

## **GUIDES**

## These hotels are bringing socially distant, sanitary spa treatments directly to your room

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The <u>coronavirus pandemic</u> has wreaked havoc on many things we long took for granted — including visits to hotel spas. Many guests are reluctant to get their usual manicures, pedicures, massages and facials because of cleanliness and safety concerns, leaving spas scrambling to reassure them.

Despite this, there are travelers who still want to visit the spa to help with pandemic-related stress. So for those who could use some pampering and downtime, TPG talked to several hotels offering an extra level of safety by allowing guests to enjoy spa services in the privacy of their own rooms or in socially distant spaces. Below are six hotels and resorts that offer safer spa services, along with the protocols they've put in place to make guests comfortable — and safe.

[...]
Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa



(Photo courtesy of Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa)

St. Barths reopened for tourism on June 22, 2020, and the Caribbean island is on the CDC's list of low-risk COVID-19 destinations, along with Fiji, New Zealand, Thailand and others. The boutique Le Barthélemy Hotel and Spa is using a sanitation and hygiene protocol that follows guidelines from the CDC, the World Health Organization, St. Barths Territory and the French government. The hotel has adapted its services to meet sanitation and social distancing expectations by allowing guests to schedule treatments in the comfort of their own suite. Treatments will include all signature La Mer products available in the spa. All aestheticians and massage therapists wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and practice extra hand hygiene, in addition to participating in required regular health check-ins for hotel staff. High-touch elements of the hotel will be frequently sanitized.

However, if a guest opts to use the hotel's spa facilities, access is by appointment only, so they will essentially have the entire facility to themselves. The hotel implements diligent cleaning after each use with all areas getting wiped down and sterilized. Because the hotel is intimate — there are only 46 rooms and suites — it's able to take a private and personalized approach to ensure the well-being of its guests, putting health first while also providing a luxurious and relaxing experience.