vacationindustryreview

Spring 2026

Anniversary Roundtable

Voices Driving the Next Chapter

interval INTERNATIONAL

We power vacations.®

All-Inclusive, All Welcome

A guest-centered approach to all-inclusive hospitality shapes how Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort, delivers meaningful value through comfort, variety, and ongoing improvement.

By Jessica Benavides Canepa

Fast Facts

- Product: Vacation club
- Website: decameron.com
- Social media:

Situated along the Pacific shoreline in Farallón, Río Hato, Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort, benefits from a unique microclimate. Its location within the Dry Arc of Panama means fewer rainy days compared with much of the rest of the country. "This climate stability translates into many more days of sunshine and rest for the guests who come to enjoy the property," says Felipe Restrepo, the resort's general manager.

> "Our affiliation with Interval is truly valuable to us because it creates more opportunities for people to travel, connect, and create unforgettable memories while allowing Interval exchange members to experience the warmth, hospitality, and all-inclusive charm that make Decameron properties so special."
>
> — Felipe Restrepo, General Manager, Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort

The property's expansive offerings, comprising 852 rooms with garden or sea views, eight restaurants, six swimming pools, a three-lane waterslide, and an adjacent 18-hole golf course, support high-capacity demand while maintaining an all-inclusive model that simplifies guest decision-making.

The resort offers a large concentration of standard rooms complemented by a Premium Plus category, which includes exclusive amenities such as dedicated restaurants for breakfast and lunch, reserved beach areas, and exclusive lounge access. This range of accommodation provides flexibility for a wide variety of travelers, including families, couples, and multigenerational groups.

Founded by businessman Lucio García in 1987, the Decameron Group now operates some 23 properties—spanning Latin America and the Caribbean—and has further extended its reach through a strategic alliance with Wyndham Hotels & Resorts in Mexico and Panama.

A Choice of Comfort

At the Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort, guest rooms are designed to support longer, more relaxed stays. On average, room sizes exceed 300 square feet, while larger units span more than 400 square feet.

In 2025, the resort completed a range of updates that are both visible—standard rooms got new headboards and TV sets, while higher-tier rooms added luxe furnishings and mini bars that are restocked daily at no additional cost—and not: Technology improvements are "providing faster reservations" and streamlining the booking process, Restrepo says.

Guests in both tiers can choose the All-Inclusive Plus option, which features amenities such as access to private pools, upgraded drinks, unlimited Wi-Fi, and a beach area with reserved lounge chairs.

Meanwhile, the Multivacaciones vacation club program gives members the option of booking stays at the entire Decameron portfolio, as well as some 3,200 properties in 90+ countries and territories through its affiliation with Interval International.

Wide-Ranging Cuisine Adds Value

With daily buffet service and eight restaurants promoting a selection of international cuisines, including Italian, Peruvian, Mexican, and Mediterranean, plus a wide assortment of drinks, the resort's food and beverage strategy is designed to sustain longer stays while maintaining variety and value.

Recent upgrades in state-of-the-art kitchen equipment have helped improve service speed and quality—improvements designed to support busy dining venues and maintain high standards during peak occupancy.

"Our gastronomic offering is consistently cited as a primary driver of guest satisfaction," Restrepo says.

Experiences for Every Traveler

Guests at Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort, can strike their own balance between relaxing on property and venturing off-site.

The resort's more than 1 mile of coastline allows for activities to be tailored by type and preference, with quiet areas designated for relaxation or social hubs brimming with poolside games and daytime entertainment. Evenings feature scheduled stage shows with professional dancers and full choreography followed by late-night programming to help extend on-property engagement.

Its prime location also lends itself to curated off-property experiences, such as a day trip to Panama City; a journey to El Valle de Antón village, positioned within the crater of an inactive volcano; or visiting the Indigenous Emberá community.

"Our broader activity operating philosophy reflects a consistent emphasis on personalization," says Stephania Agudelo, the marketing coordinator for Multivacaciones. "We strive to put the guest at the center of everything we do to continue making improvements across our entertainment itineraries and enhance the overall experience for both guests and program members."

Beyond Leisure Travel

The resort has identified meetings and events as being key to future growth. Its two convention centers offer the capacity to host up to 1,500 attendees, along with professional sound, lighting, and video capabilities. Upgrades to the facilities are in the works, too, as part of the resort's continuous pledge to improve its offerings.

"Whether guests arrive for the first time, return as repeat visitors, or come through our Multivaciones program, they should all receive the best possible experience," Agudelo says.

> "Grand Decameron Panama, A Trademark All Inclusive Resort, represents the kind of experience our members value: well located, welcoming, and designed for travelers who want simplicity, variety, and the confidence of knowing everything is taken care of."
>
> — Alexis Ralph, Vice President, Client Sales and Service, Latin America, Interval International