

The Best Luxury All-Inclusive

RESORTS IN THE WORLD

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These standout properties from around the world have maintained the gold standard of a luxury stay with the ease of an all-inclusive offering. From remote locations to beachside resorts and more, these properties offer all-inclusive pricing for the most discerning traveler. They provide stunning experiences and award-winning cuisine, and, best of all, you can leave your wallet in your room and enjoy all the property has to offer. Here are 14 of the best all-inclusive resorts in the world that break the stereotype of buffet-style mediocre food and kitschy activities and present a five-star experience throughout your stay. (credit: Shinta Mani Wild)

PIKAIA LODGE

Hidden in a secluded giant tortoise reserve and nestled on the edge of an extinct volcano crater, Pikaia Lodge, an all-inclusive Relais & Chateaux property, provides a fantastic way to explore one of the last paradises on Earth in a sustainable yet luxurious way. Offering unique remoteness, privacy, and tranquility on the Galapagos Islands, their 14 elegantly designed and spacious rooms allow guests to marvel at the uninterrupted views and surrounding wildlife. Taking luxury adventure to another level, Pikaia offers tailor-made all-inclusive adventure programs for three to seven nights. Guests can enjoy land activities like beach time, bird watching, and tortoise ranch visits, to yacht days aboard the 145-foot-long private yacht M/Y Vision Pikaia, where they explore different and unique protected islands in the archipelago as well as snorkel with sea lions, penguins and hundreds of other underwater species. Package rates for 2024 start at \$5,025 (three-night minimum stay in double occupancy). | credit Pikaia Lodge





SHINTA MANI MUSTANG

Bordering the Tibetan Plateau at an elevation of 2,800 m (9,186 feet), Shinta Mani Mustang is a Bensley Collection perches high above the town of Jomsom in the isolated kingdom of Nepal. Delivering a level of luxury not seen before in Nepal, the hotel incorporates sustainable design solutions and honors the traditions of local Sherpa hospitality in its immersive experiences and activities. The 29-suite all-inclusive hotel, which opened in August, requires guests to stay a minimum of five nights in which they are provided with accommodation, food and beverage, spa treatments, hiking permits, a personal Bensley Adventure Guide, all government taxes, and round trip vehicle transfers from Jomsom Airport, prices start at \$1,800 per couple per night. | credit: Shinta Mani Mustang

BISATE LODGE

A lavish eco-sanctuary just outside Volcanoes National Park, Bisate Lodge is a rainforest-based lodge with six forest villas. Offering breath-taking views of the Virunga volcanoes and one of Africa's most thrilling wild primate experiences (trekking to see the famous mountain gorillas of the Virungas), the lodge presents a blend of traditional and modern architecture designed in classic Rwandan style with domed thatched roofs and accented with emerald green and black-and-white chevrons. The lodge offers a model of sustainable ecotourism in all facets, from cuisine to natural waste repurposing and more. Bisate is a true celebration of life in Rwanda. With a fierce passion for conserving and protecting the beauty of the land from its reforestation program, community initiatives, and more, no luxury is spared. From its library, spa, restaurant, wine cellar, and more, the all-inclusive experience costs \$1,830 per night with a minimum two-night stay. | credit: Visit Rwanda





GOLDEN DOOR

Located on 600 acres just north of San Diego, transform your mind, body, and spirit at one of the world's best destination spas, Golden Door. A maximum of 40 weekly guests are offered a completely bespoke experience where guests are welcome to throwback to quieter, unplugged times. Through the golden door and across the yatsuhashi-inspired footbridge, the lucky few who stay at this resort can take full advantage of the twenty miles of hiking trails that span mountain to meadow, select from 80 rejuvenating classes for your mind and body, farm-to-table meals and a massage each day. After a multi-million dollar renovation to the property, which was completed earlier this year, the Golden Door welcomes guests back for either women-only weeks, men-only weeks, and a few coed weeks each year. Prices start at \$11,950 for a 7-night stay. | Credit Tanveer Badal

