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A wide-angle photograph of a tropical beach. Several tall palm trees with green fronds are in the foreground, some leaning over the sand. The beach is a light tan color. In the background, the turquoise ocean meets a clear blue sky. A small figure of a person is visible on the beach near the water's edge. The overall atmosphere is serene and idyllic.

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ST. BARTHS, JE T'AIME

Photograph courtesy of Le Sereno, St. Barths - LeSereno.com

Exhaling double and triple helixes of glittery effervescence while hovering at forty feet below sea level is a humbling place to find bliss. Anchored a few miles off St. Barths Gustavia Harbor with boutique scuba outfit, *La Bulle*, our descent south sparked a flow of bubbling emotions nothing short of electrifying.

Below the surface, schools of indifferent fish brushed by as we submerged together, floating wide-eyed through the stillness of warm cerulean waters. Hand in hand we made our way to the Caribbean seafloor—together, yet at the same time alone—a moving audience to the silent, visual orchestra of sea vegetation and marine life.

Unless you roll with great white sharks or humpback whales, exclusivity and power, and certainly wealth don't exist in the water world down under. When sharing space with nurse sharks, stingrays, sea turtles, and the rainbow menagerie of gilled guppies, it's easy to forget the material mammal world above.

For decades St Barths (Saint Barthelemy) has

relished its notoriety as the elite Caribbean playground for the glitterati. While the little French West Indian island is a privileged and pricy adult sandbox, in recent years it has opened its gilded gates to those desiring high-end pampering, without totally poaching the purse.

From Thanksgiving to President's Day weekend, the island still pulls out the stops for the rich and famous, but "off-season" (when the uber wealthy holiday in St. Tropez), St. Barths empties and lowers in price. There does exist a St. Barths for those seeking well-heeled privacy and romance along crowd-free, white-sand beaches, and where gingerbread-trimmed villas, charming boutiques, and cozy beach bars are all within reach.

We've done the labor for you and uncovered a few of our favorite sensual spots for tucking away together to languish lovingly away from it all.

Le Sereno is a top choice for honeymooners because of its quiet, tranquil, and non-sceney vibe...

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+ Le Sereno

Insider Tip!

Befriend Sandrine and Christian, Le Sereno's management couple. Ask them about their super-romantic [safari honeymoon!](#)

+ Tucked away within Grand Cul de Sac is the cutting edge-slick and modern, *Le Sereno*. The tranquil five-star luxury escape has a polished, quietly elegant look, however, there is something that feels specifically and particularly personalized thanks to the warmth of its sexy husband and wife management team. Guests access a beachy cove of clear turquoise waters between a protected coral reef and St. Barths highest mountain. The layout is open and inviting with the suites framing the private daybed-lined pool. The spa is a respite within a refuge and features the local and natural Ligne St. Barth products. Those wanting to disappear into intimate seclusion book Le Sereno's three-bedroom, hilltop super-luxe Ultimate Villas where terraces are outfitted with a private pool and personalized sea-views. The offseason packages are some of the best on the island.

