

# PARADISE RENOVATED

Far beyond the ephemeral hypes that change every season, St. Barth remains intact as an iconic and timeless destination. Get ready for days of pure pleasure and natural beauty on the Caribbean's most charming island.

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**T**he arrival is always spectacular, with an adrenaline rush and a rip-roaring landing by the sea at one of the smallest airports in the world. A French territory in the Caribbean, the volcanic island of just 21 square kilometers is the perfect getaway. Discovered by Christopher Columbus and colonized by France, Saint Barthélemy was also a Swedish colony for a century and became better known in the 1950s, when adventurer and aviation wizard Rémy de Haenen built his Eden on the Rocks over the Bay of St. Jean and cast a spell over the island, which became an insider refuge for celebrities - such as Greta Garbo, Howard Hughes, Gore Vidal, David Rockefeller and Benjamin de Rothschild - who were seduced by its beaches and breathtaking natural beauty. The legend grew and, over the years, St. Barth became synonymous with relaxed luxury and sophistication.

Gustavia, the island's capital, is pure charm, with its colorful wooden houses on Rue du Bord de Mer opposite the port full of catamarans, sailboats and yachts. The atmosphere is relaxed and hi-low, with a mix of international brands - such as Dolce & Gabbana, Hermès, Prada and Louis Vuitton (which launches limited edition handbags with the St. Barth monogram every summer)- and local hits: MC2 Saint Barth, with its sought-after fringed fabric bags; the fashion selection at concept store Varda; decorative objects and art from the cool Clic Gallery; beauty products from Ligne St. Barth; casual looks from Pop St. Barth and sportswear from Pati de St. Barth; fabrics and objects from around the world from Baya St. Barth.

### **St. Barth Connection**

It's impossible to talk about St. Barth without mentioning Jordana Gheler, who runs the island's most popular concierge company, St. Barth Connection. From experiences, events and tours to itineraries and reservations at the best hotspots, the São Paulo native, who has lived on the island for years, connects and makes it all happen. Informal ambassadors for St. Barth, Donata Meirelles and Nizan Guanaes rely on her during their time there. @stbsrthconnection





## ROSEWOOD LE GUANAHANI

Anchored on a private peninsula in Marigot Bay, with two beaches – one facing the Atlantic and the other the Caribbean Sea, the hotel is a destination in itself. Wooden walkways wind through hibiscus and coconut palms to the delightful bungalows – inside, suites with beds that seem to float, terraces overlooking the sea, living rooms and large closets, Dyson Supersonic hairdryers and Maison Caulières amenities, as well as fun touches, such as the bar made from suitcases, in the interiors full of freshness by Luis Pons, from Design Lab. For direct access to the beach, choose the Beach Pool Suite. Between a dip in the sea and another in the pool, take advantage of the butler service and the variety of water toys.

**Special :** The Beach House brings together tasty indoor and beachside bars and restaurants – with a Mediterranean menu, crudos and grill where fish, seafood, meat and vegetables come to the fore. Cocktail masterclasses at the Mélangé Bar are guaranteed fun in a super-cool setting. The Senses spa – a wellness oasis with sensory treatments and a swimming pool in the middle of tropical gardens – is one of the best on the island.

**Fashion Fact :** Adriana Degreas has created a capsule collection especially for the hotel (of which she is a regular) that is the purest translation of resort-chic.





## LE BARTH VILLA | LE BARTHELEMY HOTEL & SPA

Contemporary vibe, with design by the celebrated Sybille de Margerie in the airy suites that open onto terraces directly on the beach or in the gardens.

Restaurants, bar and infinity pool with panoramic sea views. The beautiful Bleu and Aqua Villas have exclusive beach access and an open concept in the six spacious suites with marble bathrooms and Dipytique amenities. Lounges, kitchen, pool and butler who provides everything from mixology classes to boat trips.

**Special:** The hotel is home to the Caribbean's only La Mer spa and one of the island's most delicious restaurants – Amis, where chefs Vincent Gomis and Marie Cécile Gomis blend Mediterranean flavors. The hotel's owners have their own champagne – Leclerc Briant – and, not for nothing, the phones in the suites have a special button: "Bring Champagne".



## EDEN ROCK ST. BARTHS, OETKER COLLECTION

Synonymous with St. Barth, the Eden Rock was the original home of aviator Rémy de Haenen – where Hollywood celebrities like Howard Hughes and Greta Garbo stayed – and exudes a mix of rockstar fun, vintage glamour and contemporary cool. Staying here is very special: the island's most legendary hotel sprawls across the beach to the on-the-rocks promontory, surrounded by the neon-blue waters of spectacular St. Jean Bay. The absurd Legacy Suites De Haenen and Garbo, overlooking the sea and surrounded by secret gardens, ooze personality, luxury and comfort with signature amenities, sliders, nail polish, Dyson Supersonic Airwrap dryers and curlers and products from the Dr. Barbara Sturm Molecular Cosmetics brand (also used in the Eden spa).

