenge if they have just started developing a new skill, like walking, talking or not lying still while you are trying to change them. While you want to help them explore and continue with their skill-training during your vacation, this may be difficult when you yourself are not familiar with the surroundings of your new home-away-from-home. That's why some of you first-time parents may

choose to take your first vacation with your new toddler at a family friendly resort. This protected environment will help reduce some of the environmental "surprises," and if your resort has a Baby Club, these programs are a great way to keep kids four years old and under social while feeding their curiosity.

**5.** With none, or only one, of their favourite toys, kids will resort to entertaining themselves with what they find in their surroundings. They will soon realize that their own two hands are their greatest instruments. Arts, crafts and games at kids clubs will become their creative outlets of choice.



6. Embracing different people from different backgrounds is not something many kids can learn about from a textbook. Meeting new people from diverse cultures helps kids keep an open, untainted image of others, and also boosts their self-esteem; two qualities that contribute to a well-rounded, mini-human being.

7. Dancing and singing are two of the most commonly practiced social and cultural pastimes around the world. Exposure to authentic melodies, dance steps, and entertainment help kids gain a broader appreciation for various cultures and the common elements that unite us all.

8. Kids absorb more when they learn in context rather than when they are fed a ton of random facts, numbers and dates to memorize.

9. Bye-bye to picky eating. When you are on the road, you don't have any other choice than to eat what is available to you. If that means your youngster will need to adapt to the spices, combinations or fresh ingredients in the foods, then maybe when you return home, these new foods will make their way onto the "OK to eat" list.



Mix seawater, sand and fresh air together, and you have a recipe for a great vacation. Moments stolen from the daily grind and routine can bring families closer together, give children the independence they need to grow, and fuel a culture of tolerance, exchange and understanding. Travel just makes sense. So, go on and get out there!

# Enjoy Acapulco



with your family





From the Hotel Zone in Playa Icacos, Central Countess, Pichilingue and Punta Diamante, Acapulco's beaches are world-renowned for their silky-soft sands and warm Pacific waters.

This Mexican destination is also a popular spot for families with children of all ages.

Visit El Rollo Aquatic Park, where wave pools, water slides, waterfalls and shows, featuring dolphins and other marine mammals, provide a day of delight.

The shores of Acapulco are also a haven for water babies where snorkelling, surfing, windsurfing, and beach spots are a sensation.

For more relaxing family enjoyment, Papagayo Park is a great choice, offering a plethora of bike paths, pools, sports courts, a lagoon, theatre and playground.

For a family vacation that incorporate discovery, wonder and a whole lot of fun, Acapulco is the one!

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# Tech Corner



Once you've packed all the items on your list, from flip flops to travel documents, an app "tool kit" can help you better plan for your family activities, and keep the kids entertained, healthy and safe.

So, go on, switch the roaming and cellular data off your electronic devices, tap into the free Wi-Fi available at many of Sunwing's exclusive SplashWorld® and Family Collection™ resorts, and engage in these "toys" and tools.



### SUN PROTECTION

It is very easy to lose track of time in the sun as you lounge by the beach or pool. We often don't retreat to the shade until a loved one shrieks at the rosy-red complexion of our neckline or back. The Wolfram Sun Exposure Reference app takes the hyper-diligence out of your vacationing mind, and calculates how long your family's skin can be exposed to the sun without burning. Simply enter your skin type, location, time, and SPF level you are using. The app also includes sunrise and sunset time, current sun position, and a weather forecast. No more lobster face!



### WATER SAFETY

While nothing replaces parental supervision when it comes to water safety, iSwimband offers a Plan B in your tool kit should you lose sight of your loved ones in the waves. This app connects via Bluetooth to a bracelet, and will alert your device should a swimmer become submerged beyond a preset time limit, or if a non-swimmer (i.e. a toddler or Rex the stuffed bunny rabbit) simply enters one foot in the water.



### ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS

In advance of a tour or animal encounter, your young children can be introduced to sea creatures via Peek-a-Zoo Underwater: Toddler Peekaboo in an Ocean Aquarium. By familiarizing themselves with exotic sea life, younger children will be less hesitant, and might embrace an encounter with a sea turtle, or the chance to swim with dolphins.

For the air-conditioned tour bus ride, your small children will be kept completely occupied with the puzzles in Underwater Spot for Toddlers. This is an educational opportunity to introduce the creatures of the deep to your wee ones.



### TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Avoid the hassle and hesitation of wondering about the legitimacy of a tourist tout offering once-in-a-lifetime excursions on your resort. Instead, rely on NexusTours as your go-to and trusted source for the best prices on activities and access to top-rated excursions in your destination. Once you arrive, from the comfort of your beach lounge, open the NexusTours app to discover the latest offers and promotions, and view pictures and information about local tours. In addition to booking your tours via the app, you can also reserve your spots online before you leave, on board your Sunwing Airlines flight, and via your NexusTours destination rep when you arrive at your hotel.



### FISH FINDING

A snorkellers must-have tool, Reef Fish Florida and Caribbean is a comprehensive and geographically-specific guide to shallow-water reef fish in these regions. Hundreds of fish have been catalogued and photographed with extensive descriptions for each. Make a game out of this app on a snorkelling excursion, seeing which family member can spot the highest number of different fish types.



### VIRTUAL WATER GAMES

**The Deep:** The goal of this game is to "swipe" your scuba diver avatar on dives of increasingly deeper depths. Accuracy is key and anything but perfect swipes will negatively affect your speed of movement and depth of dive. The further under the water successful dives are, the greater your oxygen capacity becomes, thus expanding the world of the game, revealing more species, artifacts and landmarks to navigate through. This addictive game places great emphasis on accuracy, timing and rhythm.

**Waterslide Extreme:** This is a 3D racing game that plays right into your vacation locale. When you're not zipping down winding slides by day, you can hop on this app to twist and turn down massive waterslides collecting more points the faster you go!



### PHOTO APP FOR KIDS

If your child is a big fan of taking photos, and not quite ready to handle your DSLR, download FirstCamera - The Camera for Kids. Not only will this app protect your DSLR investment, it'll also prevent your phone's camera roll from filling up with pictures of the sky and little feet. Photos are saved to the app instead of your device's camera roll. Kids can then draw on their photos through a virtual easel and also apply photo filters, stickers and disguises.





Unspoiled beaches, luxury resorts, world-renowned golf courses and sport fishing. Just when you think Los Cabos has it all, you discover Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park in the East Cape. Its shallow bay cradles three living reefs, including the only hard coral reef in North America. A kaleidoscope of vibrant tropical fish and turquoise blue waters await your exploration at Cabo Pulmo, a family-oriented and eco-friendly park.

Jacques Cousteau once called the sea of Cortez with its eight reef fingers, "The Aquarium of the World". The sea contains 39 per cent of the world's total number of species of marine mammals, and is recognized by UNESCO for its extraordinary importance. Over the past ten years, Cabo Pulmo has taken great initiatives to restore life in the reef as it had been severely depleted due to over-fishing. These efforts have

earned Cabo Pulmo the distinction of being an official Mexican marine park.

Snorkellers and divers of all levels can enjoy this fantastic underwater world teeming with morays, turtles, puffers, angelfish and more. Mermaids Beach, a small protected bay, is ideal for beginners. At Frailes Rock Sea Lion Colony you can cavort with friendly sea lions. Other snorkelling sites, such as Jureles and Las Navajas never cease to amaze. You never know what will peak its head out of the rocks, or whenever you'll come across a sunken shipwreck.

Experience this underwater sanctuary and interact with a rainbow of aquatic creatures on your next vacation in Los Cabos.

