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## St. Barths Gets Ready to Reopen in 2021 with Updated Hotels and Restaurants



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St. Barths had planned to start the new year with improvements and openings in the hospitality and culinary sectors, but as of Feb. 3, the French government enacted preventive measures against COVID-19 “variants,” including the temporary closing of the island's borders to all visitors, excluding St. Barth residents, regardless of their nationality. While St. Barths authorities negotiate an alternate solution, this might be a good time for travel advisors to familiarize themselves

with the island, which easily accommodates the growing demand for private, socially distanced vacations and operates in accordance with safety guidelines from the French Government. Below is a list of some key hotels and restaurants and when they plan to reopen:



**Rosewood Le Guanahani St. Barths:** Located on a private 18-acre peninsula overlooking Marigot Bay and Grand Cul-de-Sac, Le Guanahani hotel, which first opened in 1986, will reopen its doors later this year under the Rosewood brand, offering 66 guestrooms and suites with design elements that embrace the property's Caribbean allure.

**Hotel Manapany:** The eco-lodge of St. Barts is known for its private villas and suites that fuse nature with luxury, and for its open-air, seaside restaurant and bar. New for this season, the restaurant will host Fire Camp evenings on the last Friday of each month. Also new, the Manapany welcomes its own surf instructor and surf school to its beach.

**Hôtel Barrière Le Carl Gustaf:** The hotel made its debut last fall, featuring an array of suite, loft and villa-style accommodations, each equipped with its own terrace and private plunge pool. Beyond the ultra-luxe quarters, the retreat captures the natural spirit of St. Barts through European and island styles and the Michelin-starred Caribbean and Mediterranean-inspired cuisine.

**Hotel Christopher:** This five-star hotel offers views of the water and neighboring islands. Hotel Christopher blurs the boundaries between inside and out with modern spaces integrated with nature, featuring large decks and private pools. Following the tiered renovation from the hurricanes of 2017, the Christopher has reopened with the addition of three new four-bedroom villas, the new, sustainably-sourced Christo restaurant and a Sisley Spa with open-air rooms looking out on the water.

**Fouquet's St. Barths:** In the newly opened Hôtel Barrière Le Carl Gustaf, this new restaurant, already famously known in France, features a menu by three-Michelin starred chef Pierre Gagnaire which revisits the great classics of the Caribbean, scented with spices and local flavors, and boasts a panoramic view of Gustavia overlooking the Marina.

**Gyp Sea St. Barths:** Located on St. Jean beach, within the all-new "Bohemian Beach Club," this beachfront restaurant has a barbeque-centered menu with favorites such as grilled avocado salad, Jamaican-style jerk chicken, freshly-caught fish and rock lobsters on the grill, smoked rib of beef, burnt vegetables with za'atar spices, aioli and lemon confit.

**La Petite Plage:** Located on the port of Gustavia, this restaurant features a menu by chef Eric Frechon, annually chosen as one of France's best chefs. Its menu features fresh summer Mediterranean dishes with a splash of the Caribbean through local and seasonal products. The simple yet elegant décor features wood furniture complimented with crisp white cushions, tabletop candles and stylish glassware.

**Arawak Café:** Located in Gustavia, this open-air café touts a boho-cool vibe with teak furniture and an event hammock. The restaurant offers a selection of tropical cocktails, salads and snacks for dine-in and pick up.

**Kinugawa:** The first French West Indies location for restaurant group Blackcode, this elegant and warm interior features Japanese gastronomy with French art de vivre. Menu offerings include both cold and hot starters, salads, sushi, fish and meat mains and a selection of desserts.

**The Sin Garden:** Recently opened by Marine Urbain and Djordje Varda, this bakery combined their passions for dessert and art. The Sin Garden brings a new perspective to gastronomy through desserts.

**L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon Restaurant:** From French chef Joël Robuchon, who received more Michelin stars than any chef in the world, L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon is a new restaurant space that spans nearly 9,149 square feet and multiple levels. Opening in May 2021 and overlooking the port of Gustavia, L'atelier de Joël Robuchon will house an open-counter restaurant (50 seats), a pastry shop, a tearoom as well as a bakery and an on-site caterer. The first floor will feature a restaurant, open from breakfast to dinner, with 50 table seats and 10 seats at the bar and a large terrace providing a panoramic ocean view over the Gustavia Harbor. L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon will also provide a catering and delivery service for the villas and the boats.

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