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What's New in the Caribbean

The Getaway

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A Natural World Safaris trip will focus on sperm whales off Dominica; this year, a portion of the proceeds will go to storm relief. Patrick Dykstra

Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated many islands in the Caribbean region, including Puerto Rico, the British and United States Virgin Islands, Dominica and St. Martin. They also battered Anguilla, St. Barts, the Turks and Caicos and others.

But many islands, including Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao in the southern Caribbean, and the central Cayman Islands and Jamaica were unaffected, prompting tourism officials to their bullhorns.

“Over 70 percent of the Caribbean was not affected by the hurricanes,” said Frank Comito, the chief executive and director general of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association, which has established CaribbeanTravelUpdate.com to track updates by island. “Most of the region is open for business and doing fine.”

After the Storms, Opening for Business

A horrific hurricane season has left varying degrees of devastation in much of the Caribbean region. But even in many of the affected destinations, resorts are being reopened, while elsewhere, on unscathed islands, new hotels and activities are being rolled out.



Source: Caribbean Tourism Organization

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Among hotels and attractions most impacted, many will take a year or more to reopen. The following list represents new resort openings and reopenings, yacht charters and guided trips available to sun-seeking travelers this winter.

ANGUILLA

Though Anguilla was severely hit by Hurricane Irma, the boutique [Frangipani Beach Resort](#) has announced it will reopen its 19 rooms in December with new roofing, windows, doors and furniture. Its four-bedroom villa will reopen in February. Rooms from \$450; [frangipaniresort.com](#).

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