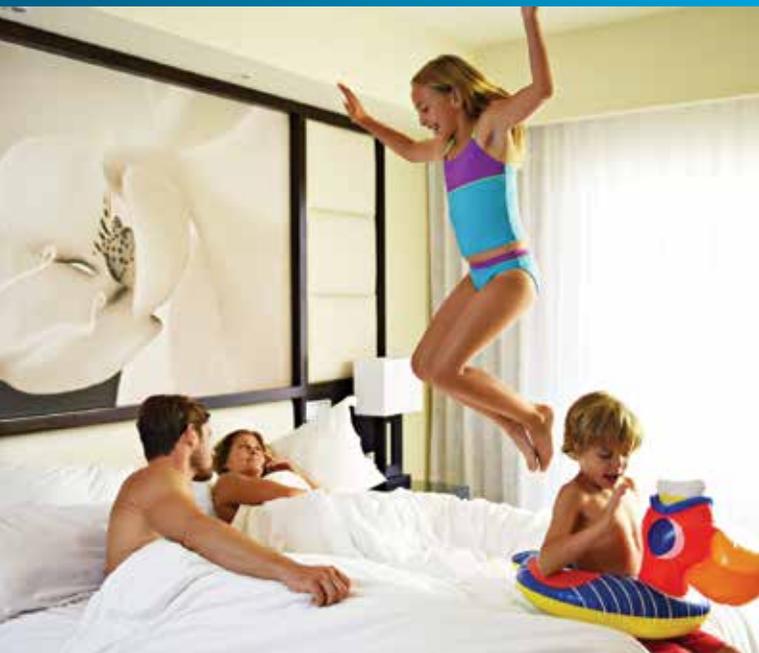
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An underwater photograph showing two divers in a dark wetsuit and fins swimming near a vibrant coral reef. The reef is covered in various types of coral, including large, flat, greenish-brown plates and darker, branching structures. Several fish are visible in the clear blue water above the divers. A vertical line of bubbles rises from the divers towards the surface. The overall lighting is deep blue, typical of an underwater environment.

The aquarium of the world

**México**  
LIVE IT TO BELIEVE IT



Whatever the family dynamic or feast of occasion, more and more travellers enjoy bringing their loved ones together in an exotic locale without breaking the bank. With single suites tailored specifically to the unique needs of families and groups of five or more, this list of hot spots caters to larger broods.

# Party of five

*Suites to suit*  
*the whole*  
*family*

By J. William

## FIRST PASSPORT STAMP

Taking your children under five years old to a beach resort is the best option to stretch your family's travel muscles and get a much-deserved change of scenery. The family friendly amenities and activities for kids offered at many of Sunwing's Family Collection™ resorts mean you won't return home needing a vacation from your vacation. Rooms like at Memories Paraiso Azul Beach Resort in Cayo Santa Maria, Cuba can accommodate up to three children and two adults. The two twin beds can sleep the whole gang, and a balcony or terrace with an ocean view make it so that Mom and Dad can enjoy some mojitos in the tropical breeze once the kids have gone to bed.

## HELPING HANDS

Of course, this is a vacation, and you'll want to squeeze in some quality time with your spouse for a stroll along the beach, a round of golf or a spa treatment. For a "real" vacation,

many couples with kids invite the grandparents along to lend a helping hand. The Family Room at Riu Emerald Bay along Mexico's Gold Coast in Mazatlan is furnished with one king bed and one sofa bed, plus a balcony or terrace. And with Duplex Rooms that include two bathrooms and two sofa beds, this space seems to be ideal for bringing together three generations of your family under one roof.

## EMPTY NEST

If your kids are grown up and about to leave the house, cajole them into one last big family vacation to Mexico with Mom and Dad. Of course, on occasion, your young adults will demand privacy and the multiple-storey Luxury Family Suite with oversized rooftop Jacuzzi at Royalton Riviera Cancun in Mexico will give them the space, separate from the watchful eye of parents, that they so covet. Parents can take a swim at the pool, enjoying breathtaking views of the ocean while teens can enjoy the same view from a spacious rooftop Jacuzzi.



