

10 Islands That Sit Outside the Hurricane Belt

Atlantic hurricane season runs June 1 through November 30, and it is the single biggest reason a destination wedding or milestone trip gets rescheduled. These ten islands sit south of, or well outside, the main hurricane corridor. No island is guaranteed storm-free, but historically these see very few direct hits — which makes them the safest bets for a date you cannot move.

Island	Region	Why it works	Best months
Aruba	Southern Caribbean	Below the hurricane belt; dry, breezy and reliably sunny year-round.	Year-round
Curaçao	Southern Caribbean	Same southern latitude as Aruba, with Dutch-colonial charm and quiet beaches.	Year-round
Bonaire	Southern Caribbean	Calm leeward waters, world-class diving, very little seasonal disruption.	Year-round
Trinidad & Tobago	Southern Caribbean	Sits at the far southern edge of the belt; storms almost always pass north.	Jan-May
Barbados	Eastern Caribbean	Far east and south of the main track; direct hits are historically rare.	Dec-May
Grenada	Southern Windwards	On the southern fringe of the belt with a long record of quiet seasons.	Dec-Apr
San Andrés (Colombia)	Western Caribbean	Off the Nicaraguan coast, south of most storm paths; turquoise seven-color sea.	Dec-Apr
Galápagos (Ecuador)	Pacific	Equatorial and entirely outside hurricane zones; a true bucket-list escape.	Dec-May
Maldives	Indian Ocean	No hurricanes; equatorial atolls with overwater villas built for celebrations.	Nov-Apr
Seychelles	Indian Ocean	Sits below the cyclone belt; granite coves and calm water most of the year.	Apr-May, Oct-Nov

How to plan around the season

- Book travel insurance anyway. Low risk is not no risk, and insurance also covers illness and airline failures.
- Watch the shoulder months. September and October are the statistical peak of the Atlantic season, even on the safer islands.

- Ask about hurricane guarantees. Several resorts and cruise lines offer rebooking protection — I know which ones honor it.
- Hold a soft backup date for weddings with 20+ guests, and let me manage the group's flights as one block.
- Cruising is flexible. Ships reroute around weather; sailings out of southern homeports rarely lose a whole itinerary.

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