

MAKING FAMILY LIFE MORE FUN

All-Inclusive Vacations: Resort Fun For Kids And Parents

(NAPSA)—Your family can stay together on your next vacation—but you don't always have to play together.

All-inclusive vacation resorts offer fun and exciting programs for the youngsters while parents have a chance to relax and enjoy their own vacation time. Through the years, one all-inclusive vacation provider, Club Med, has tailored its offerings to reflect the increasing trend in family travel. In 1967, Club Med opened its first Mini Club for children ages two to 11, pioneering the concept of activities geared toward children. In 2003, two thirds of Club Med villages cater to families.

Club Med, now offers "Total All-Inclusive™" vacations featuring more than 60 sports and leisure activities, endless gourmet buffets and live nightly entertainment. Also included in the price is a wide variety of beverages (including a premium bar) available throughout the day, all-day meal service and upscale amenities, such as CD players in each room. Specialized sports and activities, which vary by village—such as scuba diving, ATP tennis camps, golf, massage and excursions—are offered at an additional cost.

Club Med's U.S. resorts catering to families include Crested Butte, Colorado, the only all-inclusive family ski resort in the U.S. and Sandpiper-Florida, Port St. Lucie. Not only are these villages close to home, but each boasts award-winning children's clubs offering sports and leisure activities designed specifically for kids according to their age group.

At both villages, programs such as Mini Club Med™ (ages 4-10) and Juniors' Club Med (ages 11-17) are both part of the family packages, keeping youngsters booked solid with back-to-back



Family-friendly resorts let parents and children play together...

events and activities (and a dinner reprieve with the folks).

Also at Sandpiper-Florida, a host of engaging activities and programs are available for infants and toddlers. Baby Club Med™ (ages 4-23 months) includes games, educational activities and even parades. Petit Club Med™ (ages 2 and 3) includes a variety of activities and outdoor functions, some of which can include Mom and Dad (should both parties agree!). Parents who relish the night-life will be thankful for the Siesta Club where qualified staff, known as Gracious Organizers (G.O.s), oversee little ones as they nap in the evenings.

Other Club Med villages with children's clubs include Ixtapa and Punta Cana, Mexico.

New programs for children at Club Med resorts include:

- Putumayo World Music's Adventure, exploring international music and multicultural activities including sing-alongs,

arts and crafts and instrument making.

- Hip Hop Kidz, a nationally recognized hip-hop dance program, teaches youngsters the funky dance moves of the favorite music stars while

getting fit. By the end of their stay, children learn an entire dance routine they perform on stage for the entire resort.

- Nature Discovery Program in Ixtapa, where kids get up close and personal with the wildlife.

Club Med pioneered the idea of all-inclusive lifestyle vacations. It boasts over 100 villages in more than 40 countries worldwide, including the U.S., Mexico and the Caribbean. Learn more from a travel agent or at www.clubmed.com.



...alone, or with friends.