

Beach

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Sugar Beach, a Viceroy Resort, in the Piton mountains on St. Lucia's western coast.

↑ Sugar Beach, a Viceroy Resort, St. Lucia

The 100-acre Jalousie Plantation, skirting a sleepy stretch of sand, was always lovely. And the location, wedged between the towering Pitons—a UNESCO World Heritage site—was second to none. But when British pub baron Roger Myers put \$100 million into a rebranding by Viceroy, he raised the bar on an island already known for luxury.

The result: 78 bleach-white rooms and 42 hillside villas built with kiln-dried Central American hardwoods and filled with indigenous art; a tree-house spa made by a Rastafarian craftsman using 900-year-old Carib Indian techniques; and old-world uniforms for the staff (prim white cotton dresses for the housekeepers; top hats for the bellmen). The area's star attractions? Hundreds of triggerfish and clown shrimp that live in the nearby Anse de Pitons bay; plumb the azure waters with a diving lesson from the resort's longtime instructor, Cocoa Puffs. viceroyhotelsandresorts.com. \$\$\$

T+L's Top Sandy Sanctuaries

DORADO BEACH, A RITZ-CARLTON RESERVE
Puerto Rico
ritzcarlton.com. \$\$\$\$\$
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JUMEIRAH PORT SOLLER
Mallorca, Spain
jumeirah.com. \$\$\$

MUKUL BEACH, GOLF & SPA
Guacalito de la Isla, Nicaragua
mukulresort.com. \$\$\$\$\$

OYSTER INN
Waiheke Island, New Zealand
theoysterinn.co.nz. \$\$

SUGAR BEACH, A VICEROY RESORT
St. Lucia
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