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18 Holiday Vacations You Can Still Book

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Now is the time to book your Christmas and New Year's vacations if you haven't already. Many of the most popular destinations have filled up, but the Trusted Travel Experts on our [WOW List](#) know about last-minute availability and have other ideas for off-the-beaten-path escapes. Browse our list of holiday getaways and get planning asap.

(For Wendy's personal picks, see [Unexpected Holiday Travel Ideas](#). Also consider making a holiday gift to the locales you love that were affected by this fall's onslaught of natural disasters. Here's where you can donate to [hurricane and earthquake relief](#).)



Sunshine in St. Barts

"St. Barth is on the road to recovery and officially reopens for tourism on October 30," says [Peg Walsh](#), our Trusted Travel Expert for the Caribbean island of St. Barts, which was hit by Hurricane Irma. "It is amazing that some villas had very little damage, other than loss of foliage. A few are ready for rental right now; others November 15 and still others December 15." She notes that still others were hit harder, so they are postponing their openings until 2018, although many restaurants and hotels are ready for visitors already, so contact her for first-hand input on what's available and where. One ongoing challenge is air travel: The airport in St. Maarten has not reopened to commercial flights yet, so you'll need to confer with her about alternate routes. She is keeping an [updated report](#) on her company's website.

Read Peg's [Insider's Guide to St. Barts Villa Vacations](#) and [St. Barts Beach Vacations](#), and [reach out to her](#) through our site to be marked as a VIP and get the best possible trip.

Photo: Gustavia harbor, St. Barts. Courtesy: St. Barth Properties