

# Dreaming of an all-inclusive family vacation? Here are 5 big mistakes to avoid.

## 2. Failing to fully research what's actually included

The phrase "all-inclusive" can mean different things at different resorts. Some activities might be included at one resort but require an extra fee at another. Inclusions of alcoholic beverages can also vary widely. "Be sure and do your research or be clear on what is included," says Keri Baugh, who runs the family travel blog [Bon Voyage With Kids](#). "We have never checked out of an all-inclusive without having a bill. There is always something we wanted or an activity we did for which we had a fee to pay."

Understanding what's included – and what isn't – can help you budget properly and fully take advantage of everything that's part of the total price. "There could be activities, airport transfers, or even spa visits included that you'll want to ensure you take advantage of," notes Dana Ravida, Director of Hotel Commercial Strategy at Priceline.

Some all-inclusives offer access to sister resort properties, giving you even more bang for your buck. "At the [Divi and Tamarijn Aruba All Inclusives](#), our guests have full exchange between the two hotels," says Cynthia Powell-Gosse, Director of Strategic Development for the Resorts. "[Guests can] stay at one and eat and play at both with no restrictions."