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**Dominica ranks No. 1 on Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2022 list of Top Islands in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas**

**Roseau, Dominica – (July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022),** Travel + Leisure announced its World's Best Awards list of winners for 2022 with **Dominica** ranking as the top island in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas. This is the first time Dominica has been honored as a top island in the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards. Travel + Leisure recognizes the top hotels, islands, cities, cruise lines, airlines, spas, and more around the globe, based on the results of the Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2022 readers' survey. Readers rated islands on the following characteristics: natural attractions/beaches, activities/sights, restaurants/food, people/friendliness, value.

“We are incredibly honored and elated to not only be a Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2022 winner for the first time, but to be the top Island in the Caribbean, Bermuda, and the Bahamas,” said Hon. Denise Charles, Dominica's Minister of Tourism, International Transport and Maritime Initiatives. “This recognition is a powerful testament to the experiences provided on the island. To be recognized by such a prestigious publication as the number one island to visit solidifies our stance in maintaining the island's natural environment while still creating authentic experiences for travelers.”

Additionally, **Secret Bay**, Dominica's exclusive six-star, all villa rainforest resort experience and a member of Relais & Châteaux, the most prestigious association of luxury hotels and restaurants in the world, earned the #1 spot for resort hotels in the Caribbean, Bermuda and the Bahamas in this year's Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards. This is the second time in three years the eco-luxury resort has been named #1 resort in the Caribbean region. The resort is known for its remote locale, private accommodations with plunge pools, hyper-personalized service, nature-to-table dining and no menu concept, chef-driven epicurean culinary experience, and wellness offerings.

“To have not only our destination, but one of Dominica's hotels also be number one in this year's Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards truly showcases that Dominica offers a desirable product for travelers seeking to connect with the luxury of nature,” continued Hon. Denise Charles. “We look forward to welcoming travelers who are seeking a new and exciting travel destination for their next adventure.”

The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards is known as an essential, trusted source for inspiration and guidance as travelers make plans to set out on trips around the globe. The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards 2022 list can be found on <https://www.travelandleisure.com/worlds-best> and will be featured in the August issue of Travel + Leisure.

For more information on *Dominica*, contact *Discover Dominica Authority* at +1 767 448 2045. Or, visit *Dominica's* official website: [www.DiscoverDominica.com](http://www.DiscoverDominica.com), follow *Dominica* on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and take a look at our videos on [YouTube](#)

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**About Dominica:** *Dominica (pronounced Dom-in-EEK-a, and not to be confused with the Dominican Republic) is a haven for adventure travelers seeking a unique vacation that includes hiking and adventure, cultural events/festivals, diving, and water sports, whale/dolphin watching, and canyoning adventures. Dominica lies south of Guadeloupe and north of Martinique in the Eastern Caribbean. Air travelers can connect to Dominica direct from Miami on American Airlines, and make regional connections on Air Antilles, Air Sunshine, Coastal Air Transport, interCaribbean Airways, LIAT, Caribbean Airlines, Silver Airways - (Code share: American Airlines, Delta, JetBlue), from the surrounding hubs of Antigua, Barbados, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, St Lucia, the British Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. If travelling by sea, travelers may connect to Dominica on L'Express des Iles ferry service from Guadeloupe, Martinique, and St. Lucia, and on Val'Ferry from Guadeloupe and Martinique.*

***\*Travel restrictions may apply due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please verify schedules with air and sea carriers. \****