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5 Luxe Caribbean Getaways to Escape the Heat This Summer

Looking to swap the sticky weather for something a bit more luxurious? Ahead are some spots to take a bite, an adventure, and most importantly, a break this summer in the Caribbean.

Mexico



Where to Stay: Hand-laid hidden pathways, luxurious palapa-style bungalows, and the clear, Caribbean Sea: nothing says paradise quite like [Mahekal Beach Resort](#). This serene oasis includes four luxe pools, three restaurants, and four bars on-site, and [Vida Acuática](#), a dive center that lets you go under the sea after the sun comes down.

Where to Eat: Take a half-hour cab ride to Tulum's tucked-away jungle road and get in line at [Hartwood](#). All cuisine is prepared on open fire, but be sure to act quickly as dinner reservations are totally booked moments after the wait list opens. Pro tip: Be in line by 2:30 p.m. (the wait list opens at 3 p.m.) to make a day out of Tulum, and treat yourself to the toasty papaya empanadas afterward.

Where to Play: [Mamita's Beach Club](#) hosts events ranging from music and fashion festivals to beach soccer competitions. No matter the occasion, there's guaranteed day drinking and bottle service.

What to Do: Most tourist excursions and hotels will suggest the Tulum Ruins, but if you want to forego the predictable for the road-less-traveled, venture to Coba Ruins to climb pyramids. Check out three nearby and often unpopulated cenotes (caves) for even more exciting experiences: Choo-Ha, Tamcach-Ha, and Multun-Ha.