

Caribbean resort pools (almost) as good as the beaches

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Skip the crowded beach by opting for a refreshing dip in a pool. Yes, Caribbean beaches are justifiably world-famous, but the region's resort pools are no second banana. Functional and fantastic, pools run the gamut from rooftops with awesome vistas and funky bars to artistically sculpted infinity varieties with edges that seem to disappear into the ocean or the sky. Put a new spin on an old splash and take a leisurely lap around a cool pool in the Caribbean.

Anguilla

With dazzling views of Rendezvous Bay, the longest beach on the small eel-shaped Spa is a swanky showstopper. The teak loungers and cabanas along the pool's rim keep the winter-weary happy while margaritas, mojitos and piquant pizza at the adjacent Mosaic restaurant are vacation perfection. Take aqua therapy to new heights with soaks in nutrient-rich salt water at the Healing Waters Pool at The Spa by CuisinArt. cuisinartresort.com

A five-star on Shoal Bay East Beach, Zemi Beach House Hotel & Spa is a tony 65-key hotel sporting a quartet of plush pools. An eye-catcher, the oceanfront infinity pool has a unique underwater window that fronts the sea. You'll also find an adults-only pool, 60-foot lap pool, spa pool with gentle jets and plunge pools in the beachfront suites and penthouses. Going the distance, fruit skewers and sunscreen are delivered poolside. zemibeach.com