



9 affordable family resorts that deliver more for your vacation budget

From beach escapes to water park resorts, these budget-friendly family stays help stretch your vacation dollars further.

Family vacations can be expensive, especially these days. Flights, rental cars, accommodations, meals and activities: It all adds up, no matter the size of your crew. That's why saving money on some parts of your vacation without compromising on the overall quality of the trip definitely pays off.

Opting for a budget-friendly hotel or resort can be a smart move, especially if you'll be on the go most of the day or aren't someone who needs lots of fancy extras. I drew on my own experiences and also spoke with parents across the country to find out about their favorite lower-priced hotels and resorts in the United States. These [affordable family hotels and resorts](#) offer prime locations and plenty of amenities, and they come personally recommended by real travelers.

5. Okana Resort & Indoor Water Park

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



The kids definitely won't get bored at Okana Resort & Indoor Water Park. *Okana Resort & Indoor Water Park*

Opened in 2025, the action-packed [Okana Resort & Indoor Water Park](#) makes for a fun family vacation spot any time of year. “We kicked off spring break at Okana Resort & Indoor Water Park, and it was the perfect way to slip into vacation mode,” says FamilyVacationist contributor [Tarah Chieffi](#). “The rooms were thoughtfully designed with families in mind—everything from bunk beds in select room types to garbage cans larger than a thimble like you find in many hotels.”

Rates start at \$159 per night (but can climb higher during the summer months and around holidays), and you get a lot for your money. “With a massive indoor water park, an arcade, and on-site dining, we never had to leave the resort!” says Chieffi. “And in addition to the indoor water park, Okana has a seasonal outdoor water park, giving families even more rides, slides, and splashes to choose from.”