

# 18 best places to visit for summer vacation

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ST. BARTS

(CNN/Meredith) -- Deciding where to take that long-anticipated summer vacation can be a daunting challenge.

Consider one of the following [destinations](#) where off-season deals, fewer crowds or special events make this the right time to go. Here are 18 great places to [travel](#) in the summer of 2018:

# 1. St. Barts

While some of the island's more famous hotels are still closed due to damage from hurricanes Irma and Maria (Hotel Le Toiny, Le Guanahani), about 60% of St. Barts' villas have reopened, with some new additions.

The five-star [Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa](#) just introduced two new villas, Villa Bleu and Villa Aqua, which each offer six bedrooms, a private pool and a prime beachfront setting.

[St. Barth Properties](#) unveiled two new high-end villas, Villa Golden and Villa Neo. The former counts a heated infinity pool among its highlights, while the latter boasts a hammam, or steam bath. Both offer additional perks, too, such as waking up to French pastries.

And though the iconic [Eden Rock](#) is closed until December, its extensive villa collection has already reopened.

Plus, summer's low-season rates make luxurious St. Barts a somewhat more affordable option.