



# Caribbean UPDATE Our Insider's Guide

As Bob Marley sang, “You can’t see the right roads when the streets are paved.” This winter, get your feet in the water, some sand between your toes, and discover what’s new in the islands – **bejeweled resorts, rums** that add punch to the latest **thirst-quenching cocktails, multifaceted adventures**, and much more. **Bob Curley** – the Caribbean travel expert for about.com – clues you in to all you need to know.





Villa Kishiti



Casa Laguna



The Lazy Lizard Estate

## 4 New or Renovated Villas With All the Comforts of Home

### ANGUILLA

#### Cerulean Villa

**Location:** Barnes Bay

**Particulars:** Paired 12,500- and 4,500-square-foot villas have a staff of 18 pampering villa guests who reside in nine suites with plentiful ocean views. Expansive terraces and pool deck, exterior and interior dining areas, and a sandy beach just steps away.

**Memorable amenities:** A just-completed two-year renovation adds a heated pool, climate-controlled bedrooms and living rooms, and a private spa treatment room.

**Rates:** From \$200,000 weekly

**More info:** 264-235-8840; ceruleanvilla.com

#### Villa Kishiti

**Location:** Auntie Dol Bay

**Particulars:** Modern, Asian-inspired villa with four bedrooms, each with private terraces overlooking the ocean

**Memorable amenities:** Slope-roofed master bedroom with panoramic views from its floor-to-ceiling windows; outdoor hot-tub grotto

**Rates:** From \$2,900 nightly

**More info:** 800-289-0900; villakishtianguilla.com

### ANTIGUA

#### The Lazy Lizard Estate

**Location:** The Rosewood Jumby Bay Resort

**Particulars:** 18,000-square-foot estate on five beachfront acres, with six bedrooms in eight pavilions surrounding a free-form pool

**Memorable amenities:** Floating dining pavilion; private lighted tennis court

**Rates:** From \$11,500 nightly

**More info:** 268-462-6000; rosewoodhotels.com/en/jumby-bay-antigua

### MEXICAN YUCATAN

#### Casa Laguna

**Location:** Rosewood Mayakoba, Riviera Maya

**Particulars:** Arrive by boat at this three-bedroom, 9,400-square-foot villa set on a private lagoon; it comes staffed with a full culinary, butler, and housekeeping team.

**Memorable amenities:** 3,000 square feet of outdoor living and entertaining space

**Rates:** From \$12,500 nightly

**More info:** 888-767-3966; rosewoodhotels.com/en/mayakoba-riviera-maya

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### Explore

# Discover These Emerging Isles

The Caribbean islands off the coast of South and Central America are worlds away from Nassau and Barbados – and are just waiting for you

→ Few but the most adventurous travelers know of **Nicaragua's Corn Islands**, but make your way to the former pirate refuge of Little Corn Island for pampering at the new **Yemaya Island Hideaway & Spa**, an eco-friendly luxury wellness resort with 16 stylish cabana rooms, a spa with an extensive yoga program, and locally sourced and organic dining. From \$300. 303-800-1943; [littlecornhotel.com](http://littlecornhotel.com)

→ The **Bocas del Toro archipelago** lies closer to the Panamanian mainland but its islands still feel isolated. The new **Red Frog Beach** resort shares Isla Bastimentos with a national park and has a new hillside jungle lodge overlooking 8 miles of coastline. From \$117. 888-655-9573; [redfrogbeach.com](http://redfrogbeach.com)



Yemaya Island Hideaway & Spa



Lady Linda

**OK, not new, but still worth a mention – just in case you haven't already heard**

#### For Yachties

A sleek 182-foot **Trinity, superyacht Lady Linda** is entering its sophomore season cruising the Caribbean. Its ornate interior includes six staterooms, a formal dining room, and a cinema. On deck, you'll find climate-controlled outdoor dining areas; a sundeck with a jacuzzi, grill, and service bar; an entertainment center that converts into a disco; and a helipad. With a draft of just 8 feet, this beauty can traverse even the shallow waters of the Bahamas. Charters from \$322,000 weekly, plus expenses. [charterworld.com](http://charterworld.com)



Fly the Whale seaplane

#### For the BVI-bound

Sailing the British Virgin Islands' North Sound is a sublime experience, but it's even more James Bond to buzz to your megayacht in a seaplane. Tour company **Fly the Whale** landed the first seaplane in the waters off Virgin Gorda in 2011 and, once you've cleared customs, will fly you from a regional airport directly to your yacht. It also will fly you to a BVI resort such as Richard Branson's Necker Island, Biras Creek, or the Bitter End, and it offers custom tours to remote islands. 212-221-1203; [flythewhale.com](http://flythewhale.com)