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Caribbean/Atlantic Island

WINNER: TURKS AND CAICOS

Shocking blue water, soft white sand, dreamy resorts—no wonder this 40-island archipelago took the top prize. Here, a few of our favorite hotels. —Sarah Greaves-Gabbidon

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RUNNERS-
UP!**

2. U.S. Virgin Islands

Nature-loving couples will feel right at home on St. John: Two-thirds of the island is part of the National Park Service. Set within it is Caneel Bay Resort, which has seven secluded stretches of sand, including the aptly named Honeymoon Beach.

3. St. Lucia

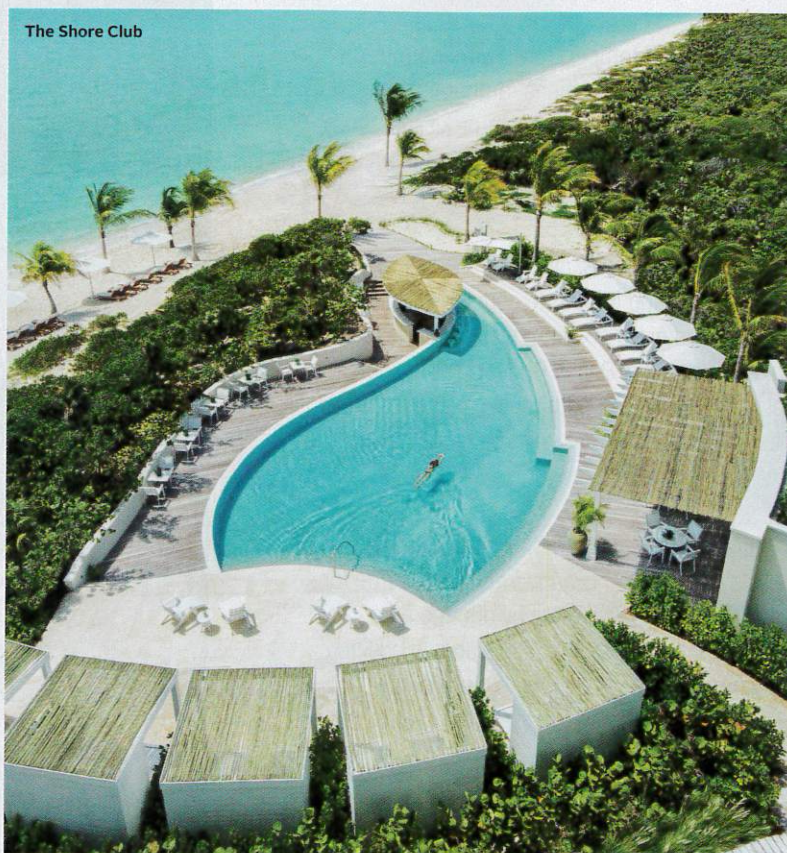
For the ultimate photo op, hike up the towering Gros Piton volcanic mountain, which sits more than 2,500 feet above sea level.

4. Bahamas

Pigs may never be able to fly, but they sure can swim—and do—in the waters around Big Major Cay, in the Exumas. Arrange a visit through Four C's Adventures.

5. Aruba

Cura di Tortuga—a natural pool (or *conchi*, in the native Papiamentu language) that's blocked off from the Caribbean by a barrier of lava rocks—is a remote and romantic place for a swim.



THE LAID-BACK PRIVATE ISLAND: THE MERIDIAN CLUB

Couples in search of a castaway vibe will love this rustic private-island retreat on Pine Cay, 20 minutes by boat from the main isle of Providenciales (or Provo, in local parlance). By day, relax on the two-mile-long beach; in the evening, cozy up in a golf cart at the drive-in movie theater. There are just 14 rooms, all beach-front—and with an outdoor shower and a screened porch, you won't even notice there's no TV. From \$895 per night, including meals, meridianclub.com.

THE NEWBIE: THE SHORE CLUB

Want to experience the island's latest and greatest? Then escape to Provo's less-developed southern side. Here, the first resort on Long

Bay Beach promises the best in barefoot luxury, with 148 water-front rooms and suites. Alternate your basking between the quiet stretch of sand and by one of four pools—and don't miss afternoon tea in the tropical garden. From \$700 per night, theshoreclubtc.com.

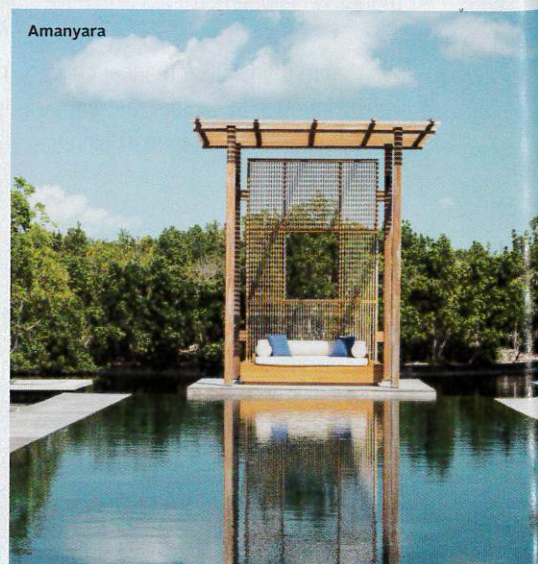
THE WELLNESS ESCAPE: COMO PARROT CAY

A 35-minute boat ride from the airport brings you to this secluded 1,000-acre sanctuary, a one-stop oasis for those in need of major relaxation. (It's easy to see why Donna Karan and Christie Brinkley each own a villa on the property.) Its 55 rooms,

suites, and beach houses feel fresh and modern, with all-white walls, couches, and sheer curtains on the four-poster beds. For the ultimate postnuptial wind-down, take advantage of spa treatments or Pilates, yoga, and meditation sessions in a pavilion or private cottage; you can also get healthy meals delivered right to your doorstep. From \$600 per night, comohotels.com.

THE ULTIMATE SPLURGE: AMANYARA

This minimal, refined cloister from the revered Aman hotel group is set apart from other resorts on the Grace Bay strip—and is as tranquil as it gets. Each of the open-air suites and villas is secreted behind tropical thickets and overlooks a serene pond, the ocean, or a private pool. If you can tear yourself away, there's snorkeling right off the property's private beach, and you can tag sea turtles with a resident naturalist. And thanks to its location on Provo's northwestern tip, there's no better spot to watch the sun set. From \$1,350 per night, aman.com.



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