

Case Study

Islander Noosa Resort



The apartments at the Islander Noosa overlooking the pool. Above: Family in the undercover spa.

Holidays With Kids readers Andrea & Paul Lucas share their experiences at The Islander Noosa Resort, the perfect place for a family in need of R&R.

Each year, just as the depths of a Melbourne winter finally sap us of all energy, thoughts of sun, sand, sea and surf loom large in our minds.

With three children ranging from four to 12, our holiday needs seem to span the spectrum of possible activities. The four-year-old needs a safe environment to be able to explore “like the big kids”, a pool shallow enough to allow some independence while remaining water safe, and a park nearby “to play”. The nine-year-old wants to mix with other children, have the ability to ‘escape’ Mum and Dad, and plenty of different activities to keep him occupied. The 12-year-old needs, we are told, cable TV, internet access, a surf beach and the ability to escape his younger brother!

Mum and Dad just want the kids to be happy and a little time out from the day to day. The beauty of The Islander Noosa Resort is that it ably, and affordably, caters to us all.

The complex is fenced and has security access, so the older two can wander at their leisure without the risk of encountering speeding cars or ‘holiday drivers’. The grounds are large enough and the facilities diverse enough to provide an adventure playground for all ages, without the risk of running into an annoying parent or sibling!

Just across the road from The Islander Noosa Resort, a wide riverside track meanders along the Noosa River foreshore for kilometres in either direction. This provides the perfect setting for a leisurely bike ride or stroll, with bench seats and fitness equipment placed along its length inspiring many a competition between the children. At the westernmost end of this track, a shaded playground answers the prayers of the four-year-old, while the river itself provides plenty to do for the older two – building forts in the sand, swimming out to the moored boats, kayaking to the Goat Island Conservation Park on the

other side and fishing for dinner. Picnic tables and shelters dot the foreshore with electric barbeques providing the perfect setting for a long, lazy lunch or dinner.

If a picnic or barbeque seems too much like hard work, then the multitude of family-friendly eating establishments, like Moondoggy’s Cafe opposite the resort’s reception area, are definitely the answer to our prayers. What could be more perfect than being able to walk with your family to a restaurant or cafe, being able to enjoy a drink or two without worrying about who is going to drive, while dining alfresco affordably and then meandering for a whole two minutes back to the resort?

The villas in The Islander Noosa Resort are well appointed with air-conditioning and a fully equipped kitchen (including microwave and dishwasher) and laundry. Each villa comes with cable TV, a DVD player and WiFi internet access. All linen is provided and the bedrooms are clean and comfortable with many a master bedroom incorporating a second TV – just in case the kids can’t agree on what to watch or Mum and Dad need to escape! ■

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