

Resorts for Families in Riviera Maya

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Overview

The Riviera Maya is a region along the Caribbean coastline in Mexico where family-friendly activities and attractions abound, including jet skiing, sailing, zip-lining, and snorkeling and scuba diving to see the area's underwater barrier reefs. Ecological parks and preserves in the area contain a multitude of Mayan ruins and artifacts to explore, such as the Mayan caves in Aktun Chen. Vacation resorts and hotels are abundant throughout the Riviera Maya area and offer family visitors a multitude of on-site amenities, including children's clubs, dive centers and family-friendly dining venues.

Explore the Mayan ruins at Tulum while vacationing in the Riviera Maya.

- **Hotel Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort**

The Hotel Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort is near the village of Puerto Morelos and within a 20-minute drive of the Cancún/Riviera Maya International Airport. Guests at the resort can enjoy a swim in the 22,000-square-foot swimming pool or make use of the complimentary snorkeling gear to see the Puerto Morelos National Reef Park. Other water activities offered at the resort include boogie boarding, windsurfing, sailing and paddle boating. For children, the resort has a kids' pool with water slides. The El Cid Kids Club, for children between 4 and 12, offers daily activities that include snorkeling lessons, kayaking, water polo, cooking classes and games. Parents also can arrange for a bike tour of Puerto Morelos for teenagers.

- **Hotel Riu Palace Riviera Maya**

The Hotel Riu Palace Riviera Maya is located along a stretch of beachfront for a multitude of water sport opportunities, including snorkeling, body boarding and kayaking. Every stay also includes an introductory scuba diving lesson for each guest. Children can visit the RiuLand kids program for daily activities organized according to age group. While children enjoy an afternoon at Riuland, parents can enjoy a massage or beauty treatment at the Renova Spa, a workout in the fitness center or a game of tennis or billiards. For kid-friendly dining, the on-site restaurants serve pizzas; hot, cold and theme buffets; and an assortment of desserts throughout the week.

- **Iberostar Hotel Tucán**

The Iberostar Hotel Tucán is located along the Caribbean coastline, within a five-minute drive of Playa del Carmen. The hotel has a range of standard room and suite accommodations and offers regional and international dining venues, including the poolside Palapa Uxmal Restaurant for lunchtime buffets, and the Tulum Restaurant, with live cooking shows in the evening. Lucy's Club for children between 4 and 12 offers an area for organized activities and movies, and the hotel offers regular live entertainment catered to a teenage audience. For family fun together, guests can go windsurfing, sail aboard a catamaran and go on a snorkeling or scuba diving excursion.

- **Sandos Riviera Beach Resort & Spa**

Located within a 45-minute drive of the Cancun International Airport, the Sandos Riviera Beach Resort & Spa offers family-friendly accommodations and amenities for vacationing within the Riviera Maya area. Families can participate in organized sporting and beachside activities. The resort offers clubs specifically for children, divided into a Baby Club, Kids Club for children between 4 and 12, and Teens Club for youth between 13 and 17. Visitors can enroll in a scuba diving lesson, go kayaking and windsurfing or lounge in one of the seven on-site swimming pools, including a pool play area just for children. For child-friendly dining, the resort's El Gaucho Steakhouse and the Grand Buffet Festival serve a variety of dishes throughout the day.