Family Suite at Royalton Riviera Cancun



Master Junior Suite Familiar Room at Grand Palladium Bavaro

### JUST FOR DAD

From Father's Day to birthdays to retirement, there are ample reasons to surprise Dad with a golf trip in the Caribbean. Dominican Republic's Punta Cana is teeming with championship courses designed by renowned architects and legends, and the Grand Palladium Bavaro Suites in Punta Cana has a location that is perfectly teed up for a golf getaway. The Connected Family Suite has a series of combinations that include king beds, sofa beds and queen beds, so the cousins and uncles can swing into the fun, too!

### BRIDAL PARTY

While the bride and groom are booked into the Honeymoon Suite and enjoying couples massages, the bridal party will want a room spacious enough for pre-wedding prep and post-wedding festivities. The Family Jacuzzi Oceanview Suite at Royalton White Sands Montego Bay sleeps up to six adults (and has bunk beds!), meaning there may be a bridesmaid

or two fighting over who gets to sleep on the top bunk. In addition to the in-room Jacuzzi, there are two separate living areas with tropical views from the balcony or terrace.

### FAMILY REUNION

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more unique place to spend your family reunion than the gateway linking Central and South America, Panama. The Deluxe Ocean View Room at Sheraton Bijao Beach Resort Panama, a Sunwing Smile Resort™, has two bedrooms which can sleep the whole family, while activities like Beach Olympics or volleyball will help build some team spirit.

Whether for a family vacation, a reunion, or special occasion, there is bound to be options to suit each group's unique situation and style.

For more Sunwing Smile Resorts™ that offer rooms that accommodate families of five or more, visit [Sunwing.ca/family-of-five-vacations.asp](http://Sunwing.ca/family-of-five-vacations.asp).

A vibrant outdoor scene featuring a yellow church tower with a bell, a blue gazebo with intricate metalwork, and a man in a white shirt and hat carrying a large bunch of colorful balloons. The man is interacting with a young boy in a green striped shirt and a man in a white t-shirt and shorts. The background is filled with lush greenery and a clear blue sky.

Enriching  
experiences  
in the Pearl  
of the  
Pacific



Mazatlan is a perennial favourite with North American sunbirds, snowbirds and their families.

Endowed with a shoreline dotted with beckoning islands, a lovely seaside promenade, kilometres of golden beaches and blue lagoons, this sunny destination really lives up to its moniker, "Pearl of the Pacific"

Mazatlan has 18 kilometres of soft sands for entire families to enjoy, tall waves for surfing, the largest boardwalk in Latin America, and deliciously fresh seafood. This destination also has a picturesque downtown with museums, cafes and restaurants. Its natural lighthouse rivals the Gibraltar lighthouse, and its port is one of the most important hubs in the Pacific Ocean. The best time to go to Mazatlan is undoubtedly during the month of February, when its 100-year-old lively carnival takes place.

With over three decades of history, the Mazatlan Aquarium continues to be one of the most complete of its kind in Latin America. Due to its remarkable facilities, it has become a must-see attraction in which to spend an afternoon with the family and discover the marine wonders living on its shores. Interact with hawksbill turtles, 50 different species of fish, including stingrays. You will meet Toby, a friendly sea lion, which is the park's mascot and the star of the show!

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# Kids & Co.



Meliá hotels and resorts are ideal for family holidays. They offer supervised children's facilities so that parents can take advantage of some quiet time while the kids have a blast in a safe environment. Our Kids & Co. family program is specially designed for children, offering a mini check-in, special in-room children's amenities, and activities for children and parents - all created to provide an unforgettable experience. The children will discover an endless world of fun in the Mini Clubs, while parents will, no doubt, enjoy relaxing on the beach.

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