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THE CARIBBEAN FAMILY

Where the Pint-Size Are a Big Deal

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Coconut Bay Beach Resort

HIGHLIGHT CocoLand, the resort's own water park

LOWDOWN You know you're at a child-friendly resort when rooms overlook the water park. The family wing of this resort, which is divided into two distinct sections (adult-only and child-friendly), lies steps from water slides, lazy-river tubing and a splash pool. Keep an eye out for the resort's roving coconut mascots Coco and Loco.

When the kids tire of splashing they can head to the Kidz Klub for guided nature hikes, video games and arts and crafts. Babies are supervised in an indoor play area and nap room. Four tennis courts, two basketball courts and a paintball facility add to the list of activities. And that's not counting the beach where volleyball games and kite surfing lessons are offered.

Parents can escape the theme-park style atmosphere at the adults-only pool at the other end of the resort.

STARTING RATE \$112 a person a night. Information: coconutbayresortandspa.com