

# Cancun's Grand Fiesta Americana Is The Ideal Luxury Choice For Families



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Cancun is one of my favorite vacation destinations—I have visited over fifteen times, but the property that my family loves the most is the Grand Fiesta Americana. What makes this resort so special? Below are some of the reasons that families continue to flock to this luxury property.



Grand Fiesta Americana  
Beautiful beachfront pools

Newly completed, the KidZ Club is a 50,000 square foot extravaganza of fun. Younger kids can enter beautifully designed play areas devoted to city, park or jungle activities. But why stay inside when a giant dinosaur, Mayan themed ruins and a private water park awaits in the highly supervised outdoor area? Older kids who are homesick for their gaming devices can jump on an Xbox and everyone will love the cooking classes. (see my detailed review of the kids' club here)



Grand Fiesta Americana  
A private on-site water park

### Amazing water sports

The property has five glorious pools and a wonderfully calm beach. The pool concierge is well stocked with volleyballs, footballs, boogie boards and a generous supply of floats. If you want to get a little bit more active in the ocean, why not grab a paddle board or hop on a boat bike. Just a few steps down the beach, at Marina Coral Beach Water Sports, guests can sign up for jet ski rentals, diving, parasailing, snorkeling, or one of those wacky flyboarding experiences. The boats here are small and usually take out just one or two families and the world's second largest coral reef is just a five minute ride away. On my last visit, we were lucky enough to snorkel with a large group of sea turtles.



### Food for everyone

Keeping everyone's taste buds satisfied can be challenging, but the Grand Fiesta delivers with numerous dining options that offer something special for all members of your entourage. If you want to keep it casual, you can enjoy fish tacos or a pizza at the swim up bar— (just remember not to put your napkin on your lap as I did!) or stop by Isla Contoy for more substantial beachside dining.

La Joya is the resort's signature Mexican restaurant and it has some incredible offerings. You can sign up for the tequila tasting or the new 8 course interactive dining experience, where a high tech communal table portrays centuries of Mexican history. All parents will love the fact that La Joya has a mini kids club with FREE babysitting and a kid friendly buffet. And for something really extravagant, visit Le Basilic, a five diamond restaurant that combines perfect service, French inspired menus and the area's amazing local seafood and spices. I had one of my favorite meals there.



Grand Fiesta Americana  
*The spa features hydro-therapy*

### The Gem Spa

This 40,000 square foot spa is really something special. The main attraction is a healing hydrotherapy circuit that alternates between numerous hot and cold experiences. The spa treatments are amazing and feature experiences from around the world, including a Taino sacred obsidian hot stone massage, a traditional Thai massage and an Indian head massage. You can leave the kids in the room OR bring them to the spa for a kid friendly head and shoulder massage or a chocolate facial. The massage was a big hit with my teenager and is meant for kids ages 5-16.



### Isla Mujeres

Sometimes you want to leave the property, but you don't want the hassle of going too far away. The dock for the ferry to Isla Mujeres is just a five minute walk from the hotel and is the perfect way to spend a low key day. The island is small, but has a surprising amount of activities, including Mayan ruins, an underwater sculpture garden, beach clubs where you can grab lunch and enjoy the beach, and a chance to swim with the dolphins. The best way to get around the island is to rent a golf cart for the day. My family of New Yorkers, including my 14 year old, relished the opportunity to actually drive.