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## Where do the rich and famous spend their New Year's Eve?

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There is a French-speaking island in the Caribbean, known for white sandy beaches, high-end restaurants and designer shops which has become a New Year's Even destinations for the ultra-rich and famous like Michael Jordan, power couple Lauren Sanchez and Jeff Bezos and others.

According to a report by HOLA Magazine, Saint Barthelemy Island is a "paradise for the rich and famous," among Jennifer Lopez, Heidi Klum, Myke Tyson and others.

Saint Barthelemy, known as St. Barts, is just 9.7 square miles with a population of around 10,000 and encircled by shallow reefs but offers a collection of luxurious resorts and villas with many high-end amenities, including private beaches, butlers, and chefs.

Conde Nast Traveler lists the 10 Best Hotels in St. Barts, including the 44-room exclusive Le Barthélemy Hotel & Spa's located on the shores of Grand Cul de Sac.

A search on Expedia, shows the hotel as sold out for the New Year's weekend, but the 39-suites and 3 villas Le Sereno on the NE coast of St Barts does have space, with a rate of \$4,636 per night.

Shopping is another feature on St Barts that the rich and famous seem to enjoy, with a choice of close to 200 shops and boutiques, and all the shopping is tax free, making luxury goods like Hermès bags or Cartier jewelry about 20 percent more affordable than in the US or France.