



The Best Islands to Visit in 2020

16 PHOTOS

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Our best islands to visit in 2020 trend report gives the inside track on the ones to watch, the sustainable champions, and the revived stars. Read on to discover island is the best for your personality type, starting with the **Caribbean...**

St. Barts

St. Barts couldn't be allowed to fade away after Hurricane Irma in 2017—there was too much at stake, too many collective memories stacked up like oyster shells on this perfect trifecta of sand, superyacht chic, and insouciance. The comeback has already unshuttered fresh incarnations of **Hotel Christopher**, **Manapany**, and **Le Sereno**. Family-size **Le Guanahani** comes next, in October 2020, with ramped-up menus and a pool, while the effortlessly discreet **Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France** (above right), which reopened last December, follows up this month with new rooms, a five-bedroom exclusive-use villa, and a restaurant from Jean Imbert, whose other addresses include Miami's Swan.



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But all eyes are also on the return of the island's original five-star **Eden Rock** (above left and right) this November, reimagined by London-based design maximalist **Martin Brudnizki**. Additions include Villa Nina, kitted out in pale pink and green with a veranda; while in the bar a frosé trolley will serve guests in Pippa Holt caftans and Tabitha Simmons espadrilles. The most welcome arrival is a spa, which the hotel always lacked, with yacht-inspired design and treatment cabins. It's not just about the hotels: February will see the first Caribbean yoga festival on the island, and recent foodie arrivals include Fish Corner in Gustavia, whose two owners haul everything in on a boat. Despite its glamorous reputation, the island is surprisingly wild—go exploring with a tough Land Rover equipped with a handy shower with St. Barts Defenders. —
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