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TRAVEL GUIDE 2018



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VILLA MARIE SAINT-BARTH

ST BARTH'S, CARIBBEAN

On an island where bling is the norm, the deliciously discreet Villa Marie Saint-Barth stands head and shoulders above the rest. Quite literally, because it's up in the hills overlooking ravishing Flamands Bay. But beach bunnies needn't be alarmed: the sea is a 20-minute walk. Here it's all about privacy, peace, views – and the fabulous interiors. White clapboard cottages reveal an explosion of colour: juju hats, carved wooden pineapples, palm trees and parrots galore (including the two resident birds, Jao and Mahé). At sunset, the hanging swing on your porch may beckon, but chef Emmanuel Motte's scallops with blue lobster at the restaurant, François Plantation, deserves your full attention. Hurricane Irma may have knocked this beauty, but she's right back on track.

Double, from £400, including breakfast and transfers (villamarie.fr; 00 33 4 50 90 63 63). Tradewind (flytradewind.com) flies from Antigua to St Barth's from £750 return.

AND ANOTHER THING Sail or walk to Colombier beach – there are no roads, so it might be all yours.



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EROSANTORINI

SANTORINI, GREECE

It's a bit busy these days, Santorini. Heaven forbid you want to catch sunset from Oia – you'll be joined by thousands, all thwacking each other with their selfie sticks. Thank the gods, then, for private pad Erosantorini, set on one of the highest points of the island and far from the crowds. Five sugar-cube villas sit prettily around a panoramic patio and three-level infinity pool, and a team of butlers is run like clockwork by the unflappable Alexander. There's an outdoor screen for showing films beneath the stars, an underground wine cellar for tastings and an open-air chapel for getting hitched. Everything is white, inside and out, with black bits and bobs like Smeg fridges, anglepoise lamps and old black-metal crates for shelving. Even the cotton buds in the bathrooms are black. Because who needs colour when you've your very own front-row view of that sunset? *Double, from £1,050 (erosantorini.com; 00 30 211 012 9116).* **AND ANOTHER THING** Book a table at Dimitris' tavern in Amoudi Bay for an authentic Greek supper – and the second-best sunset on Santorini.

