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LONG LIVE THE ALL-INCLUSIVE

It's an absolute joy to pay up front and then order everything you want guilt-free, says Mary Gold

A FAMILY FAVOURITE

TURTLE Beach Resort, Barbados, sits on a 1,500ft long white sand beach on the south coast of Barbados, where turtles lay their eggs each year. There are four swimming pools for all ages, plus spacious family suites sleeping four.

There's arts and crafts for children as well as films and popcorn on the beach. Adults can take advantage of the floodlit tennis courts and clubs and bars within walking distance at St Lawrence Gap.

DETAILS: Kuoni (kuoni.co.uk, 0800 0448955) offers seven nights all-inclusive at Turtle Beach Resort in a one-bedroom, ocean-view suite, including Virgin Atlantic flights from London Gatwick and transfers. Price for December 2016 (excludes Christmas) from £6,954 for a family of four.

ACTION STATIONS

ATLANTIS, Paradise Island in the Bahamas, is a water-themed resort built around 11 pools. There's a leap of faith slide from the top of a Mayan-style temple, which plunges swimmers 60ft from an almost vertical drop into a shark-infested pool (through a glass tube, thankfully). There's an 18-hole golf course, the largest casino in the Caribbean, 19 bars and 21 restaurants.

DETAILS: Kenwood Travel (kenwoodtravel.co.uk, 0203 820 3048) has an all-inclusive seven-night deal at Atlantis for £2,169pp, including flights from Heathrow and accommodation in a beach tower terrace room from November 27 to February 11, but excludes Christmas.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

SECRETS Maroma Beach Riviera, Cancun, is an adults-only resort set in 500 acres next to one of Mexico's best beaches.

The honeymoon suites have extra-large four-poster beds, hot-tubs and champagne on arrival. There are 13 swimming pools, nine restaurants, six bars (including a swim-up bar) and an open-air theatre.

Three meals a day plus snacks are included, as are tours of the Yucatan peninsula and non-motorised water sports, aerobics and dance lessons.

DETAILS: Destinology (destinology.co.uk, 01204 474438) offers seven nights on an all-inclusive basis from £3,495 for two people in a junior suite, including return flights on Virgin Atlantic from London Gatwick and transfers in resort.

A SPORTY CHOICE

THE Heritage Awali, Mauritius, is a five-star resort in Domaine de Bel Ombre in the unspoilt south of the island. The hotel celebrates the African heritage of Mauritius and is ideal for families, friends or couples.

There's a choice of seven menus for lunch and dinner, two bars and an 18-hole golf course. Golf widows are also catered for with two spas and free access to the Frederica Nature Reserve. One round of golf on the championship course is included every day and there's kitesurfing and free champagne from 11am to 11pm.

DETAILS: Hayes & Jarvis (hayesandjarvis.co.uk, 01293 762406) offers seven nights at Heritage Awali from