

BEST FOR FOOD & DRINK

■ **WE SUGGEST:** Sandals LaSource Grenada

■ **WHY:** Sensational food is available across the board at the resort's 10 restaurants, including Butch's Chophouse — the first steakhouse for the Sandals brand — while Soy is great for sushi lovers, La Jardinier is heaven for aficionados of French cuisine and Cucina Romana offers exquisite Italian fare. A centrally located Culinary Concierge Desk is available to assist with food requirements. The resort, which underwent a \$100m renovation two years ago, features 225 luxurious rooms and suites, as well as a state-of-the-art fitness center and spa. There are three

freshwater swimming pools and two river pools, all perfect for lounging around or enjoying a refreshing dip.

■ **PRICE:** Rates start at \$340 per person, per night. sandals.com

■ **WHERE ELSE:** Sivory Punta Cana. This Dominican Republic resort emphasizes what it calls 'art cuisine', and the Gourmond Restaurant specializing in international cuisine is AAA Four-Diamond awarded. Other notable features include hot tubs, sauna, fitness room and decadent spa treatments. sivorypuntacana.com



From top: Sandals
LaSource Grenada;
Hyatt Zilara Cancun

BEST FOR ULTRA LUXURY

■ **WE SUGGEST:** Hyatt Zilara Cancun

■ **WHY:** Even with demand for luxury properties in the all-inclusive model growing, it still surprised many when upmarket hotel chain Hyatt made its first foray into the market with this adults-only resort in 2013. Having undergone a multi-million-dollar renovation before being incorporated into the Hyatt brand, the pristine resort occupies the widest stretch of sand in Cancun's hotel zone. The area's only ocean-view spa features an eco-holistic facility offering a steam hut, sauna, cold-plunge pool, waterfall features, and dual-temperature whirlpools. Fine dining is available at six a la carte and gourmet buffet restaurants, while those looking for a quiet night can enjoy 24-hour in-room dining. Beach butlers and romance concierges can be requested in advance and an unpacking service is available on arrival.

■ **PRICE:** Rates start at \$840 per person, per night, based on double occupancy. cancun.zilara.hyatt.com

■ **WHERE ELSE:** Melia Nassau Beach. This upscale resort will eventually be part of Nassau's multi-billion-dollar luxury development Baha Mar. The property — formerly the Sheraton Nassau Beach Resort & Casino — is in the midst of a \$19m renovation, due to be completed in early 2016. melia.com ►

