

## The 31 Best Luxury Resorts and Hotels in the Caribbean You Should Book Right Now

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*Timeless icons, next-gen retreats, and private island hideaways—this is the Caribbean at its finest.*

This curated guide—part of Afar’s [Hotels We Love](#) series—spotlights the most extraordinary stays across the Caribbean, all worth a special trip.

### 02 Beach Club & Spa



The 02 Beach Club in Barbados sits on a sandy beach on the island’s south coast. Courtesy of Steven Graffham/02 Beach Club

**LOCATION:** Barbados

**WHY WE LOVE IT:** A swanky all-inclusive resort on the island's low-key south coast

**RATES:** From \$580

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The all-inclusive, nine-story [O2 Beach Club & Spa](#) opened on the relaxed south coast of Barbados in 2021, offering a contemporary alternative to some of the island's more traditional retreats. The 116 fuchsia- and blue-accented suites are all set on a sandy beach. With three swimming pools (one is a rooftop pool, rare on the island), four restaurants, and a 5,600-square-foot spa, plus free Bajan-inspired classes (steel pan drumming, playing dominoes like a local), guests have ample things to do. Oro's monthly Bubbles & Brunch—with mimosas, artisanal cocktails, and a Caribbean-meets-European menu—has become a scene, and the restaurant's Rum Bar showcases rare Caribbean bottles, along with nightly amuse-bouche service and weekly chocolate-and-rum pairings.

There are also places to find a respite: a private dinner on the beach, paddleboarding on the water, or relaxing in the island's only hammam treatment room. After dark, the resort has introduced a resident astronomer, who leads evening stargazing sessions that invite guests to explore the night sky through guided telescope viewings. Don't miss an excursion to the nearby [Barbados Boardwalk](#), which winds along the shoreline past outdoor pools and white-sand beaches.