

THIS PAGE: The Turks and Caicos archipelago, which lies southeast of the Bahamas, is home to hundreds of flawless beaches. If this panorama hasn't sold you, consider that it's only about three hours' flying time from most East Coast hubs.

OPPOSITE, FROM LEFT: Call it double happiness—a tandem surfside massage session at Caneel Bay, on St. John. At Cap Juluca, on Anguilla, Moorish architecture mixes with tropical foliage to create a seriously refined resort. A table for two by the surf, a pair of tiki torches, and plenty of dusky mood lighting: Nights don't get much sexier than this on the Bahamas' quiet Out Islands.