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Rosewood Le Guanahani Peninsula

French Caribbean Escape to St. Barth

Top 5 resorts to book on the Island.

Officially known as Saint Barthélemy, the French Caribbean Island south-east of Saint Martin has officially reopened its borders to travelers on June 9, 2021. More widely known as St. Barth or just St. Barts, the island has a reputation as a luxurious location with French flair that includes art galleries and shops from Chanel to Cartier, but this island is also Eco-conscious and a [great surfing spot](#). The capital of Gustavia is a quaint town steeped in historic brick and colonial building structures with bobbing yachts in the picturesque harbor along with sophisticated dining and nightlife. Here are 5 top resorts for an idyllic turquoise blue warm water getaway this summer.



Above: Mixology Classes at Hotel Manapany

Hotel Manapany for Eco Luxury

Hotel Manapany is nestled on a private palm-fringed beach at Anse des Cayes, a quiet and serene residential piece of the island brimming with tropical flowers on the lush north coast of St. Barth.

Manapany is a 5-star property operated with complete respect for and protection of the natural environment. Electricity is partially produced by solar panels plus the resort uses its own water and only electric cars are allowed to get around the grounds. In addition, no chemicals are used in cleaning and maintenance and all the towels are made from bamboo, with only natural fibers. The hotel's own vegetable garden and orchard – with citrus, mango, passion fruit, banana and coconut trees – provides fresh, organic ingredients for the healthy cuisine in the restaurant, while other food products are mostly locally sourced. For treatments and services at the spa, only organic products from Dr. Hauschka are used.



Above: Beachside Lounging at Hotel Manapany

The 43 private villas and suites are spacious and exquisitely decorated with natural woods, artisanal furnishings, sundecks and unobstructed views of the sea and surrounding gardens. Eight rooms are situated directly on the beach, so that guests may open their doors each morning to the sounds of the waves as they step out with their toes in the sand and grab a surfboard as this is one of the best areas on the island for the sport.

Anne Jousse, CEO of B. Signature Resorts who owns the property and several others in France, was responsible for an entire renovated just a few years ago from the ground up. “I am thrilled that the island is back open to tourists and look forward to welcoming our guests again. Our team welcomes them as family in their home away from home and has been working hard to be ready for this moment. We have a lot of new offerings at the hotel from surfing lessons, to wellness retreats and even mixology classes at the bar,” she said.