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38 of the Best Luxury All-Inclusive Resorts in the World

Butlers, elephant rides, a loaner Lexus, and...a private boat.

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When you hear "all-inclusive," what comes to mind? If it's over-stuffed hot tubs, snaking lines for bland buffets, and utterly watered-down cocktails in colors not found in nature—all in the context of a huge, generic resort experience— you'd be right to be skeptical about the whole thing. (And we get it.) But not every all-inclusive resort is like that—and you'd be doing yourself a disservice by overlooking every single one.

A smaller number of refined properties offering all-inclusive pricing models cater to the most discerning travelers on the planet. Think Michelin dining experiences, a loaner Lexus (or your very own boat!) upon check-in, unlimited spa treatments, private butlers, and elephant rides. But we're not going to lie, the prices reflect those luxuries—stays start anywhere from \$600 to \$3,000+ per night. But hey, these are once-in-a-lifetime experiences!

Our list of the best of the best includes properties all over the world—so you can pack for a trip of trekking rare monkeys in Rwanda, viewing bears by floatplane in Alaska, hiking to ancient ruins in Mexico, or exploring colorful coral reefs in a fully transparent kayak in the Caribbean. Ready for an unforgettable trip (with nary a yard-long slushy cocktail in sight)? Draw inspiration from our list of some of the most luxurious all-inclusive resorts in the world.

Lake Austin Spa Resort, Texas



Lake Austin Spa Resort is just as it sounds: an idyllic wellness retreat situated in a lakeside setting. Included activities are paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, an array of fitness classes, and even wellness lectures. For food, you'll get three healthy and locally sourced meals a day. Stay at the resort's most luxurious accommodation, the Lady Bird Johnson Suite, for a truly indulgent occasion. Fun fact: First Lady Lady Bird Johnson herself stayed here —as have George H. W. Bush and Barbara Bush.

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