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Guest cottages at
Le Guanahani open
right onto the beach



FIVE REASONS TO CHECK IN

LE GUANAHANI

Located on a secluded peninsula on St. Barts—blissfully free of the thumping techno that plagues most hotels on the island—is Le Guanahani, an elegant hideaway that recently completed a four-year, \$40 million renovation, including 67 newly designed, vibrantly colored guest cottages

1 The largest hotel on the island, Le Guanahani resides on 17 beautifully landscaped acres with two beaches—the wave-crashing Atlantic and the calm Caribbean—that offer something aquatic for everyone: windsurfing, pedal-boating, kayaking, paddleboarding, snorkeling, and that most strenuous of beach activities: drinking rum punch under a sun umbrella.

2 The “My Blend” facial—which accounts for lifestyle factors such as climate, sleep, diet, and stress into the formulas—at the Spa by Clarins will put your normal monthly treatment to shame. When your complexion is suitably dewy, spend the rest of the day relaxing at the spa’s hammam and adults-only pool.

3 Gratis weekly wine tastings are led by the in-house sommelier, who knowledgeably walks you through three reds and three whites. Aside from the distinguished and varied offerings, the bonus is meeting other guests—Guanahani attracts a friendly crowd—in a relaxed, intimate happy-hour setting.



4 Le Guanahani is considered the most child-friendly hotel on St. Barts. The complimentary Kids’ Club and Junior’s Club runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and gives young travelers a taste of French culture (along with activities like painting seashells and canoeing) while you get in a game of tennis or a much-needed Jacuzzi session in your suite.

5 The Caribbean chocolate soufflé—unimaginably creamy, faintly exotic, wholly chocolate—that’s served at hotel restaurant Bartolomeo is worth the trip to St. Barts in and of itself. And the five courses that come before it (such as suckling veal and branzino with violet artichokes) are pretty tasty, too.

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