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## 10 Best Places to Travel in March

From the streets of Valencia to Chicago, these spring destinations are not to be missed.

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Screw the cleaning. Make spring the time to take a trip, and blow out the cobwebs in a much more fulfilling way. Even better, shoulder seasons like spring usually offer an affordable way to combine low-season hotel rates and fewer crowds with high-season weather, a canny workaround for any value-seeking traveler.

We've pulled together some of the places to visit in March, including an alternative to cherry blossom-spotting (hint: come hungry) to the Caribbean's toniest superyacht race and a pyromaniac's delight of a festival in Europe.

Here are the 10 best places to visit in March.

## **St. Barths**

**March is great for:** seeing an alternative side to this party-powered island.

Sure, come to St. Barths to sashay 'round the pool. But there are other reasons to visit this slice of France, just a short flight off the coast of St. Maarten—like the Bucket Regatta this month, which takes place from March 21-24.

This race is a four-day, invitation-only race that's a point of pride for super-yachts worldwide. This year, there will be no yacht hop party, but instead a dockside bash at the Capitainerie on Saturday night for the ultimate mingler. If you're not schmoozing or racing, though, it's still a spectacular chance to see

some of the world's finest yachts performing at their peak, all on some of the bluest waters of the West Indies.

## **Where to stay**

Book now: [Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa](#)

The eight-year-old, 44-room property has a fitting sits on the eastern reaches of Grand Cul de Sac beach and with understated, ultra-luxe décor from French designer Sybille de Margerie.

## **How to get to St Barths**

Book a flight to SXM in St Maarten—there are countless services from the U.S. on everything from Spirit (FLL) to Sun Country (MSP). From there, take the knuckle-biting puddle jumper over to SBH on Tradewinds. At just over 2,100 feet this is one of the shortest runways in the world, so you'll be in a tiny plane piloted by a seasoned captain.