

The Best Resorts in the World: 2020 Readers' Choice Awards

The places that stayed with you in a year when travel may have been out of reach

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For our 33rd annual [Readers' Choice Awards](#) survey—yes, more than three decades—registered voters weighed in on their favorite resorts in the world. As we reviewed the 2020 results, they were especially exciting for us, pulling in new openings and new parts of the world. We're ever curious about where you go, what you loved, and who you went with; and as you continue to travel, we continue to listen. Here are the resorts you loved most this year.



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12. Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa — St. Barts

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A relatively new addition to St. Barts' luxury hotel scene, and in keeping with the island's low-rise sensibility, Le Barthélemy is a sophisticated winner. Set between a lagoon and Grand Cul-de-Sac beach along the island's northeastern shore (with jaw-dropping views of offshore islets and distant St. Maarten), the hotel is an education in understated elegance. Rooms are spare and enormous, with lots of wood and one or two pops of bright color—some even have small, rectangular plunge pools for mini-laps. The food at Aux Amis is unabashedly modern French, with attention paid to proper portions in the tropics: in other words, not too much. Water sports enthusiasts have an expanse of calm shallow waters for kayaking, kite-surfing, and snorkeling—a flotilla of a dozen sea turtles that survived the storms of 2017 remain in residence and are easily visible.