

# COASTAL LIVING

## ROMANTIC TROPICAL GETAWAYS

30 dreamy escapes

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*plus* fun rum recipes + guilt-free (really!) beach eats



# *the top 10* romantic caribbean retreats

Whether you want a Valentine's Day  
getaway or just need to get away,  
indulge yourself at these island resorts





unobstructed views of the purple, pink, and gold sky.

**RATES:** From \$579; 876/956-7050 or roundhill.com.

—Jacquelyne Froeber

## Dominica

### Rosalie Bay

Mountainous adventure and dramatic photo ops await couples at Rosalie Bay. Set on the wild Atlantic coast of rugged, mostly undeveloped Dominica, this brand-new nature resort's 28 guest rooms and suites have mountain, ocean, river, or garden views amid towering palms, coconut trees, and sea grapes.

**GO AHEAD, INDULGE:**

Swim in the tranquil Rosalie River, or walk along Black Sand Beach—also a leatherback, hawksbill, and green turtle sanctuary.

**MAKE A DATE:** Lace up your hiking boots for an intense trek over moss-covered paths to Boiling Lake, the

BEST  
DEAL!

# Set on the wild Atlantic coast of mostly undeveloped Dominica, Rosalie Bay offers couples romance and adventure



The beach at Dominica's Rosalie Bay

Bespoke style  
at Round Hill  
Resort on  
Jamaica



world's second-largest volcanically heated body of water.

**BEST SUNSET:** Take a bottle of wine to the sandy Turtle Beach on Dominica's unspoiled west coast.

**RATES:** From \$250; 767/446-1010 or rosaliebay.com.

—Marion Laffey Fox

## St. Barts

### Le Sereno

Recently updated by esteemed French designer Christian Liaigre, Le Sereno offers the perfect balance of minimalism and luxury. Situated on the east shore of St. Barts, its 37 suites and villas—all with ocean views and private terraces—

look out over a palm-studded beach. Inside, cuddle up on king-size beds and enjoy modern amenities, from iPod docks to wireless Internet and giant flat-screen TVs.

**GO AHEAD, INDULGE:**

Get an in-room massage with luscious Ligne St. Barth products (made on the island using local botanicals) and swaddle yourself in plush Porthault linens and robes.

**MAKE A DATE:** Try dinner at the decadent Le Ti St. Barth, which features an innovative menu and nightly cabaret; letistbarth.com.



# British Virgin Islands

## Peter Island Resort

Peter Island has all the romantic essentials: secluded beaches, luxurious suites and villas, and a quietly attentive staff. Located on one of the largest private islands in the Caribbean, the resort is the only attraction (excluding wild goats), and five different beaches ensure you'll have your own stretch of soft sand.

### GO AHEAD, INDULGE:

Surrounded by lush gardens, the spa offers an Indian Ayurvedic program, including massage and yoga.

**MAKE A DATE:** Escape to Honeymoon Beach, where the hotel will drop you off with a picnic lunch to enjoy the day under the shade of a lone palapa.



A sea-view room at Le Sereno on St. Barts

**BEST SUNSET:** Watch the sky at the open-air Dô Brazil restaurant on Shell Beach; [dobrazil.com](http://dobrazil.com).

**RATES:** From \$680; 888/537-3736 or [lesereno.com](http://lesereno.com).

—Heather Chaddock

## Grenada

### Spice Island Beach Resort

A three-mile drive from the airport takes you to this family-run boutique resort on the largest of the so-called Spice Islands in the Grenadines (known for bounteous crops of nutmeg and mace). In the lavish suites, you'll find flat-panel HD TVs, some with Bose

sound systems. Listen to your favorite iPod playlist while lounging on the chaises on your private patio or balcony overlooking the tree-studded shores of Grand Anse Beach.

### GO AHEAD, INDULGE:

The open-air beachfront restaurant, Oliver's, takes full advantage of its abundant herb garden, serving up island favorites like twice-baked callaloo soufflé.

**MAKE A DATE:** Enjoy the sights and sensory delights—from a whiff of cinnamon to the sounds of steel-drum calypso—at the spice-and-craft market off Grand Anse Beach; [grenadagrenadines.com/detail/grand-anse-craft-market](http://grenadagrenadines.com/detail/grand-anse-craft-market).

Checking in at Le Sereno



**BEST SUNSET:** Go for a cruise along Grenada's leeward coast as night falls.

**RATES:** From \$618; 473/444-4258 or e-mail [reservations@spiceisle.com](mailto:reservations@spiceisle.com).

—Maria Ricapito

**BEST SUNSET:** Sign up for the Sunset Loop, an exciting ride up the curvy mountain roads to one of the highest points on the island.

**RATES:** Oceanview rooms start at \$740; 877/547-5711 or [peterisland.com](http://peterisland.com).

—Kristen Shelton Fielder