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Six new Caribbean resorts for your next warm-weather getaway

by ANN ABEL

1
Le Barthélemy
ST. BART'S

The newest hotel on the Grand Cul de Sac specializes in tranquility. All of the 46 rooms and suites have drop-down screens that transform outdoor terraces into private spaces. French chef Guy Martin, of the two-Michelin-star Le Grand Véfour in Paris, developed the menus for the two restaurants. Book the "Picnic Chic" service and a concierge will pack beach chairs, a hamper of canapés, and a bottle of rosé for you to take to any of the island's secluded beaches. *From \$682.*

2
Playa Grande Beach Club
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Hidden away at the end of a pristine mile-long beach on the less visited north coast, Playa Grande Beach Club comprises a central great house and nine sea-facing, bohemian-chic bungalows done up in sherbet tones and mismatched prints. Take a sunset cruise along the dramatic limestone coast of the Laguna Gri-Gri. *From \$800.*

3
Villa Marie
ST. BART'S

Jocelyne Sibuet is the Martha Stewart of France,

and she's behind the stylish Villa Marie, which opens in December on a landscaped hillside above picturesque Flamands Beach. The 19 bungalows and 2 villas have an understated vibe: seashell-rimmed mirrors, hand-woven cordage lamps, and sun-bleached wood. The resort boutique, curated by Sibuet, stocks clothing

and jewelry custom designed for the hotel by traditional French companies. *From \$560.*

4
French Coco
MARTINIQUE

Opened in July near the unspoiled Caravelle Peninsula nature reserve, French Coco is a study in rough-hewn, raw, and natural materials. Most of the 17 airy suites have private plunge pools, and the open-air French Creole restaurant makes use of the on-site garden, seasonal produce from local farmers, and freshly caught fish. *From \$335.*

5
Kimpton Seafire
GRAND CAYMAN

Grand Cayman, known for its sprawling Seven

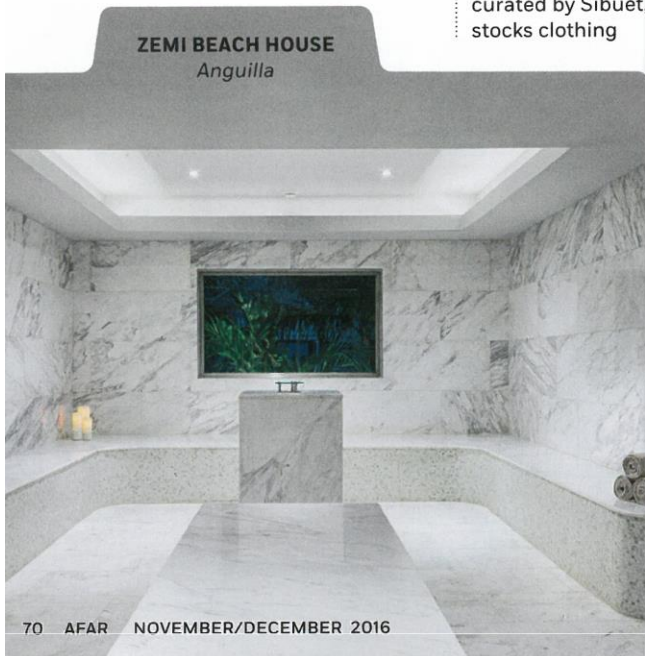
Mile Beach and world-class scuba diving, has its first new resort in more than a decade. Most of the 266 rooms at the Seafire offer views showcasing the sunsets that inspired the property's name. The three restaurants include the seasonal, small-plate Ave, whose 24-seat chef's counter, Avecita, serves a Spanish tapas tasting menu. At the bar off the lobby, try a cocktail featuring *tepache*, a beverage made from fermented pineapple rinds. *From \$339.*

6
Zemi Beach House
ANGUILLA

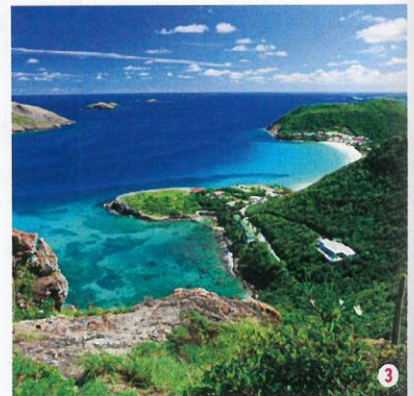
This beachfront retreat on Shoal Bay East—known for its sugar-white sands and low-key beach bars—has 54 guest rooms, 9 suites, and 27 larger residences, all with private outdoor spaces and sea views. The resort's showstopper is a 15,000-square-foot spa, built within a wooden house transported from Thailand. The Rhum Room stocks more than 100 rums. *From \$530.*



PLAYA GRANDE BEACH CLUB
Dominican Republic



ZEMI BEACH HOUSE
Anguilla



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