

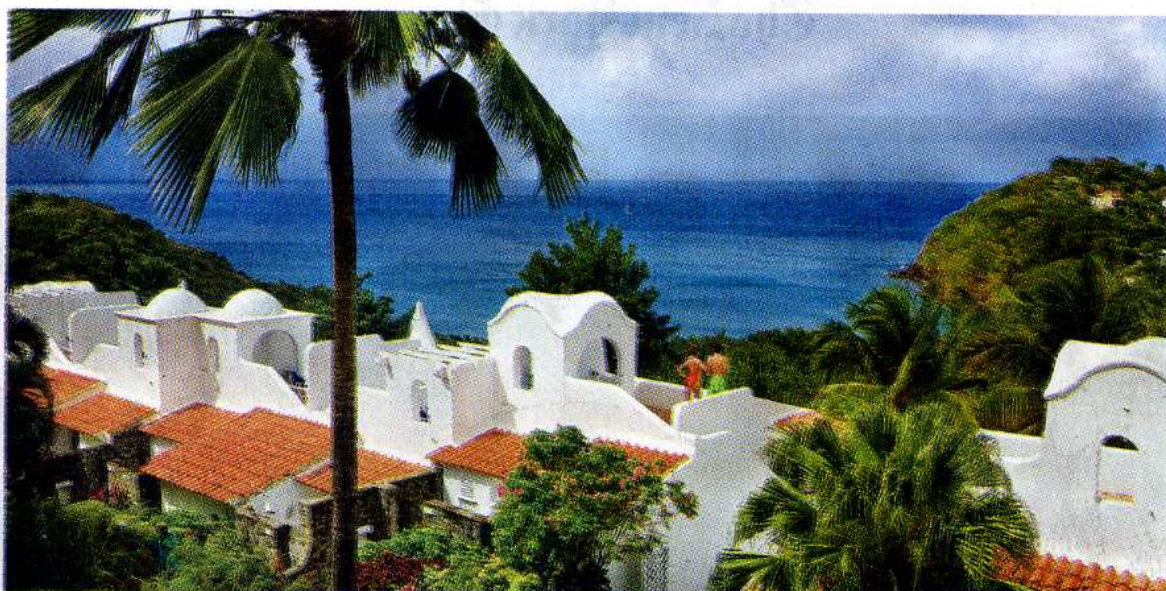
# Travel

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## COMINGS & GOINGS

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WINDJAMMER LANDING VILLA BEACH RESORT

## Springtime Lures With Deals on Islands

With a little chill left in the air, the warmer climes of the Caribbean and the Atlantic still have drawing power, and there are still many travel deals to take advantage of.

Delta is offering direct flights to Bermuda from La Guardia Airport, with fares starting at \$99 each way for round-trip flights booked by April 1 for travel between May 22 and July 15 ([www.delta.com/bermuda](http://www.delta.com/bermuda)). Windjammer Landing Villa Beach Resort in St. Lucia, above, is allowing children 10 and younger to stay and eat at no extra charge, in addition to keeping its pricing at last year's rates and offering resort credits that equal 50 percent of the nightly lodging fee, which starts at \$260, for reservations made through Dec. 20 ([www.windjammer-landing.com](http://www.windjammer-landing.com)). Renaissance resorts in Curaçao ([www.renaissancecuracao.com](http://www.renaissancecuracao.com)) and Aruba ([www.renaissancearuba.com](http://www.renaissancearuba.com)) are offering one

free night within a four-night booking, plus free daily breakfast, to those who make reservations by April 15 for travel through Dec. 21. Rates start at \$270 per night. Use code "S29" when booking online.

Participating resorts on Nassau and Paradise Island, including Atlantis Paradise Island and Graycliff Hotel, are offering a \$200-a-room air credit to travelers who reserve an air-inclusive package of at least three nights by April 6 for travel through Dec. 15 ([www.nassauparadiseisland.com](http://www.nassauparadiseisland.com)). And Curaçao is giving away a trip for two each day through May 23 to those who register at [www.curacaotreasure.com](http://www.curacaotreasure.com) and answer a quick trivia question. Each registrant will then be eligible to become one of 10 finalists who will be invited to compete in a treasure hunt for \$500,000 on the island in August.

## Teatime in a Paris Hotel Goes Beyond Crumpets

Hôtel des Académies et des Arts, a 20-room boutique hotel in the Sixth Arrondissement of Paris that opened a little over a year ago, has recently started daily tea service. Chez Charlotte, as the tea service is known (it was named after a former cafe next to the hotel, where painters would often trade works of art to pay their bills around the turn of the last century), takes place daily from 2:30 to 6 p.m. in the hotel's bistro, right. Over a dozen teas from the Palais des Théés label are served, including Thé du Tigre, a Taiwanese smoked tea, and Fleur de Geisha, a green tea inspired by the Japanese tradition of taking in the blossoming of cherry trees.

But Chez Charlotte's real temptation may be its offering of macaroons made by the pastry chef Pierre Hermé, who has concocted such flavors as white truffle with grilled hazelnuts, chocolate and foie gras, wild



HÔTEL DES ACADÉMIES ET DES ARTS

rose with fig and foie gras, and black truffle. Nightly rates at the hotel start at 179 euros, about \$235 at \$1.32 to the euro (however this July and August, when rates start at 260 euros, there will be a guaranteed U.S. dollar rate of \$280), while tea service, with macaroons, starts at 8 euros (15, rue de la Grande Chaumière; 33-1-43-26-66-44; [www.hotel-des-academies.com](http://www.hotel-des-academies.com)).