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Michael Kors's Guide to St. Bart's

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Fashion designer Michael Kors shares his favorite spots on the chic Caribbean island of St. Barthélemy.

It's not news to anyone that I love the beach—and St. Bart's is one of my favorite places for a quick winter escape. Its blend of French roots and Creole culture gives the island plenty of personality and a very European-elegance-meets-tropical-ease vibe. From the food to the shopping, there is plenty to do.



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First things first: I say, head to Saline beach. It's one of the most beautiful in the world, with turquoise water, white sand, and a gorgeous crowd. The people-watching is unparalleled.

I've pulled together my little black book of island picks, including where to enjoy a sunset cocktail, shop for fine local products, and sample St. Bart's distinctive cuisine.

For more inspiration, go to destinationkors.com.

Maison Noureev

When you need a break from the sun and sand, take a drive along the ocean to see the ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev's former home, [Maison Noureev](#).



Credit: St. Barts Tourism

Dō Brazil

At sunset, head to Shell Beach's [Dō Brazil](#) and grab a cocktail from the bar. Afterward, order the "hot pot"—a mix of mahimahi, shrimp, and scallops in a rich sauce.



Credit: St. Barts Tourism

Le Ti St. Barth

While you're there, also spend a night at [Le Ti St. Barth](#) and enjoy a cabaret dinner—always loads of fun, with great barbecue and entertainment.



Credit: Corinne Komor

Maya's

Dinner at [Maya's](#) is not to be missed. It's French cuisine with a strong Creole influence—and a St. Bart's classic.



Credit: St. Barts Tourism

Le Select

Sometimes you just want a burger. And those times, you should head to Le Select. It has a classic, old-school environment and the best burger in town. It is a cheeseburger in paradise.



Credit: St. Barts Tourism

Hotel Taiwana

Treat yourself to lunch at [Hotel Taiwana](#). Order the lentil salad and a rum punch—expensive but worth it.



Credit: Hotel Taiwana

100% Capri

Take your island style up a notch and check out 100% Capri for some great white linen shirts. Nothing says *escape* like a white linen shirt.



Credit 100 % Capri

Ligne

Stock up on [Ligne St. Barth](#) products—the aloe gel and roucou sun lotions are my favorites.



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Where to Stay

Book [Cheval Blanc St.-Barth Isle de France](#) for the great Flamands beach location or [Le Sereno](#) for privacy and the clean Christian Liaigre design. They're both totally glamorous while still being laid-back.



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What to Pack

A pair of [classic aviators](#) and [white jeans](#)—that goes for both men and women. Those are two items you should never travel without.



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