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A Post-Hurricane Guide to Our Favorite Caribbean Honeymoon Destinations

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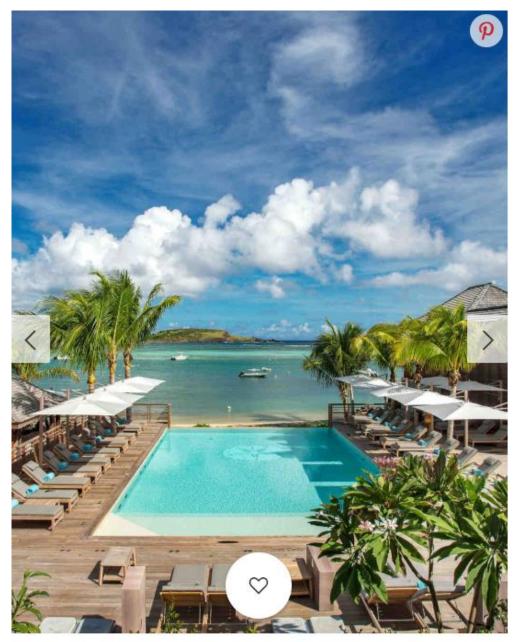
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The fall of 2017 brought devastation as both Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria ravaged much of the Caribbean and surrounding region. Less than a year later, though, the area is very much open for business. If you're planning your post-wedding vacation, know that the beloved honeymoon destinations there are definitely still an option. The recovery is ongoing and—like rums and accents—varies island to island, but the following spots deliver on white-sand beaches and luxurious hotels.

To help you plan, we're offering up a complete guide to four of our favorite places—St. Barts (shown here), Anguilla, Puerto Rico, and Turks and Caicos. For each, we've provided a list of places to stay, eat, and explore. The accommodations range from longstanding stays to newly-opened hotels. Meanwhile, the restaurants range from elegant to casual. As for what to do, there are options aplenty, whether you're after something relaxing (think: browsing an artsy museum) or action-packed (think: diving in a stunning coral reef). As our recommendations go to show, these well-known islands have something for everybody—even after the two storms.

Click through and discover all that these amazing destinations have to offer. Along with our travel suggestions and beautiful photos to fuel your daydreams, you'll also find ways to help out as some of these spots continue their recuperation efforts. There's nothing like planning the ultimate vacation while giving back—though booking a trip supports your chosen location all on its own. Go ahead and start planning an incredible honeymoon.

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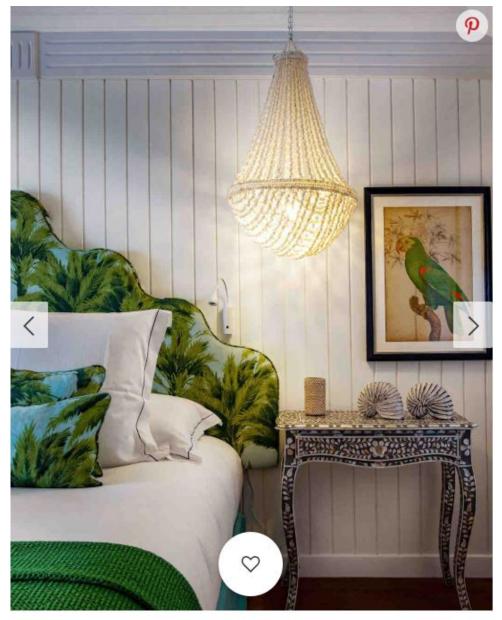


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St. Barts

The Caribbean idyll of St. Barthélemy is ready to reclaim its title as the region's most glamorous island—and has chic new properties to prove it.

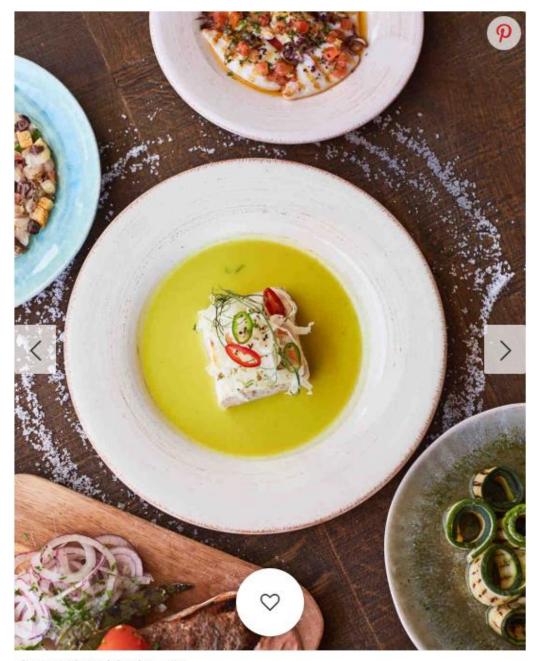
How you can help: Make a pledge to aid in the rebuilding of homes and infrastructure via the <u>St. Barth Fondation</u> website, or to repair sand dunes and plant new trees by donating to <u>Green St. Barths</u>.



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Where to Stay

For a boutique hideaway with East Indies and Middle East décor and a dedicated rum bar, look to <u>Villa Marie Saint-Barth</u>, from the world-class Maisons & Hôtels Sibuet group. <u>Hotel Manapany</u>, once a sleepy island standby, made its debut in March after a complete overhaul as the first eco-lodge on the island. Each of the 35 rooms, seven suites, and one villa has a terrace and French creole touches like bold azure-blue ceilings. And the sleek <u>Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa</u>, accepting reservations again for the fall, is a graceful resort on quiet Grand Culde-Sac Beach. It's got a Guy Martin-led restaurant and a spa featuring La Mer facials.



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Where to Eat

Make your way to <u>Shellona St. Barth</u> to enjoy fresh Greek fare and lounge music at sunset. For extra romance, there's <u>Tamarin</u>, where a picturesque garden sets the stage for fine French-Caribbean cuisine. Don't miss the sautéed mahi-mahi with chickpea butter. The art of sushi is alive and well at the French-Japanese fusion <u>Orega</u> in Gustavia; the chef hails from the Nobu team in Miami.