

## all around the all-inclusives

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MAJOR RESORT CHAINS TODAY

In Mexico and the Caribbean "all-inclusive" has become a phrase repeated almost as often as "sun and sand." If sun and sand suggest one kind of relaxation, all-inclusive suggests another, a relaxation from the hassles of worrying about the incremental loss of money on a holiday. In recent years, all-inclusive resorts have heightened the quality of what they offer, always seeking to distinguish themselves from their competitors by adding value, and upgrading services and facilities. These days, "all-inclusive" can no longer be used to describe the whole sector of hotels that offer it, because they've all carved special niches within the niche. The following small catalogue of major all-inclusive brands is hardly complete, but it gives you a beginning idea of all that's out there.

PALACE RESORTS (800-635-1836, [www.palaceresorts.com](http://www.palaceresorts.com)) Palace Resorts offers 12 all-inclusive properties throughout Cancun, Riviera Maya, Isla Mujeres, Riviera Nayarit, Cozumel and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Moon Palace Casino, Golf & Spa Resort will open in Punta Cana this year and will be the company's first foray in the Dominican Republic as well as the largest resort in Punta Cana, with 1,791 accommodations. Also new for this year is the addition of a concierge level at Palace Resorts.

