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18 best places to travel for the summer of 2018

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Saint Barthélemy: Spend the long summer nights in one of the many new villas in the popular eastern Caribbean getaway, St. Barts.

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.