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KICK BACK, RELAX AND DON'T THINK ABOUT THE BENJAMINS ON YOUR HONEYMOON. HERE, OUR GUIDE TO FINDING THE PERFECT ALL-INCLUSIVE RESORT.

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Afloat off the coast of Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort.



The romantic The Reserve at Paradisus Punta Cana Resort.

Choosing an all-inclusive hotel can be confusing. Truly. In theory, the various resort groups offer a similar vacation experience, but they differ widely in size, style and vibe—even with what’s included in the price. So we crisscrossed the Caribbean and discovered the best all-inclusive options for every kind of couple. There’s bound to be a perfect fit.

FOR CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS:

Jumby Bay, A Rosewood Resort

This idyllic beach retreat sits on a private island just off the coast of Antigua, and is a world unto its own. Airy Rondavel rooms have four-poster beds, garden showers and wraparound patios, while pool suites have a separate living room, a garden with an outdoor soaking tub and a pool and lounge area edged with hedges to ensure the ultimate in privacy. Celebs book the lavish, architecturally stunning estate homes. The island is less scene-y than neighboring jet-set favorites, so you get a more low-key crowd; check-ins include Paul McCartney and Will and Jada Smith. The all-inclusive package includes meals, wines and beers by the glass, tons of water sports and a putting green (room rates start at \$1,075 a night; rosewoodhotels.com).

FOR AN INTIMATE EXPERIENCE:

The Reserve at Paradisus Punta Cana Resort, Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic boasts many all-inclusive, mega resorts, which are great if you have a big wedding, but some- ➔

Bahamas' Kamalame Cay.



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Jamaica's new Hyatt Ziva Rose Hotel.



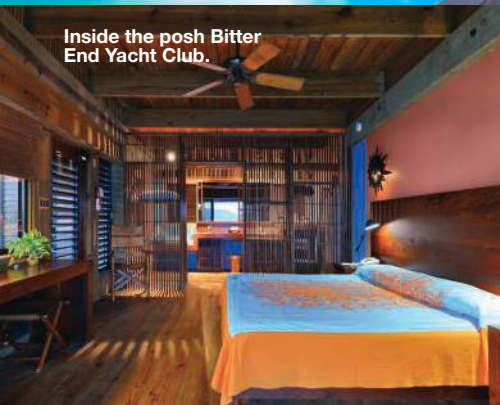
The green Jungle Bay.



The treehouse spin studio at The Body Holiday.



One of the pools at Sandals Emerald Bay.



Inside the posh Bitter End Yacht Club.

times you want to feel extra special, specifically on your honeymoon. Which is why we love the “hotel within a hotel” concept that is executed beautifully by Paradisus. Located next to the flagship Paradisus Punta Cana, **The Reserve at Paradisus Punta Cana Resort** has just 132 suites, each with a separate living area with stocked mini bar, king bed, oversized hydrotherapy tub and private balcony. The Zen-inspired design lends a sexy ambience to guest rooms, the two restaurants, the spa and an adult-only pool, with plenty of thatch-covered daybeds. At the main resort you'll find nine more eateries, six swimming pools and activities from salsa classes to golf. Guests of Paradisus don't have access to The Reserve, so it's blissfully quiet and exclusive (room rates start at \$290 a night and are all inclusive; paradisus.com).

FOR A HOME AWAY FROM HOME:

Kamalame Cay, Andros Island, Bahamas

Started in 1995 as an intimate family-owned hotel, **Kamalame** has grown slowly but deliberately, with paramount care taken not to disrupt the intimate vibe. Now at 19 rooms and suites, the newest lodging, the three-bedroom indigo palm villa, opened in spring. Wood-frame cottage suites are ideal for newlyweds, with tropical-chic decor, soaker tubs, stocked kitchenettes and sea-front terraces. Spa treatments feature all-natural Naturopathica products and are conducted in an overwater bungalow perched above the sea. Come sunset, guests gather in the Great House

for cocktails, followed by Bahamian cuisine heavy on fresh seafood. There's a freshwater pool and a three-mile beach perfect for strolls (room rates start at \$725 a night; kamalame.com).

FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY: Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall, Jamaica

These days, newly blended families often escape with each other to celebrate their union. We call it the familymoon and it's best enjoyed at a resort robust with amenities for guests of all ages. Enter the new 347-room **Hyatt Ziva Rose Hall** on the beach in Jamaica. For the kids, swim-up suites make pool time a breeze. And there's a club that caters to children ages 4-12, as well as family-friendly evening performances in the Gran Teatro. Adults enjoy rum sommeliers and a gorgeous spa with hydrotherapy area. The resort is an ideal spot for weddings, too. Explore the family side with your guests, then for the honeymoon move to the adults-only section, called Hyatt Zilara (room rates start at \$350 a night and are all inclusive; rosehall.ziva.hyatt.com).

FOR SPA LOVERS:

The Body Holiday, St. Lucia

The Body Holiday is a perennial favorite for spa aficionados. One reason is the daily treatment that's included. Then there's the rich slate of classes including tai chi, Pilates and spinning. Time it right and you may be part of a yoga retreat or spend time with a visiting fitness pro. But just because it's dedicated to wellness doesn't mean it's fussy or dull. Comfy rooms have four-poster beds, patios and jetted showers. **Continued on page 24**