MATETSI VICTORIA FALLS

Experience the ultimate safari experience and an idyllic accommodation retreat from which to visit the largest waterfall on planet Earth in one of 16 suites, two family suites, or a private villa. This family-owned and independently run luxury safari lodge is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, and it caters to all market segments, from honeymooners to multi-generation families. Within its 136,000-acre pristine wilderness, the Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Matetsi Victoria Falls, can be booked on a full or part-exclusive-use basis, allowing guests to go on a safari to see breeding herds of elephant and buffalo, take a stunning sunrise private boat cruise, and of course visit Victoria Falls itself, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The lodge is all-inclusive, including return air-port transfers and a guided walking tour of the spectacular Victoria Falls. Prices start at \$995/per person sharing per night. | credit Matetsi Victoria Falls.





SHINTA MANI WILD

Deep in the Cambodian jungle, stay at Shinta Mani Wild—A Bensley Collection for an exhilarating and extravagant jungle safari. The all-inclusive luxury tented camp experience starts with arriving at the property via a 400m zip line, where guests are greeted with a shot of tequila in an iced pineapple cocktail. Featuring 15 luxurious tents perched over 1.5 km of river and waterfalls, luxurious and vintage stylings can be seen throughout as guests are surrounded by the lush South Cardamom rain forest. Experiences offer guests different ways to connect with nature as their Bensley Adventure Butlers plan activities to suit your tastes and fitness, from motorbike rides to boat trips to conservation activities like anti-poaching patrols. Three nights is the minimum stay, starting from \$1,900 per night plus applicable service charges and government taxes—minimum age of 10. | credit Shinta Mani Wild

SALMON FALLS RESORT

Located just a 90-minute flight from Seattle in Ketchikan, Alaska, this intimate full-service resort is surrounded by the Tongass National Forest, offering countless opportunities for outdoor exploration. Guests can enjoy exciting Alaskan adventures paired with an authentic lodge-style resort experience, all while partaking in world-class salmon fishing in the salmon capital of the world. The intimate resort has just 51 guest suites, outfitted in classic Alaskan lodge-style décor, providing a moment of respite following a selection of thrilling adventures to fill your schedule for your trip to Ketchikan. Choose from fully guided fishing and shrimping, floatplane flightseeing through the Misty Fjords National Monument, guided bear watching through the Alaskan rainforest, and much more. Rates start at \$1,500 per person per night and include accommodations, three meals per day, round-trip airport transfers, a customized itinerary with a choice of Alaskan adventure activities daily, transportation to all activities, and more. | credit Salmon Falls Resort





TONGABEZI LODGE BY GREEN SAFARIS

Hidden on the banks of the Zambezi River, combine romance and luxury with a hint of adventure at this lodge just upstream from Victoria Falls. Choose from a curated selection of houses and cottages decorated with designs and artifacts handpicked from around Africa. With an exclusive capacity for 26 guests, Tongabezi ensures a bespoke experience, and activities are plentiful, from guided tours of Victoria Falls to morning game drives and secluded island picnics. The luxury eco-lodge also encourages engagement in the surrounding area through education, health, farming, and sustainability projects. The all-inclusive experience starts at \$815 per person per night, with guests able to upgrade to an expansive House with a private plunge pool, starting from \$1,023 per person per night. | credit Green Safaris

MAHALI MZURI

Sir Richard Branson's luxurious all-inclusive 12-tented luxury safari camp in the Kenyan bush is located in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy in the broader Maasai Mara ecosystem. The name means 'beautiful place' in Swahili, which is precisely what this camp does, as it ensures guests can relate to their surroundings through all aspects of the design, offerings, and activities. The rates include game drives, food and beverage, and accommodations, and guests who come from June to October become a part of The Great Migration and witness the herds of wild animals right outside your door. Each tent is filled with fabrics from Tanzania and Kenya, locally-made bamboo light fittings, basket-woven lamps, and wooden furniture, while the pool and spa are available for guests throughout the year. For double occupancy in the low season, prices start at \$990 per night. | credit Virgin Limited Edition





