

Book this, not that: Alternatives to popular destinations that aren't bookable with points

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Most who love travel are also dreamers: You probably like to imagine what could be and think about all the places you could go. That's why it feels like there's never enough time to visit every place on your list. I was consulting my own wish list of destinations the other day and saw three vacations that I'd love to take that just aren't readily available on points. So I came up with some alternatives:

I want to go to Anguilla's Cap Juluca ...

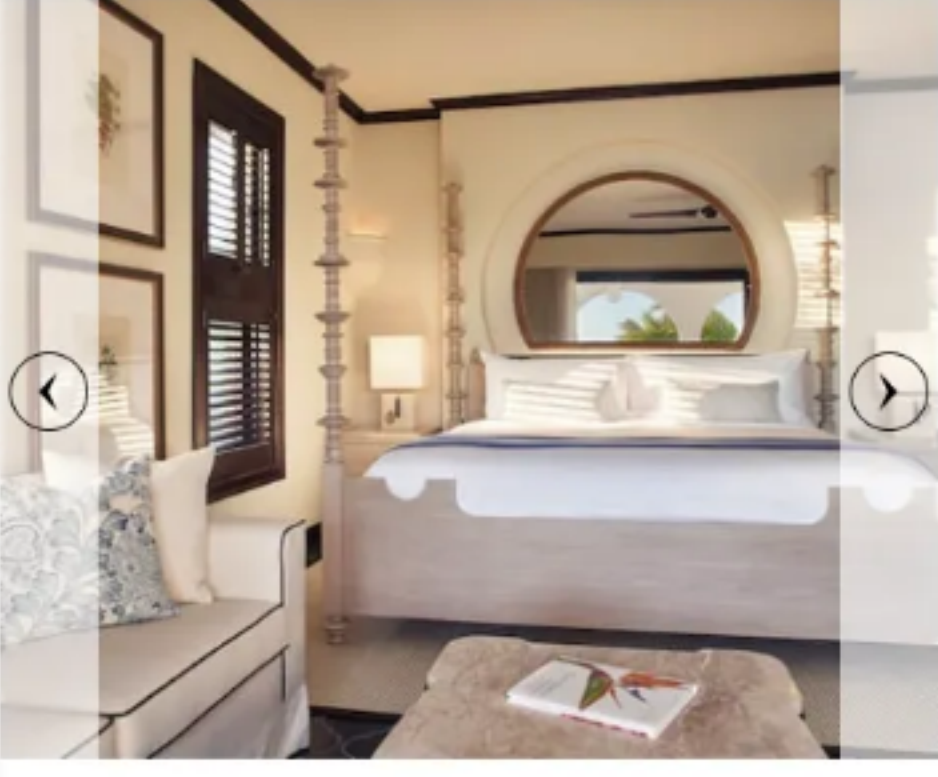
I love the beach. There is something so peaceful and rejuvenating about vacationing on an island. Resorts with oceanfront rooms are close to my heart. Anguilla is a lovely Caribbean island that is part of the British West Indies, and we've been wanting to stay at [Belmond Cap Juluca](#).



Belmond Cap Juluca. (Photo courtesy of Booking.com)

The resort is on Maundays Bay near the southernmost tip of the island and includes quite a bit in its rates, such as a daily breakfast buffet; facilities including a fitness center, tennis courts and nonmotorized water sports; and Wi-Fi.

It's also more intimate than some other Caribbean properties, with 66 standard rooms and 42 suites. Every guest has plenty of personal space — that's appealing to me. What's not so appealing is the price. The least expensive room I found during my dates in January, a Deluxe Beachfront King Room, priced from \$1,203 (£974) per night. Instead, I'll be looking for a points-bookable resort on Anguilla that's similarly intimate.



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... but I'll book Zemi Beach House instead

