

St Kitts and Nevis

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Only a narrow channel separates the small islands of St Kitts and Nevis, and that's probably why they've been twinned as far as governance is concerned. But they're actually quite different. St. Kitts is the larger and more mountainous, and has a few bustling centres, but overall a laid-back Caribbean air. While tiny Nevis feels more gentle and historic, populated by charming old plantation houses, many of which have been converted into some of the best places to stay in St Kitts and Nevis. There are also some beachfront hotels, but these two islands are less developed than their beauty warrants.

St Kitts' capital is busy Basseterre, which sounds French, but looks Victorian. This is where the cruise ships dock, and there's a compact centre around the port. Part of Basseterre's bustle comes from the soca music blasting from local cars and buses, and part is the sheer numbers of visitors who come in on a busy day.

Many cruise ship visitors head to the mountainous north, to see the impressive 17th Century Brimstone Hill Fortress, now Heritage Listed as a reminder of the violent and tumultuous history of the sugar and slave trades in the Caribbean. This is also where you'll see the fading grandeur of the plantations and the ghost villages of the sugar workers.

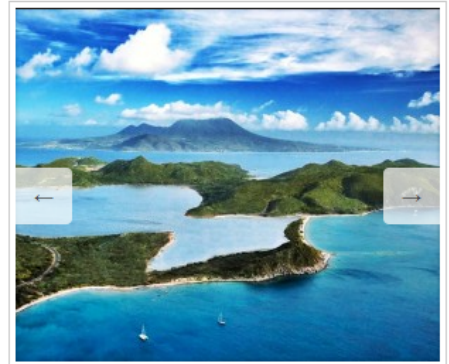
Visitors looking for beaches should head south where you'll find the best beaches and the liveliest beach bars.

If you're looking for peace, then Nevis is probably a better match for you. Its history is just as dramatic and possibly even more carefully preserved, and the unhurried atmosphere feels more like the Caribbean of yesteryear.

The beautiful beaches are relatively uncrowded, and behind them are the bougainvillea and hibiscus that are home to the island's wonderful hummingbird population.

The island's peak, Mt. Nevis, makes for a nice little challenge for walkers or cyclists, and this island certainly suits those who like to get out and do things in the great outdoors.

Our pick of the best places to stay in St Kitts and Nevis are well placed to make the most of these islands whether you've come for the beach, the history, the watersports and diving/snorkelling or a combination of all the above.



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To spoil yourself

- [Four Seasons](#) on Nevis is a five star hotel with unrivalled facilities and contemporary chic style. As well as all you'd expect from a larger resort, the Four Seasons also has a golf course, lively bars and a spectacular infinity pool.
- The [Montpelier Plantation Inn](#) is a sophisticated plantation conversion with 19 rooms, three fine dining restaurants and stunning grounds - set on a beautiful, tropical hillside. They also have a hotel boat.
- [Belle Mont Farm](#), St Kitts is a stunning eco-resort with accommodation in a choice of guesthouses, farmhouses and villas. Guests should expect to be looked after in every imaginable way, including with freshly picked organic produce, in a 100ft infinity pool, an open air spa or on the hotel golf course.

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