

# WESTERN VS EASTERN

The Caribbean offers unforgettable tropical escapes for thrill-seekers and chill-seekers alike, but there are many differences between the Caribbean islands. The eastern Caribbean islands are rich with history, culture and beautiful beaches fit for watersports, while the western Caribbean islands are renowned for lush jungles and crystal-clear waters perfect for snorkeling.



## BOLDER BEACH DAYS AWAIT

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**i** Explore the abundant wildlife and enjoy the resort-style amenities that dot the shores of the western Caribbean islands

**WHERE TO GO**  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Grand Cayman



**i** Catch a wave and then kick back underneath a palm tree in the eastern Caribbean

**WHERE TO GO**  
St. Thomas  
Rincón, Puerto Rico

## CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS

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**i** Roam impressive ancient ruins and learn about Maya civilizations in the western islands

**WHERE TO GO**  
Cozumel, Mexico  
Belize City, Belize



**i** Explore centuries-old Spanish fortresses in the eastern islands

**WHERE TO GO**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
St. Croix

## HANG TEN OR ROCK THE CORAL REEFS

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**i** For prime snorkeling, hit the colorful reefs that ring the western Caribbean islands

**WHERE TO GO**  
Honduras  
Belize



**i** Looking for epic swells? Make a beeline for the many surf-friendly eastern Caribbean islands

**WHERE TO GO**  
St. Kitts  
St. Maarten

## IMMERSE YOURSELF IN A MELTING POT OF CULTURE

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**i** In many western Caribbean destinations you'll still hear ancient Mayan dialects

**WHERE TO GO**  
Mexico  
Honduras



**i** The eastern Caribbean is a tapestry of cultures and languages, including French and Dutch

**WHERE TO GO**  
St. Maarten  
St. Thomas

Explore the differences between the eastern vs western Caribbean islands for yourself on a **Caribbean cruise**.