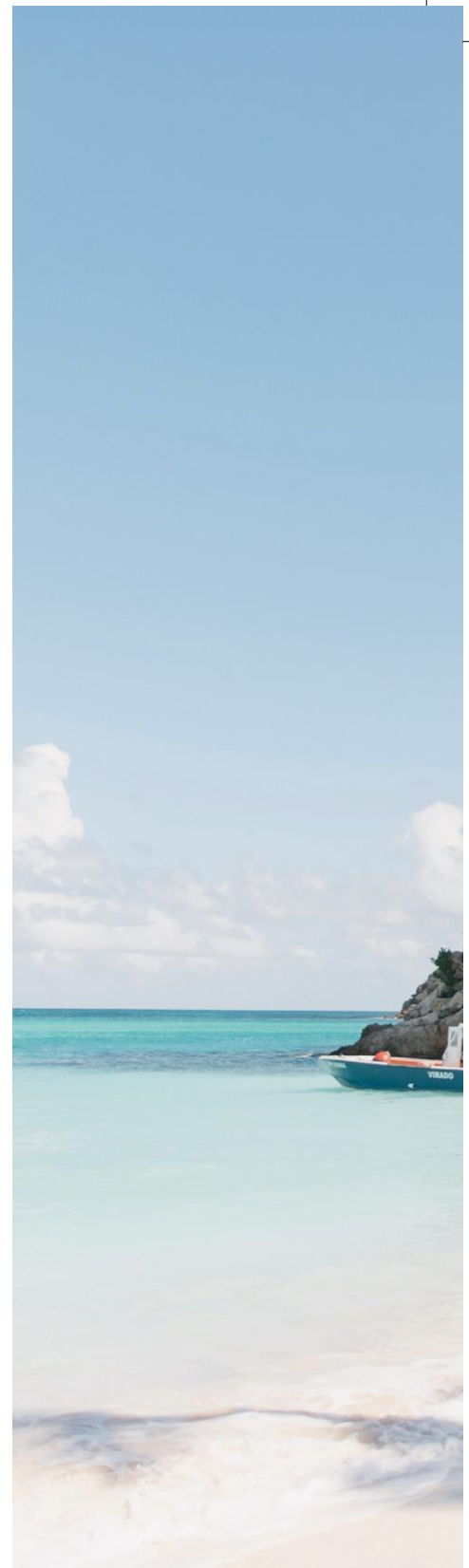
**Special:** The common areas, designed by Martin Brudnizki, and the Eden Being boutique, with items such as Chez Dede bags, Andrea Ferolla art prints and Alexandra Llewellyn games. Happy hours at the Rémy Bar are a must, followed by chef Jean-Georges' exclusive dishes at Sand.



## HÔTEL BARRIÈRE LE CARL GUSTAF

With stunning views of Gustavia harbor and Anse de Grande Saline beach, the vibe here is French Riviera meets Caribbean. Chic, airy spaces in bungalows, suites, as well as lofts and villas with terraces and private pools – all facing the sea and designed by the celebrated French firm Gilles & Boissier. Expect luxurious treatments at the Diane Barrière Spa, with products from Biologique Recherche.

**Special:** The Beef Bar will be the hotel's new restaurant from November. At Shell Beach, Greek chef Yiannis Kioroglou is in charge of lunch at the popular Beach Club Shellona.







## RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BEACH CLUBS

### Dolce Vita

The Caribbean meets Sicily at the new restaurant of the charming Hotel Villa Marie, nestled in the hills above Colombier, with its colonial chic vibe, beautiful décor, Sicilian ceramics and impeccable service.

### Riviera Plage

Pool & food with a sea view at the trendy Hotel Christopher. The fresh menu, created by Arnaud Faye, is an absolute hit. Ask for the lobster roll and the mahi-mahi caught on the day. It's in Pointe Milou.

### Gyp Sea Beach Club

St. Barth's newest beach club is a total delight, located on Pelican Beach and has a boutique, bar and restaurant right on the sand. The vibe? Boho-chic. The menu is a mix of Caribbean and Mediterranean.

### L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon

The renowned restaurant occupies a house decorated by Pierre-Yves Rochon, where the lounge, with a long counter and open kitchen, is topped by a terrace overlooking the sea.

### Le Manapany

The waves cradle the French-Mediterranean flavors of the dishes created by chef Anthony Martel. It is located in the surfer-eco-chic Manapany hotel in Anse des Cayes.



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