

The Best Caribbean Beaches For 2019: The Ultimate List

One of my favorite destinations in the world is the Caribbean with its warm waters, sandy shores, and great cocktails. With so much destruction during Hurricane's Irma and Maria over a year ago, I am thrilled to report most of the best beaches and waterfront hotels are back in action with quite a few of them better than before. The perfect retreat for millions of tourists worldwide, the Caribbean not only offers up an amazing escape from cold winter climates but also creates memories to last for a lifetime.

Some of my finest memories include floating in the bathtub-warm waters of Aruba, sailing in the British Virgin Islands, deep sea fishing in Nicaragua and countless others. I have included several destinations like Bermuda, Turks & Caicos and the Bahamas that are not in the Caribbean but are an important part of the area, and also feature stunning beaches. I have become a bit of a beach aficionado having personally visited most of these beaches and am excited to present my favorites for 2019.

Anguilla

This two-mile sandy beach with soft, powdery white sand also offers up several great bars, restaurants and some amazing resorts. Busier than other beaches in the area but on Anguilla nothing feels crowded. Runners-up include; Maundays Bay, Meads Bay, Rendezvous Bay, Merrywing Bay, and Savannah Bay.

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What's great about Darkwood Beach is that there's not a single building on it. It feels like an escape from reality. It's undeveloped but still easily accessible. Runners-up include; Valley Church Beach, Dickenson Bay, Runaway Bay, Ffrye's Bay, Crab Hill Bay, and Half Moon Bay.

I have visited this beach for over 15 years, and while it can often be crowded with a mix of East Coast beach lovers and Venezuelans, the sand and water keep me coming back for more. This is a special place that has become the ultimate getaway for so many people. Come as yourself and never be judged.

While not in the Caribbean I had to include this stunning island, owned by a fabulous couple David Hew and his husband Michael King and features one of the most spectacular beaches in the Bahamas.

Completely secluded for privacy, this is one of the best retreats in the world with a barrier reef for snorkeling. Runners-up include; Stocking Island, Exumas with the swimming pigs, Old Bight Beach, Cat Island, Old Fort Bay, Nassau, Treasure Cay Beach, Abaco, Sand Dollar Beach, Great Harbour Cay, and Cabbage Beach, Paradise Island.

This is the most famous beach in Barbados and is surrounded by cliffs and lots of soft sand. Runners-up include Bathsheba Beach, Dover Beach, Mullins Beach, and St Peter.

Enjoy the feeling of seclusion on your own patch of perfect beach, while being close to all the happenings of the local village. Take a kayak out to see the sunset over Victoria's Peak, one of the highest mountains in Belize.

Not in the Caribbean but a major destination for superyachts and wealthy Caribbean island hoppers, the calm water and hidden coves of this stunning beach can sometimes get crowded but you can venture further down the beach for a secluded experience.

I have visited this beach as a cruise ship passenger on multiple occasions, and there is nothing better than drinking from the Soggy Dollar Bar and relaxing with friends on this charming island

paradise.

Runners-up include Sandy Spit, Loblolly Bay, Devil's Bay in Virgin

Gorda, Prickly Pear, Cane Garden Bay, Smugglers Cove, and Apple Bay in

Tortola

The beach measures only 5.5 miles, but its gorgeous clear waters and

coral sands have made it one of the top picks by magazines every year.

Located four hours from the capital city, San Jose this is a great beach for more laid back travelers where sloths are a regular part

of the scenery. The nearby town gets lively after dark.

This beach is about 2 miles of white sand with turquoise colored

water. Guardalavaca is known for its sporting activities such as

snorkeling, scuba diving, deep-sea fishing, tennis, windsurfing,

volleyball, catamaran sailing, and kayaking.

With its clear turquoise water, waving palm trees and white sandy

beach, Cas Abao is a true paradise. Located at the northwest coast of

Curaçao, the beach is ideal for swimmers with great reefs for snorkeling. Runners-up include Playa Knip, Westpunt, Playa Porto Mari,

Klein Curacao, and Groot Knip.

The reward at the end of this hike down a steep cliff to the beach below is a large waterfall crashing on the beach. One of the most

memorable beach experiences ever. Runner-up is Batibou Beach.

This spectacular secluded beach is one of the most beautiful in the Dominican Republic and has won many travel awards. The white sand beach stretches about five miles and remains very secluded, far away from any resorts or hotels. Best way to arrive is by ATV to this paradise. Runners-up include Saona Island and Playa Bavaro.