

Find the right Caribbean island, from luxurious St. Barths to budget-friendly Puerto Rico

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Luxury: St. Barths



Get a slice of the French Riviera right in the heart of the Caribbean. Think sunbathing bodies draped in designer clothing, the sound of champagne bottles being popped open, and a culinary scene that the French are famous for. But don't let the glitz discourage you: St. Barths' locals are incredibly friendly and laid back. To avoid getting seasick on the ferry ride, [Tradewind Aviation](#) offers nonstop flights to St. Barths from San Juan, Puerto Rico. The landing onto the island is thrilling – as it is one of the shortest in the world.



Where to stay: Le Barthelemy Hotel & Spa has a prime location in the serene Grand Cul de Sac, and is ideal for travelers craving an intimate luxury hotel without pretension. The laidback hideaway offers 44 rooms and suites, each with a terrace and many with private pools. To unwind, there's a cozy spa with plunge pools and La Mer products. At the rooftop bar, Whiskey Tango Foxtrot, guests can enjoy tapas and crafted cocktails made in glasses shaped like blowfishes.

What to do: Enjoy a day aboard one of MasterSki Pilou's yachts, where you can get a tour of the island's coastline with stops to snorkel and sunbathe. Afterward, dine with the cool kids at the iconic Nikki Beach for an oceanside lunch. When you're ready for a workout, with a reward hike to one of the island's natural pools. For dinner, Bonito is the island's hotspot with marina views and ceviches that are sinfully good.