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25 CARIBBEAN HOT SPOTS



To reboot their tourism economies, affected islands first focused on repairing airports, seaports, roads, and beaches.

Major resorts and waterfront restaurants will take longer to rebuild, but a number of small hotels and vacation rentals are already open, benefiting from a rise in bookings. And some islands are charting a more innovative course. Heavily damaged Dominica aims to become the world's first climate-resilient nation by investing in renewable energy and building critical infrastructure that can withstand severe storms. Read on for our top recommendations of where to go now. —Kelsey Nowakowski

In Panama's Bocas del Toro, explore sea star-studded waters.

BEST LIST CARIBBEAN



May to September is whale shark season in Mexico's Isla Mujeres.

Beaches

SAND AND SEA

With boats bobbing and fishermen hauling in the day's catch from crystal-clear waters, the vibe on Grenada's two-mile long **Grand Anse Beach** feels unmistakably Caribbean. In the Dominican Republic, **Playa Rincón** offers a secluded oasis of beach bordered by a dense palm forest. At the western end, a pristine river empties into the sea. Famous for its soft

white sands, shimmering waters, and windswept *fofoti* trees, Aruba's **Eagle Beach** reigns as the island's widest. It's also prime nesting ground for four species of sea turtles, including the endangered loggerhead. Mangroves shelter the coastline in the Panamanian archipelago of Bocas del Toro, where sea stars dot the calm waters of **Starfish Beach**.

Resorts

LUXE HIDEAWAYS

Nestled on a peninsula amid the Belizean jungle, **Naia Resort and Spa** blends boutique-style luxury accommodations with readily accessible, family-friendly adventures like snorkeling and zip-lining. Known as one of the most romantic resorts in the world, architectural wonder **Jade Mountain** in St. Lucia perches on a cliff with dramatic views

of the Piton Mountains, a World Heritage site. **Unico 20°87°**, an adults-only, all-inclusive beachfront resort in the Riviera Maya, reflects modern Mexico with its attention to locally inspired design and regional cuisine. James Bond fans flock to Jamaica's **GoldenEye**, the former home of writer Ian Fleming that's now a posh retreat featuring 26 beach huts.

GO WITH NAT GEO

Many National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World are located in the Caribbean, such as **Tiamo Resort**, found on the Bahamas' secluded South Andros Island and surrounded by blue holes, wildlife-rich mangroves, and the world's third largest barrier reef. Other properties include **Copal Tree Lodge** in Belize, **Rosalie Bay Resort** on Dominica, and the **Petit St. Vincent Private Island Resort**.