JADE MOUNTAIN

Jade Mountain in St. Lucia is a mesmerizing resort that is spread across a 600-acre lush, tropical estate with sprawling beaches and some of the most striking blue waters in the Caribbean. With its sweeping open-air 'sanctuaries' (there are a total of 29) that feature private infinity pools and uninterrupted views of the majestic UNESCO-recognized twin Pitons and the Caribbean Sea, each accommodation comes with a personal butler—also known as a 'majordomo.' Using produce from the resort's onsite Emerald Estates Regenerative Farm, guests are presented with bountiful cuisine options. They can also visit the nearby 40-acre Emerald Estates Farm for a tour to taste some of the island's freshest produce. The resort also offers an array of onsite non-motorized water sports. At the same time, those seeking to be immersed in the beauty of St. Lucia's nature can take part in complimentary guided walking tours along the trails or opt for en-suite spa treatments in the privacy of their sanctuary. Prices start at \$1,385 per night. | credit Jade Mountain

SANDALS ROYAL CURACAO

Perfect for a beachfront adventure-filled getaway, this luxurious and romantic property is steps from the ocean. One of Sandals' newest resorts and its first in Curaçao, the property allows guests to explore the intimate island's natural and cultural wonders. Stay in one of their Awa Seaside Butler Bungalows, which includes a private infinity edge pool located directly on the coast overlooking the sparkling blue sea, butler service, and complimentary Mini Coopers to drive while exploring the island. From their eleven culinary concepts to the bi-level Dos Awa infinity pool to the all-included scuba diving and water sports, the 3,000-acre estate is a great romantic getaway for couples. Prices start at \$303 per person per night, but guests can also extend their all-inclusive dining options to eight partner restaurants around Curaçao with Sandals' new 'Island Inclusive' program. | credit Sandals Resorts





RANCHO LA PUERTA

Offering guests a unique reawakening and spiritual mental escape, this luxurious all-inclusive fitness resort in Tecate, Mexico, provides a complete wellness experience to all its guests. Whether for a partial-week stay of three or four nights or their typical Saturday-to-Saturday schedule, explore the 4,000 private acres of gardens, mountains, and meadows and participate in over 80 fitness classes. After sweating it out, choose a spa treatment or therapeutic session while the chefs prepare meals utilizing the season's freshest ingredients from the on-property garden. Specialty weeks at the Ranch are also offered year-round, featuring visiting guest speakers. Prices start at \$750 per night. | credit Rancho La Puerta

MOUNTAIN TREK

This wellness retreat in British Columbia is part hardcore boot camp, part holistic health retreat, and part spa oasis. With a maximum guest count of 16 clients per week-long program, guests can trek through some of Canada's most beautiful natural wilderness and transform their physical, mental, and emotional health. Through daily guided hikes, organic and nutritionist-designed cuisine, a state-of-the-art spa, forest bathing, barefoot walking meditation classes, and more, the seven-night all-inclusive program makes guests more powerful in their skin. This life-changing wellness experience—free of caffeine, alcohol, or electronics—also provides three weekly therapeutic massages, access to local hot springs, and more. The price for a one-week stay is \$6,700 all-inclusive (including tax). | credit/courtesy of Mountain Trek





THE RESORT AT PAWS UP

This 37,000-acre ranch is at the crossroads of incomparable luxury and unspoiled wilderness in the untamed Montana wilderness and ranges from individual homes to Western-chic seasonal glamping tents. There is accommodation for every type of adventure. The all-inclusive stay allows guests to private cattle drives, ATV rides, shooting clays, fly-fishing, horseback riding, a Mountain Bike Flow Trail, a tour through Garnet Ghost Tour, and more at an additional cost. Whether in one of their luxury homes, safari-style tents, or secluded Tree Houses at sister property the Green O, soak up nature from the roaring Blackfoot River to the more than 100 miles of trails and the nearby 1.5-million-acre Bob Marshall Wilderness before making your way to Spa Town® at Paws Up, where treatment tents give new meaning to “getting lost” in the woods. Prices start at \$1,730/night (vary seasonally). | credit Stuart Thurlkill

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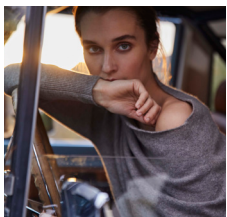
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