

Beaches® Resorts Features The Caribbean's First ADVANCED Certified Autism Centers



Beaches Resorts is proud to announce its furthered commitment to Autism awareness by becoming Advanced Certified Autism Centers ('ACAC') through the International Board of Credentialing & Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES)—a global leader in online training and certification programs with representation in over 40 countries. Their certification programs are the benchmark for those who work with cognitive disorders worldwide.

When We Say We Are the 'Resorts for Everyone,' We Mean It!

All three of our resorts are proud to offer children with autism and other special needs specialized services and engaging activities, so that all families can enjoy a memorable, award-winning Beaches Luxury Included® Vacation.

ALL THE TIME

Enjoy an amazing Luxury Included® family vacation knowing that your children are always in good hands. As an Advanced Certified Autism Center, our staff has completed the required 40 hours of online autism sensitivity and awareness training. We have also made substantial changes to protocols and physical spaces.

Additionally, our childcare professionals and staff are certified by the International Nanny Association, have a degree in early childhood education, are Autism Certified, and continuously receive competency training in the following areas:

- Sensory Awareness
- Motor Skills
- Autism Overview
- Program Development
- Social Skills
- Communication
- Environment Awareness
- Emotional Awareness& Bullying
- Early Childhood Education
- Transition to Adulthood

PLAYTIME

Our age appropriate Kids Camps are Advanced Certified Autism Centers that ensure team members have the advanced and requisite knowledge, skills, temperament and expertise to cater to all children and offer age-specific programs for infants, toddlers, pre-teens, and teens.

One-on-One Beaches Buddy

All of our resorts offer the optional services of a One-on-One Beaches Buddy* who is Advanced Autism Certified by IBCCES. You can request a buddy for your entire stay or just a few hours to provide personalized and private one-on-one childcare.

Other Special Services for families with children on the spectrum include:

- Dedicated toll free number for special services and pre-travel assistance
- Personalized pre-travel questionnaire
- Private, in-room check-in
- Sensory toys and manipulatives



^{*}Available at an additional cost. Contact your travel agent or special services for pricing and availability.



MEALTIME & CULINARY CONCIERGE SERVICES

Beaches offers up to 21 distinct 5-Star Global Gourmet™ restaurants per resort and a Culinary Concierge Desk that works directly with chefs and restaurant managers to ensure an exceptional and worry-free dining experience for the whole family.

From customized menus to understanding special dietary needs, our Culinary Concierge will guide you through all restaurant offerings and help create custom menus that fit your family's special dietary needs.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK, CONTACT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

TDJ Travel (352) 575-9364

WATER SPORTS & PADI® DIVE

Research shows that many individuals on the autism spectrum are drawn to water, and the Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation (ASDF) highlights that swimming can help children improve speech, coordination and balance, social skills, self-esteem, cognitive processing, communication and oral motor skills.

In collaboration with the Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI) and IBCCES, the Beaches Resorts water sports staff has completed the ACAC training and certification, making them the first in the Caribbean to earn the designation. This certification creates appropriate programming from autism-certified staff available for families looking to enjoy daily PADI-certified diving and world-class dive destinations.



SESAME STREET® AND AUTISM:

See Amazing in All Children

Sesame Street® brings awareness to the unique qualities and similarities that all children possess. As a proud sponsor of Sesame Street®, Beaches Resorts is honored to provide a positive vacation experience for all children.

Amazing Art With Julia

Experience *The Caribbean Adventure with Sesame Street®* and join Julia—a sweet and curious 4-year-old girl with autism—for an activity that highlights her love for painting and lets children express themselves through art.

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