



#### EXHALE ON ANGUILLA BELMOND CAP JULUCA

This jetset haunt on Maundays Bay—a surefire contender for most beautiful stretch of water and sand in the world—is more alluring than ever following a \$120 million renovation that has updated the 108 white block Moorish-inflected guestrooms and villas and added a new spa and fitness center, a seaview infinity pool, and restaurants, including Cip's by Cipriani. The fabulous staff hits just the right note of professional and Anguilla-friendly, but the real star, as always, is the beach. On a bright day it will take your breath away.

## BE ELEVATED IN THE MALDIVES JOALI MALDIVES

It's not easy to get excited about a new resort in this archipelago nation, where dozens seem to sprout every year, all proffering escapist perfection. But the 73-room Joali, in the Raa Atoll, stands apart, with its exceptional attention to design (such as the manta ray-shaped welcome jetty, inspired by Zaha Hadid), the understated beauty of its villas (which start at 1,000 square feet, not counting outdoor space), its star chefs, experienced staff, and works by major artists throughout. For extra privacy: cocoon-style chairs around the main pool.

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## ROSEWOOD LITTLE DIX BAY, VIRGIN GORDA

A \$200 million overhaul has transformed Laurance Rockefeller's fabled yet frayed resort, on 500 acres abutting a halfmile of pristine beach, into a luxe Caribbean gem without sacrificing any of its relaxed, back-to-nature charm. Rockefeller's commitment to sustainability is reflected in the 80 wood and stone guestrooms, suites, and villas, the on-site farm, the cliffside spa, and the resort's ban on single-use plastics-enough to feel guiltfree about all those imported rum Pelican Smash cocktails.

#### FOLLOW COUSTEAU IN MEXICO FOUR SEASONS LOS CABOS AT COSTA PALMAS

The first Four Seasons foray into Baja knocks it out of the park, with a location far from the tourists that mixes rugged desert beauty with two miles of swimmable white sand beach—unheard of in Los Cabos. Sleek rooms with large terraces blend into the sere landscape, and beyond await four pools, 18 holes of golf, a huge gym, a spa, and the Sea of Cortez, a marine marvel that Jacques Cousteau called the "world's aquarium."

## DROP OUT ON ST. BART'S CHEVAL BLANC ST-BARTH

On beautiful Baie des Flamands, an ambitious expansion by LVMH of this celebrity hideout excels in every way, from Jacques Grange's soothing blue-and-white interiors to the lush gardens by Madison Cox (designer for Anne Bass and Henry Kravis) to the inspired French West Indian cuisine created by star chef Jean Imbert. Twenty rooms have been added, along with a second beachfront pool and restaurant, yet the vibe remains as exclusive and chic as ever.

### PLAY LIKE ONASSIS IN GREECE

# FOUR SEASONS ASTIR PALACE, ATHENS RIVIERA

Sand and ruins—the gods are rejoicing! Athens finally has a great beach hotel, on 75 acres on a pine-covered peninsula 30 minutes from downtown. It has 303 spare modernist guestrooms and bungalows, 2,000 artworks, eight bars and restaurants, and three private beaches not to mention (natch) an Olympic-size pool.

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