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5 places not to be missed in 2023

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For this spring issue, L'Officiel Monaco highlights a luxury destination with intimate places in a chic but not stuffy environment. Here, the well-known hashtag #homeawayfromhome created by marketing teams takes on its whole meaning. All these destinations are lovely, no matter the season.Fancy ski resorts or casual islands: it's up to you.

For the regular, St. Barts is a bit of a intimate paradise lost in the Caribbean Sea, where simplicity goes with luxury. When travelling to St. Barts, visitors hunt for quietness and a wellness parenthesis while appreciating the natural beauty surrounding them.

Where to stay: <u>Le Barthélémy Hotel & Spa</u> opened in 2016 along the beautiful white sand beach in Grand Cul-de-Sac, famous for being the only beach that faces the lagoon with the gorgeous coral barrier. The turquoise colour dominates this exception all and mark and soothes its guests in a certain way. <u>Le Barthélémy Hotel & Spa</u> is a luxury boutique hotel that belongs to the French group Champagne Hospitality, which welcomed, last October 2022, Sebastien Maingourd as the new Regional GeneralManager ahead of the 2023 festive season. The hotel offers 44 rooms and suites, each benefiting from a terrace, several private pools, two adjacent full-service villas, anda seaside infinity pool. Le Spa at <u>Le Barthélémy</u> is a peaceful sanctuary aimed at holistic well-being with a complete wellness Experience by La Mer. This treatment program is dedicated to helping guests to reconnect with their inner selves through

signature La Mer Spa treatments. In addition, it includes yoga classes and healthy meal options. The philosophy of <u>Le Barthélémy</u> is fully embraced here with the idea of human-centred and couture hospitality philosophy. Moreover, the luxury hotel is committed to the environment and aims to preserve it. Indeed, they provide guests with a Zero Waste Cooking Class led by the Chef of the hotel's restaurant, Amis St. Barts, Vincent Gomis.

Plus: Still following the eco and island-friendly commitment, <u>Le Barthélémy</u> used sustainable materials in the design and construction of the hotel, inside and out. The entire <u>Le Barthélémy</u> is equipped with new-generation LED lights, organic cotton bed linen, and furniture designed mainly with low-impact materials. <u>Le Barthélémy</u> supports local entities and raises awareness among its guests and employees, developing concrete actions to restore local flora and fauna, such as training of the hotel team sand the creation of the Barthélémy GreenTeam; donations to the Coral Restoration and Red Cross associations; "Beach clean-up", which is organized four times a year to clean the bay; fundraising for the ATE (Association Territoriale de l'Environne-ment); a garden composed of plants and trees from the Caribbean area. It is becoming increasingly crucial for guests to travel to luxurious places where osmosis with

nature and awareness-building make sense. <u>Le Barthélémy</u> is one of those places that contribute to elevating mentalities and plays a role that offers more responsible luxury.