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A family trip feels truly relaxing when you stay at one of these beach resorts, with kids' clubs, spacious rooms, and all kinds of thoughtful amenities.

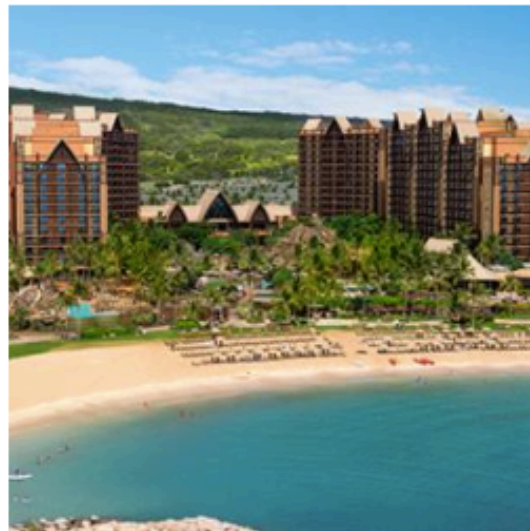
Nothing says *'ohana* quite like the Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa on Oahu, where kids get sand-sculpting lessons by day and don leis for a mele celebration on the beach at sunset. And the whole gang can pile into a traditional hand-built canoe for a scenic coastal sail.

Such creative offerings helped Aulani earn the title of No. 1 family beach resort, as voted by T+L readers in the annual [World's Best Awards](#) survey. Convenience is also a factor: Aulani has two-seat casabella beach loungers and snorkel rentals at the ready and, back in the rooms, bassinets and baby-proofed balconies. Other winning properties across the U.S., the Caribbean, and Mexico follow suit, catering to families with a mix of the practical and the delightful.

At the bamboo-furnished Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo—in a protected area of lush forest and pristine beaches—the complimentary Kids for All Seasons program features hermit-crab hunts and bird-watching.

Collecting pink seashells and learning to surf are on the agenda at Florida's Hammock Beach Resort, which also caters to kids with a 91,000-square-foot water park, complete with a lazy river and water flume.

In short, no need to worry about riptide, sunburns, childcare—no need to worry at all. From sheltered saltwater lagoons to shaded chaises, these top-ranking beach resorts have families



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No. 1 Aulani, a Disney Resort & Spa, Kapolei, HI

Hawaii is a favorite family destination, and with its Disney pedigree, the [Aulani](#) knows just how to surprise and delight kids of all ages. On Oahu's western shore, the resort occupies a crescent stretch of pristine Ko Olina beach, where families gather for sand-sculpting contests, treasure hunts, and sunset mele celebrations. For a more traditional take on Oahu water sports, your brood can board a



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hand-built Hawaiian sailing canoe to explore the coastline and learn the history of the islands.