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7 Amazing Benefits of All-Inclusive Resorts



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We never thought about #6!

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Plotting your summer [vacation](#)? This year, why not consider a wallet-friendly all-inclusive resort? We tapped [vacation experts](#) for the greatest perks of staying at all-inclusives. Read on for their insider intel.

1. Family rates

"If you are traveling with children, make sure to specify their age! Most resorts offer family rates or discounted rates for children under the age of 18 years old," says Crystal Manafi, Sales Manager, [Pionero Travel Chile](#). "Babies and toddlers can even be free of charge, including a free crib." Some all-inclusives even offer a "kids stay free" policy or specials throughout the year.

2. Loyalty rewards

The more you book with the same resort or family of properties, the bigger you'll score. "Brands love to see returning customers which allows you the opportunity to score even more perks and upgrades," offers Courtnie Nichols, Owner and Founder of [TravelBash](#). "For instance, [AMREsorts](#) have several brands [such as] [Secrets](#), [Dreams](#), [and] [Now](#), so whether you are going with your honey, girlfriends or children they have a resort for you and on return, you are able to get freebies and upgrades and enrolled in their VIP and preferred clubs."

3. No more traffic jam woes

Emily Ferron of [Skyterra Wellness Retreat](#) in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina shares an oft-overlooked pro of all-inclusives: "[R]etreats like ours tend to be in great locations, with all of the activities and amenities you could need on-campus or nearby. That means less time spent commuting, parking, waiting in lines, etc. Make your vacation count — don't waste time with everyday chores!"

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4. Free excursions

Yes, you read that right. "Some resorts have excursions, watersports and added amenities included in the stay completely free or deeply discounted for their guests," says Dawn Gonzalez, Travel Professional and Owner of [9to5travels.com](#). Worth noting: "These vary from on and off the property. Be sure to ask qualifying questions prior to booking to avoid disappointment."

5. They'll take care of the kiddos

A great bonus for those traveling with youngsters: "Many all-inclusive resorts offer free, supervised programs for children, giving parents the opportunity to recharge their grown-up batteries in addition to spending quality time with the kids," advises Corinne McDermott, Founder of [HaveBabyWillTravel.com](#).

6. Save big on meals and cocktails abroad

Ready to eat, drink, and be merry? "[A] perk that a lot of people don't think about is saving on the exchange rate on food and drinks. [Travelers] realize you tend to save overall based on buying each meal separately, but you also save on fees and commissions on changing currency as well — for a family of four on a two-week holiday that could easily be \$50-\$100," explains Henry Gilroy of [Berridale Travel](#), a bespoke luxury vacation company.

7. Skip the planning

Planning your vacation can be fun, but it can also be time-intensive. "When you book travel that includes a complete itinerary of activities that have been tried and tested, you're guaranteed to have a much better overall experience because the research has already been done for you," says Manjul Rathee, CEO & Founder of [Soulscape](#). Show up, and the rest will be taken care of.