

# ShermanTravel

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Before Hurricane Irma hit the glamorous island of St. Barts, the **Manapany Hotel** closed its doors to prepare for a refresh. Today, the hotel has reopened sporting freshly remodeled, eco-chic interiors, while its amenities and environs are as attractive as ever. Here's what to expect from your stay at this newly revamped jewel.

## The Basics

**Budget Level:** Upscale (\$200+/night)

**Lodging Type:** Boutique (36 rooms and 8 suites)

## **The Look**

Situated in Anse des Cayes, the property was acquired by French hospitality group B Signature in late 2016. The result is a stylish luxury resort that perfectly marries a relaxed atmosphere with upscale aesthetics and service. It's the reason one travels to the island, after all. Interior designer François Champsaur dressed the free-standing bungalow-style rooms with contemporary French design and Caribbean flourishes. Think light wood with pops of deep blue and bright yellow. There are gauze-draped canopy beds, rattan furnishings, and a sundeck with views of the Caribbean Sea.

## **The Vibe**

The hotel beckons to the hip and well-to-do. We saw families, couples, and incredibly chic friend groups mill about; Mara Hoffman swimwear and Trina Turk tunics would not feel out of place. Guests sipped cocktails by the Insta-famous pool or gathered around the bar. The whole mantra here is "toes in the sand," and while the hotel provides flip-flops, there's an unspoken predilection for bare feet that persist from breakfast through dessert.

## **Who Will Love It**

Anyone who values a beachfront location and eco-friendly measures will appreciate Manapany.

## **Who Might Not**

While children are allowed, kids may become bored in the adult-focused environment.

## **Best Amenity**

The spa pool, in a what-feels-secret location behind the restaurant. Guests aren't required to book a treatment to use the calm, ocean-facing and adults-only swimming pool. A huge bonus: Private yoga and pilates classes are taught on the spa sundeck and are complimentary for guests.

# Money Matters

## What's Included

Rates include wifi, breakfast in the restaurant, a guaranteed sun bed on the beach or at the pool, fitness classes, and WIP airport transfers in the hotel's electric car.

## Fees and Extra Costs You Should Know About

Spa treatments and taxes are extra.

## How to Get a Deal

Visit in the off-season (mid-April through mid-December) where rates drop by about 25 percent. Otherwise, keep an eye out for **online sales**. Currently, the property offers 15 percent off a stay booked one month in advance and a "stay three days and get the fourth free" deal.

# Getting There

## In the Neighborhood

The hotel feels secluded but there's a small market within walking distance (ideal for grabbing a loaf of French bread and fresh cheese), and there's a simple restaurant down the road for an inexpensive lunch. The town of Gustavia is a short drive and guests can take advantage of the hotel's fleet of electric cars.

## Nearest Airport

St. Barts Airport is a five-minute drive from the resort.

# The Bottom Line

An eco-chic beach hotel—that certainly doesn't skimp on luxury—on one of the Caribbean's most stunning islands.