

26 Most Beautiful Places in the Caribbean

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Let the daydreaming begin.

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Hidden lagoons, staggering mountains, European-inspired architecture: The Caribbean's 7,000-plus islands offer so much more than just gorgeous beaches—although it certainly doesn't suffer in that department. And while many islands were battered by the 2017 hurricanes and travel to other islands (i.e., Cuba) has been muddled by travel bans, the region is still one of **our favorite places to visit** on the entire planet. Take a tour of the most beautiful places in the Caribbean, including natural wonders, underwater sites, and some of the world's **dreamiest hotels**.

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Gustavia, St. Barts

While any mention of **St. Barts** tends to conjure up images of Rolexes and caviar, the tony territory has enough natural beauty and scenic views to give any 5-star hotel a run for its money. One of the best ways to explore the island is to start your day with a morning walk around the capital, Gustavia, a tidy collection of old, red-roofed buildings clad in volcanic stone. Soak in the views before stopping into one of the town's great restaurants or fish markets.