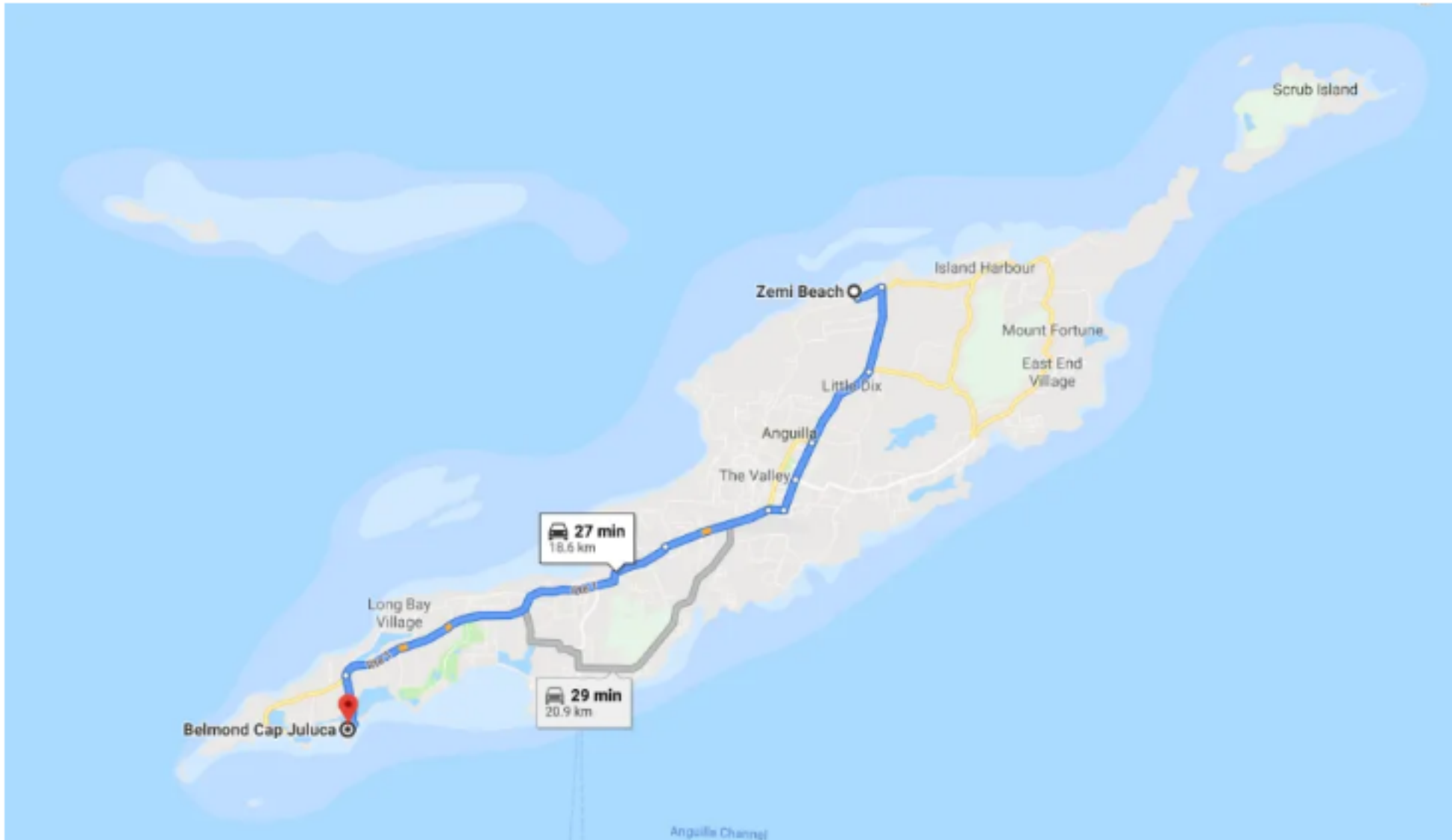
[Zemi Beach House Hotel & Spa](#) gets great reviews from repeat guests. This boutique hotel is closed right now for its annual two-month downtime but it will reopen in November 2019 as part of Hilton's LXR Hotels & Resorts luxury group.

I love the fact that there are 65 rooms here, ranging from superior and premium rooms to one-, two- and three-bedroom penthouse suites and beachfront villas. The villas are right on the beach and each has a private pool overlooking the ocean.



Zemi Beach House, new to LXR Hotels & Resorts, one of Hilton's luxury brands. (Photo courtesy of the hotel)

There are two restaurants, three lounges, three pools (one beachfront, an adults-only "tranquility" option and a 60-foot lap pool), a Thai-style spa and kids club.



The two hotels are not located on the same part of the island. Cap Juluca is close to West End Village, while Zemi Beach House is up near Shoal Bay East. (Image courtesy of Google Maps)

The hotel is not yet listed on Hilton's website but I'm checking every day and look forward to learning how many Hilton Honors points it will cost per night. Depending on the redemption rate, Zemi Beach House could be an excellent option for anyone who has a stash of Hilton Honors points or even weekend award nights.