



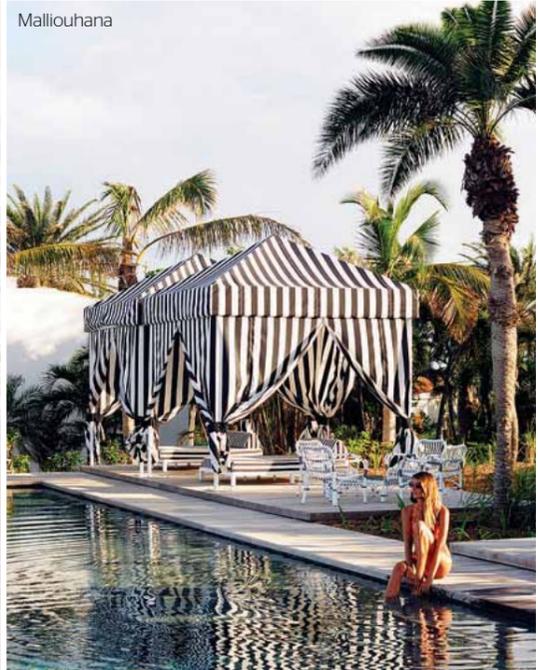
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Malliouhana

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Seven new (or renewed) resorts are now repositioning this paradise as a beacon of tropical elegance

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Anguilla

Malliouhana, an Auberge Resort

Buzz: After a three-year closure and an \$80 million face-lift, the hotel that put Anguilla on the map circa mid-1980s has re-emerged a 44-room boutique property of the Auberge Resorts pedigree. It retains most of the white, iconic framework outside, but whimsical interiors channel eclectic modernism inside. Most notably, the lobby has been transformed into a tiered, open-air “grand” entrance enveloped in sea views and accessorized by funky touches such as a floor-to-ceiling collection of vintage deep-sea diving helmets.

Location: Thanks to a unique positioning atop a bluff, Malliouhana has not one but three beaches on property.

Dine: Chef Jeremy Bearman, formerly at New York’s Michelin-starred Rouge Tomate, helms the new Restaurant at Malliouhana, presenting a Caribbean-American hybrid of ocean-meets-farm-to-table cuisine. Menu highlights include the local seafood pizza, topped with conch and spiny lobster marinated in an oregano, sweet brown butter.

Spa: One of the resort’s former mega-villas, the Orchid Villa, has been converted into the Auberge Spa, featuring tropical-themed treatments such as the Island Drift, a Caribbean-rum foot soak, sugar-cane body exfoliation, and coconut-crème massage.

Info: From \$525. 877-733-3611; malliouhana.aubergeresorts.com

Dominican Republic

Gansevoort Dominican Republic

Buzz: This all-suite, 48-key resort mixes sleek design elements with casual sophistication. It sports an outward-facing design that ensures ocean views from each unit and flanks a trilevel, cascading, infinity-edge pool that seemingly spills onto the beach below.

Location: The resort is a game changer for all-inclusive-saturated, touristy Puerto Plata as the region’s first true luxury hotel.

Dine: Hailing from Michelin-three-starred El Bulli in Spain, executive chef Giancarlo Fiori showcases his gastronomic prowess at the resort’s

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signature restaurant, Baia Lounge. Savor a vast menu of Mediterranean- and Asian-influenced epicurean delights, such as Octopus and Conch Carpaccio and Thai Curry Shrimp.

Info: From \$845. 877-248-9850; gansevoorthotelgroup.com

Puerto Rico

Condado Vanderbilt Hotel

Buzz: Four years shy of its centennial, this grande dame is finalizing a \$200 million makeover that includes two new Suite Towers, several new sleek swimming pools, and updates to the historic Warren and Wetmore building (the original team behind New York's Grand Central Terminal). Rejuvenated with "Roaring '20s" vigor and rife with modern touches, the now-319-room Spanish Revival hotel – listed on the National Register of Historic Places – keeps history in style.

Location: The hotel perches on bustling Condado Beach in the heart of San Juan's revitalized Condado District.

Spa: A new 10,000-square-foot spa features Puerto Rico's sole hammam, a DIY fragrance experience, and seven treatment rooms, each singular in design.

Info: From \$350. 787-721-5500; condadovanderbilt.com



Condado Vanderbilt Hotel

The Suite Life

The Bahamas: On palm-laced Andros Island, private-island resort **Kamalame Cay** has added three new villas, including the overwater-bungalow-inspired, stilted two-bedroom Blue Winged Teal; and the 3,800-square-foot, four-bedroom family villa Magnolia (right). New villas from \$1,450. 800-790-7971; kamalame.com



Kamalame Cay

St. Barts: Le Guanahani (formerly the Hotel Guanahani & Spa) has introduced several new signature suites, including the beachfront Luis Pons-designed Serenity Suite with its own oceanview pool; and the seafarer-themed Admiral Suite (right), cleverly adorned with ornaments referring to Christopher Columbus' 1493 expedition to St. Barts. Suites from \$1,540; Admiral and Serenity suites from \$4,500. 800-216-3774; leguanahani.com/en



Le Guanahani



Cheval Blanc St-Barth

St. Barts

Cheval Blanc St-Barth Isle de France

Buzz: A renovation started in 2011 was completed last October, transforming the 40-room Hotel Saint-Barth Isle de France into the third "Maison" of the exclusive Cheval Blanc collection. British designer Bee Osborn redesigned all suites, bungalows, villas, and common spaces, incorporating a seductive pink and taupe color palette into the smallest details in the common areas.

Location: The hotel nestles celeb-studded Flamands Beach,

epitomizing St. Barts' see-and-be-seen mantra but equally offering a quiet respite for those who seek it.

Spa: The new Cheval Blanc Spa, the Caribbean's sole Guerlain spa, entices with a bespoke treatment menu that includes the St-Barth Solar Escape, a face and body treatment using Guerlain's Terracotta products for tanning, moisturizing, and relieving stress.

Info: From \$685. 800-810-4691; stbarthisledefrance.chevalblanc.com/en

St. Lucia

Capella Marigot Bay Resort and Marina

Buzz: After a year of redesign and modernization, the former Discovery at Marigot Bay has been rechristened Capella Marigot Bay, a 124-room retreat bathed in contemporary West Indies-inspired decor.

Location: On yacht-laced Marigot Bay, the resort encompasses the hotel itself, a marina, and a marina village.

Dine: A new signature restaurant, the Grill at 14*61, doles out hefty portions of wood-grilled

surf and turf, while the Rum Cave houses a vast selection of the liquid gold and offers bespoke blending and tasting courses delivered by the full-time, in-house "Rum Maestro."

Spa: The new boutique Auriga Spa, specializing in therapies steeped in indigenous techniques, takes shape as three outdoor treatment pods joined by wooden footbridges.

Info: From \$450. 877-384-8037; capellahotels.com/saintlucia