

# 14 Top Destinations Of 2019

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For a destination to officially be having “a moment,” it needs more going for it than mere festivals or a few restaurant openings. The city has to be experiencing a shift in the way it looks and feels. Maybe it’s posturing itself as a new cultural mecca with gallery or museum openings. It could be establishing itself on the epicurean radar with fresh food halls or eateries from top-notch chefs.

Those are the sorts of things that caught our Forbes Travel Guide editors’ eyes with the following cities. Some are traditional hot spots that somehow keep reinventing themselves. Others are new stops prepping for their first time in the spotlight. All are having monumental moments that are worthy of a visit in 2019.



Le Guanahani. Credit: Le Guanahani

## St. Barts

Hurricane Irma battered the French-Caribbean island, but it’s back. Most hotels have reopened: [Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France](#) added 19 rooms, [Le Sereno](#) has a new restaurant and an expanded spa with Valmont treatments, [Hôtel Le Toiny](#) incorporated eight new suites and a beachfront pool, and [Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa](#) debuted rooftop bar Whiskey, Tango, Foxtrot.

Later this year, [Le Guanahani](#) will wrap up restoring the property to its original charm, and also will reveal more beachfront suites and a new restaurant. [Eden Rock – St. Barths](#) will unveil three new suites, a reimagined Jean-Georges Vongerichten restaurant and the new Rémy Room and Bar.

Partake in all of the usual St. Barts activities: dining (Bonito and Bagatelle are open), yachting (St. Barts Bucket Regatta, March 21-24; Les Voiles de St. Barth, April 14-20) and, of course, carousing at Nikki Beach.

*Start planning: [10 Top St. Barts Attractions](#)*