



# Paradise for kids

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**C**RUISING down the Gold Coast Highway on a Friday afternoon after work, isn't much fun. Crazy drivers, bumper-to-bumper traffic, and three kids chatting loudly in the back of the car never makes for a smooth run.

Thankfully, the family was headed for Paradise – that is, the Paradise Resort smack bang in the middle of Surfers Paradise.

Over the years, we have been lucky to spend quite a few weekends at this family-friendly resort. And every time, each and every one of us comes away feeling relaxed and energised.

Quite simply, when you've found a good thing, it's best to stick to it.

And when it comes to families, Paradise Resort is just perfect. It's easy to see why the resort has again been voted the number one family resort in Australia by leading travel magazine Holidays with Kids.

The resort's set-up is totally family oriented. Comfortable low-rise units are located around the resort's pools. There's an island sundeck linked by a bridge, tranquil tropical gardens and the kids' favourite, a crazy lizard waterslide.

When you stay at the resort, it's a hard call to fit in all the activities on offer. Firstly, there's so much water wonderland to explore and enjoy – it's hard to drag the kids out of the pool.

But there's more fun to be had in Zone 4 Kids, which has recently undergone a million dollar revamp. This would have to be

the biggest drawcard of the resort.

Z4K is a mini fun park featuring seven themed play spaces, including Tiny Town with pedal-powered cars and working traffic lights, its very own Under Water World with submarines and slides and Leonardo's Painting Room. Trained staff take good care of the kids during the supervised sessions, and offer a host of fun-filled activities.

Weekends away mean lots of food – but it's far from relaxing if you're spending a bundle keeping everyone fed. That's where Paradise Resort steps in yet again, introducing \$5 feeds for the kids. It's especially good value when you have an almost teenage son, who can devour almost anything in sight.

There's plenty on offer at Sinbad's Restaurant and the casual Two Cans Bar, which overlooks the lagoon pools. Saturday night poolside buffet is also included in the deal with \$5 bringing sausages and salads, and more for the adults including tasty beef skewers, steak and chicken.

After dinner guests take their seats to enjoy the entertaining display by the Polynesian dancers.

Paradise Resort features 405 well-appointed rooms, including Junior Bunkhouse Rooms, perfect for a family of four. For larger families, the resort family rooms have a second bedroom off the main resort room so everyone can have their own space.

*Packages start from \$138 per resort room for two adults and up to two children. Book online at [www.paradiseresort.com.au](http://www.paradiseresort.com.au) or call 1800 074 111.*

