

4 winter sun hotspots for end of year escapes

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

If 2020 has left you feeling low in Vitamin D (and sea), we've sought out the sunniest spots to beat the winter blues and wanderlust woes – from the tropical temperatures of Cambodia and the Caribbean, to the balmy shores of Mexico and the Maldives, it's not too late to plan your end of year escape. These winter sun destinations will be worth the wait...

The Caribbean

Nowhere does white sandy beaches and impossibly blue waters quite like the Caribbean – and with many of the islands now open to international travellers, it's still possible to get your dose of vitamin sea this winter. With varying entry requirements for visitors travelling from designated high to low-risk countries (this also differs from state to state if you're U.S. based), be sure to read up on each island's tourism board guidelines before booking.

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Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa, St Barthélemy...This exclusive escape is set right beside a peaceful lagoon, where the décor and furnishings are designed to reflect the natural beauty of St Bart's. Dedicate your days to total relaxation beside the infinity pool or in the individual wooden cabins of the hotel spa, or explore the the bright coral reef that encircles the entire island.