

8 Caribbean Islands That Are Re-Opening to US Travelers This Summer—And Where to Stay When You Get There

The islands are opening in phases, and these eight tropical getaways are among the first to welcome back US-based travelers. Just be prepared to jump through a few health and safety hoops before hitting the sand and sea.

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Wherever you've been hunkered down these last few months, you're likely ready to get out into the sunshine—and into the sea. Happily, you can now put that Caribbean getaway you'd planned for winter and spring back on the books. After closing down to international travel and implementing safety measures to help contain the pandemic, several Caribbean islands have recently started to open back up, and are either already welcoming international travelers or have announced plans for when they will do so.

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As of this writing, some islands—like Anguilla and St. Maarten—have yet to announce re-opening dates, while in other destinations—like Antigua—travel has resumed but many of our favorite hotels have decided to wait until the fall before opening their doors. Here, however, are eight beloved beach getaways that will be ready for you this summer, complete with info on entry requirements, on-island protocols, and where to stay that will allow for social distancing. (Note that details are subject to change, so check for the latest updates before booking.) While summer is usually low season in the Caribbean, current room rates indicate this year may be different—because, if nothing else, 2020 has proven to be anything but business as usual.

St. Barths



Re-Opening to US Travelers: June 22

The Details: As St. Barths has been COVID-19-free since April 21st, most restaurants, bars, beaches, and boutiques are currently open and operating as normal.

The Requirements: Inbound travelers (excluding children under 10) will be asked to either provide confirmation of a negative COVID-19 test performed within three days prior to arrival or be tested upon arrival; if you choose to be tested on-island, you'll be required to quarantine at your hotel until results are confirmed (typically within 24-hours.) If a traveler's stay exceeds a week, they will be required to take a second COVID-19 test on day seven of their trip.

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Where to Stay: Marrying the style and hospitality of the Oetker Collection's legendary [Eden Rock-St. Barths](#) resort with the convenience, space and privacy that come with having your own residence, the [Eden Rock Villa Rental](#) collection features a curated selection of over 140 villas scattered throughout the island. Book one to enjoy a dedicated butler and personal chef, daily housekeeping, around-the-clock concierge services, daily breakfast delivered to your door and round-trip airport transfers, as well as a goody bag of Ligne St Barths products. Villa guests will also have access to the Eden Rock Beach Club (re-opening this summer, complete with its signature frozen rose), and will enjoy services like private beach set-ups (at the beach of your choice.) Yacht trips, beach picnics and in-villa spa treatments can also be arranged.