

The Complete All-Inclusive Resort Guide

Chapter 7: What's Included...and What's Not?

One of the biggest advantages of an all-inclusive vacation is knowing that many of your expenses are covered before you arrive. However, every resort is a little different, so it's important to understand what is typically included and what may involve an additional charge.

Typically Included

- Accommodations
- Unlimited meals, snacks, and most beverages
- Multiple restaurants and bars
- Pools, beaches, and lounge chairs
- Daily activities and nightly entertainment
- Fitness center
- Many non-motorized water sports such as kayaking or paddleboarding

Often Available for an Additional Cost

- Spa treatments
- Golf at participating resorts
- Motorized water sports
- Off-property excursions
- Premium wines, top-shelf liquors, or specialty dining at select resorts
- Airport transfers at some properties
- Travel insurance

Always Read the Details

Resorts vary widely in what they include. Some offer airport transfers, premium beverages, unlimited specialty dining, or scuba lessons, while others charge extra. Reading the resort details—or working with a travel advisor—helps prevent surprises.

Aimee's Resort Tip: Don't compare resorts on price alone. Compare everything that's included. A resort with a slightly higher nightly rate may actually save you money if it includes transfers, premium dining, or additional activities.

Coming Up: Chapter 8 explores dining, restaurants, bars, and everything you need to know about food and drinks at an all-inclusive resort.