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What's the Best Caribbean Island for You?

Whether you're a beach bum, a diver, a foodie, or a golfer—there's a Caribbean island just for you.

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Of course, we all know the [Caribbean](#) is the perfect place for sun, sea, and sand. But not all islands were created equal: This dreamy cluster of isles stretching more than 2,000 miles across the [Caribbean](#) Sea is home to a wealth of destinations, each with its own unique topography, attractions, and individual style.

Some islands were made for adventurers—with snorkeling, hiking, diving, and more—while other are perfectly suited for [beach](#) bums, featuring idyllic sands and picturesque palm trees. Then there are the islands that are ideal for foodies, offering access to some of the world's top chefs. So how do you choose where to go? Our handy guide breaks down 15 of the most alluring islands—and who will love them most. Whether you're seeking wellness, seclusion, activity, or just a really beautiful beach, we've got you

covered for your next Caribbean vacation (and every one after that).

Dominican Republic

Best for: Design Gurus

The Dominican Republic's most famous native, designer Oscar de la Renta, once said, "I like light, color, luminosity. I like things full of color and vibrant." It's no surprise that the native of this verdant tropical island would revere brightness and color—the Dominican Republic is one of the Caribbean's most vibrant destinations. And it's also one of its most stylish thanks to de la Renta, who designed elements of two of the island's most iconic resorts: [Casa de Campo Resort & Villas](#) and [Tortuga Bay](#). At the former, the fashion designer's lavish estate is available for rent, while at the latter, a collection of 13 villas were created by the master himself. After walking in the couture legend's footsteps, design aficionados can head to the north of the island to visit two more stylish hotels: the sleek [Amanera](#)—a Balinese-inspired retreat on the shores of Hispanola—and the chic [Playa Grande Beach Club](#), with white-washed bungalows and a vintage details.



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