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PREVIOUS: Throwing shade at Marquis Los Cabos in Mexico. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: White-sand beaches and crystal waters outline The Brando's private island. A couple of cocktails to go with that sunshine. Hyatt Ziva Cancun's swim-up Master Rooms. OPPOSITE: Poolside (and oceanside) at Marquis Los Cabos.



WINNER

Best All-Inclusive Overall

HYATT ZIVA CANCUN

Mexico Thanks to the resort's setting on Punta Cancun, mainland Mexico's most easterly point, you'll greet sunrise before anyone else. The location sets this Caribbean newcomer (opened October 2015) apart: Uncrowded sand on three sides gives you more beach for your buck. Or hit one of the three infinity pools, cleverly designed to form separate leisure zones. Dining is a highlight, from chaya and cactus scrambled eggs at Tradewinds to ceviche and Baja-style fish tacos at sand-between-the-toes beach bar Habaneros. There are even roving food carts serving street-food-inspired snacks, like churros with thick chocolate sauce. Agave aficionados flock to Juana Margarita to sample 25-plus tequilas and mezcals (don't miss the addictive cream tequila), while beer fans gather at Tres Cervezas sports bar, which boasts a legit microbrewery. Splurge on a Ziva Sky Swim-up Master Room — each has its own elevated horizon pool and hot tub. *From \$349 per person. — Adam McCulloch*

RUNNER-UP

HERMITAGE BAY

Antigua The A++ service starts right when you land, thanks to a personal airport attendant who whisks you past long immigration lines. On arrival at your hillside cottage, trade speedy efficiency for the art of slow living. Start in your private infinity pool — complete with a sweeping Caribbean view — then rinse off together in the outdoor shower before dinner. The resort's capacity is 60 guests only, which means unmatched attention (when you want it) and plenty of secluded spots to snuggle

(when you don't). Think champagne breakfasts in bed (made with fruits and veggies from the onsite organic garden) and tailor-made cocktails delivered mere moments after you place a flag in the sand — and no other couples in sight. *From \$1,049 per person. — Cami Miller*

RUNNER-UP

THE BRANDO

The Islands of Tahiti In 1999, Oscar winner Marlon Brando started developing this sustainable luxury resort and environmental-research center, where 35 thatch-roof villas seamlessly

merge indoor space and natural surroundings, including the ombre turquoise water. Deck tubs, private plunge pools and big windows look out to the lagoon, where you'll snorkel, kayak, paddleboard or canoe in an authentic Polynesian outrigger — that is, when you aren't hiking with a naturalist, watching baby turtles hatch, getting dance lessons, or indulging in your daily included spa treatment in the couples room, which sits high in the treetops like a veritable love nest. *From \$2,700 per couple. — Carrie Bell*

BEST ALL-INCLUSIVE Nightlife

WINNER

MOON PALACE JAMAICA GRANDE

Forget forced fun: **Jamaica** Palace Resorts' new 700-room Ocho Rios outpost (the first outside of Mexico) has seen reggae legend Shaggy and "Cheerleader" sensation OMI at the resort's Grand Ballroom Loud Bar. Sister resort Moon Palace Golf & Spa Resort in Cancun has an onsite concert venue where Shakira, Usher and REO Speedwagon (to name a few) have rocked the stage, so major music cred flows through the brand's veins. Plus, the \$1,500 resort credit — when you stay five nights or more — covers two comped tix to events. The

amped-up property also offers a killer watersports program that includes stationary-surfing experiences and dolphin-habitat adventures. *From \$275 per person. — Chanize Thorpe*



RUNNER-UP

HARD ROCK PUNTA CANA

Dominican Republic Consider hatching an advance plan to make the most of the 23 bars and clubs, like ORO, the high-energy nightclub where DJs spin house and electronic music, packing the dance floor at 11 every night. The space also hosts entertainers like Joss Stone and Enrique Iglesias, but when even bigger names perform — think Rihanna,