



Escape the crowds at these secret Caribbean resorts

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The rooftop views from Le Barth Villas extend over the town of Gustavia © Joe Sills / Lonely Planet

A cold drink, warm sunshine, and the sound of the roaring sea – or is that a roaring jet? If you're lounging in the Caribbean near major airports like Montego

Bay, Nassau or Punta Cana, your Caribbean vacation could be interrupted by the din of jetliners ferrying visitors into and out of a tropical paradise. But, if you go a little further and pack a little lighter, you can escape the crowds behind the whirl of a propeller blade at these exclusive Caribbean resorts.

1. Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa – St-Barth

Landing in [St-Barth](#) can either be a breeze or a nail-biter, depending on local winds. One route sends visitors onto Gustaf III Airport's single stretch of tarmac over the marina of Baie de St Jean and sets them down smoothly. The other route? Let's just say it involves a sharp plunge over a mountaintop.

A narrow road meanders a 20-minute route from the airstrip to the quiet cove occupied by [Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa](#). There, a backdrop of windsurfers and beachgoers paint a real-life portrait of paradise from the seaside rooms and two award-winning restaurants that overlook the turtle-laden, tropical lagoon. Le Barthélemy even offers entire seaside houses or a one-of-a-kind mountaintop cabin via its sister brand, Le Barth Villas.