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honeymoon-worthy? From the cloudlike bed in your room, you'll gaze directly at the waters of Last Hope Sound. Two hours north, the elegantly minimalist **Tierra Patagonia** offers up some stiff competition, cutting a low-slung but striking figure against Lake Sarmiento (from \$1,950 per person for three nights, [tierrapatagonia.com](http://tierrapatagonia.com)). Wooden interiors are warmed up with plush throws and rugs. Active pursuits like horseback jaunts, sublime hikes, and fjord expeditions are equally enticing at both properties. **WHEN TO GO** Take your pick between fall (Chile's spring) and spring (Chile's fall)—they both possess the ideal intersection of low rates and lovely weather. **HOW TO GET THERE** The Puerto Natales airport, which you'll connect to via capital-city Santiago, is the entryway to both hotels.



## PUERTO RICO

**WHY NOW** A storied swath of Grade-A beachfront property, formerly owned by the Rockefellers, has been reimagined as one of the swankiest resorts in the Caribbean. Plus, there's a gustatory revolution in the kitchens of San Juan eateries.

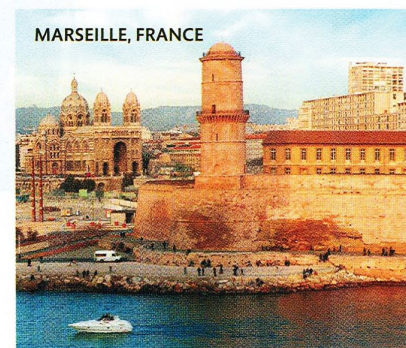
**THE SCOOP** In the late '50s, Laurance S. Rockefeller was creating eco-luxe hotels all over the Caribbean, where his glamorous peers, like John F. Kennedy and Joe DiMaggio, flocked to get away. One such escape, 15 miles west of San Juan, recently reopened as **Dorado Beach, a Ritz-Carlton Reserve** (from \$799, [doradobeachreserve.com](http://doradobeachreserve.com)). The price is head-turning, but so are the perks: Consider the spa with two *Avatar*-style treetop massage platforms. If that's not enough reason to hit up the island, in 2012 the James Beard

Foundation announced that Puerto Rico is now award-eligible, recognizing its "vibrant and expanding restaurant scene." You can't go wrong with efforts by **Wilo Benet** ([wilobenet.com](http://wilobenet.com)) or **Roberto Trevino** ([ootwrestaurants.com](http://ootwrestaurants.com)). Side note: If the Ritz is a pipe dream, sweet dreams can also be had in San Juan's new **Olive Boutique Hotel**, which feels like the beach house of a stylish, globe-trotting friend (from \$180, [oliveboutiquehotel.com](http://oliveboutiquehotel.com)). **WHEN TO GO** From April through mid-June, you'll miss both high-season prices and, most likely, hurricanes. **HOW TO GET THERE** Put away your passport (it's not necessary for Puerto Rico travel), and then jet right into San Juan, a hub for **JetBlue** ([jetblue.com](http://jetblue.com)).

## MARSEILLE, FRANCE

**WHY NOW** Move over, Paris; France has a second city of love. This beachfront metropolis was chosen as the 2013 European Capital of Culture ([mp2013.fr](http://mp2013.fr)), an honor on par with hosting the Olympics. Expect major festivals and concerts, and *très* chic museum and hotel offerings. **THE SCOOP** A jam-packed lineup of more than 400 events, including street performances, outdoor shows, and cultural exhibits, will be spread throughout old, new, and reconceptualized venues such as **Le Silo**, a converted

grain silo near the harbor ([silo-marseille.fr](http://silo-marseille.fr)). Drop your bags at the new Philippe Starck-designed **Mama Shelter** hotel ([mamashelter.com/marseille](http://mamashelter.com/marseille)). With minimalist rooms that are hip but not obnoxiously so, and a price that's right (rates start at \$100), you can make like a rock star, upgrade to a suite, and still have enough left over for a bowl of bouillabaisse. (It was



invented here.) **WHEN TO GO** From June through August, the city's events will have an open-air theme. Avoid the culture-hound crowds by shooting for early summer. **HOW TO GET THERE** Grab the cheapest Europe-bound flight you can find, connect to Marseille on a discounter such as **EasyJet** ([easyjet.com](http://easyjet.com)), then catch a train or bus from the airport ([marseille-airport.com](http://marseille-airport.com)).

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