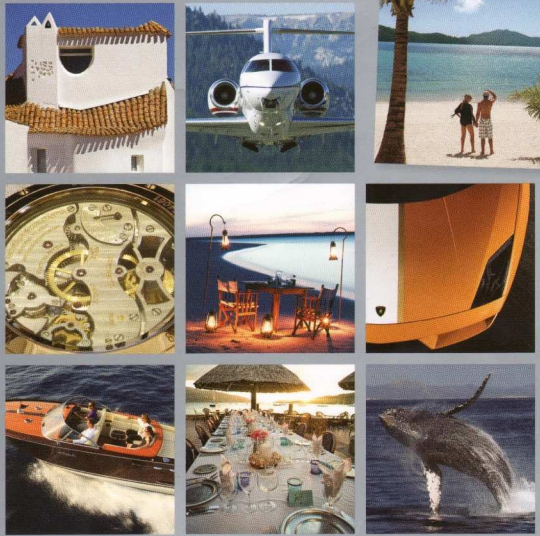


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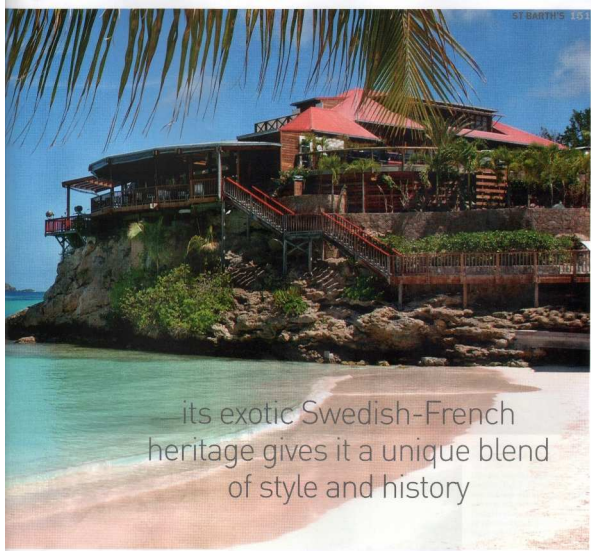
SUPERYACHT OWNERS' FAVOURITE DESTINATIONS, CARS, YACHT CLUBS, RESTAURANTS REACHED BY BOAT, ON-BOARD ENTERTAINMENT, GOLF COURSES, WATCHES, JETS, HELICOPTERS & FLOATPLANES, DAY BOATS



The rocky little outcrop of St Barth's is a real jewel. Just 26 square kilometres in size, its exotic Swedish-French heritage gives it a unique blend of style and history. In Port de Gustavia, it also has one of the most popular superyacht harbours in the world (yachts up to 60 metres can be accommodated. Mind moving it!), while nature has endowed the island with more than 20 magnificent beaches. Add to this numerous gourmet restaurants, top-notch hotels and beautiful boutiques, and you have a 50+ sector's paradise. Specific events for superyacht owners include the Bucket Regatta every March, while the world's largest concentration of superyachts congregates on St Barth's at New Year for the traditional race around

the island – accompanied by a giant street party. Saint-Barthélemy, to give the island its full name, offers something for everyone. North of Gustavia, Crozet is the most authentic and oldest quarter on the island, where elderly women weave the latania palm to make beautiful baskets or table mats. Cases – the traditional St Barth's houses – still dot the landscape, particularly around the unspoiled, rugged bay of Grand Fond. For beach lovers, there is an embarrassment of riches. The lovely secluded bay of Colombier is accessible only by a goat path, and offers great snorkelling along the rocks on either side. Another popular spot is the shallow, turquoise blue lagoon of Grand Cul de Sac, while

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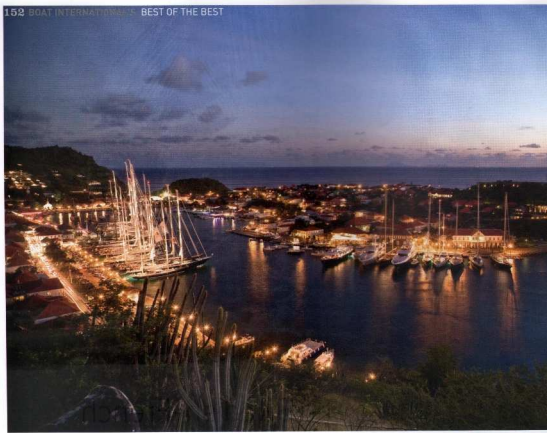


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Perched on a rock above  
Saint-Jean is L'Esprit Rock  
Hotel, which evolved from an  
imaginatively shined house over  
50 years ago (above). Guests  
sip cocktails on the circular  
open deck while gazing out  
over the sea, while the hotel  
pool (left) is also designed  
to make the most of the sea  
views. Traditional St. Barth's  
houses (far left) are still much  
in evidence, thanks to restrictive  
building restrictions

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St. John's Harbour (above) is one of the most popular super-yacht harbours in the world, but anchorages are also possible at Colombier (right), a lovely secluded bay, which is only accessible from the shore by a goat path. There is excellent snorkelling along the rocks on either side (far right).



Saline is famed for its wild beauty and clear waters. Then there is Shell Beach, Petite Anse, Anse-Marchal, Gouverneur, Anse des Flamands ... everyone has their own favourite. For watersports lovers, many of the beaches and lagoons also offer great snorkelling, diving, surfing, windsurfing and kitesurfing. St. John's is home to some of the world's best hotels and restaurants. Set above Gustavia, Carl Gustaf offers stunning views and superb cuisine in its gastronomic restaurant, Victoria's. For those seduced by the beauty of the gorgeous Baie de St-Jean, there is the Eden Rock

Hotel, perched on a rocky promontory above the bay. From its circular open deck, diners can enjoy panoramic views of the water, wonderful at night. Reflecting its exotic multi-cultural history, the island's cuisine is a mixture of French, Creole and Italian, while Asian and fusion are also popular choices. People might argue about what to call the island - St. Barth's, Saint-Barthelemy, St. Bart's, St. Barts, St. Barth - but few dispute its reputation as one of the jewels in the crown of the French West Indies.

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