

SEASON SIZZLER: SUMMER'S





They say life's a beach. And for beachcombers craving for endless lounging and relaxation under the sun, these destinations are solid proof of just how beautiful living can get, WORDS BY SJ ROX AS

When the temperature rises, there's really no better way to embrace the heat than by setting off to a seaside retreat and giving in to the glorious rays of the summer sun. Imagine that moment of bliss when you dig your toes into the sand, looking out to an endless scene of sea and sky, a freshly concocted champagne mojito in hand – pure paradise, don't you think? It's a good thing about three quarters of the earth is made up of water, providing plenty of options for beach devotees of all persuasions. From castaway chie to contemporary flair, the world is brimming with island destinations that are nothing short of heavenly. Explore each with this selection of exceptional escapades serving as your guide to the best spots under the sun.



ST. BARTHS

St. Barths has always had a reputation for being the haunt of well-heeled holidaymakers looking to evade the cold and attain a high-carat tan. One of the most coveted areas on the island is Grand Cul de Sac Beach, where a luxe Caribbean lifestyle reaches its peak with Le Sereno Beach Hotel, an elegant hideout for the fashionable traveller. Evoking subtle luxury through the minimalist designs of French designer Christian Liaigre, Le Sereno is a vision of clean lines and neutral colours. The common spaces and guestrooms are rendered in such a way that it flawlessly blends with the relaxed atmosphere of St. Barth's. Besides its stunning location, the resort also boasts a host of upscale facilities including a gourmet restaurant, a beach club, a boutique and a spa that uses deluxe Ligne St. Barth products.

When you make your visit, stay in one of Le Sereno's three well-appointed villas not only to have the best views of the turquoise lagoon, but also to get dibs on the Anya Hindmarch Bespoke Collection, an exclusive line of luxury travel items created in collaboration with the British accessories designer.