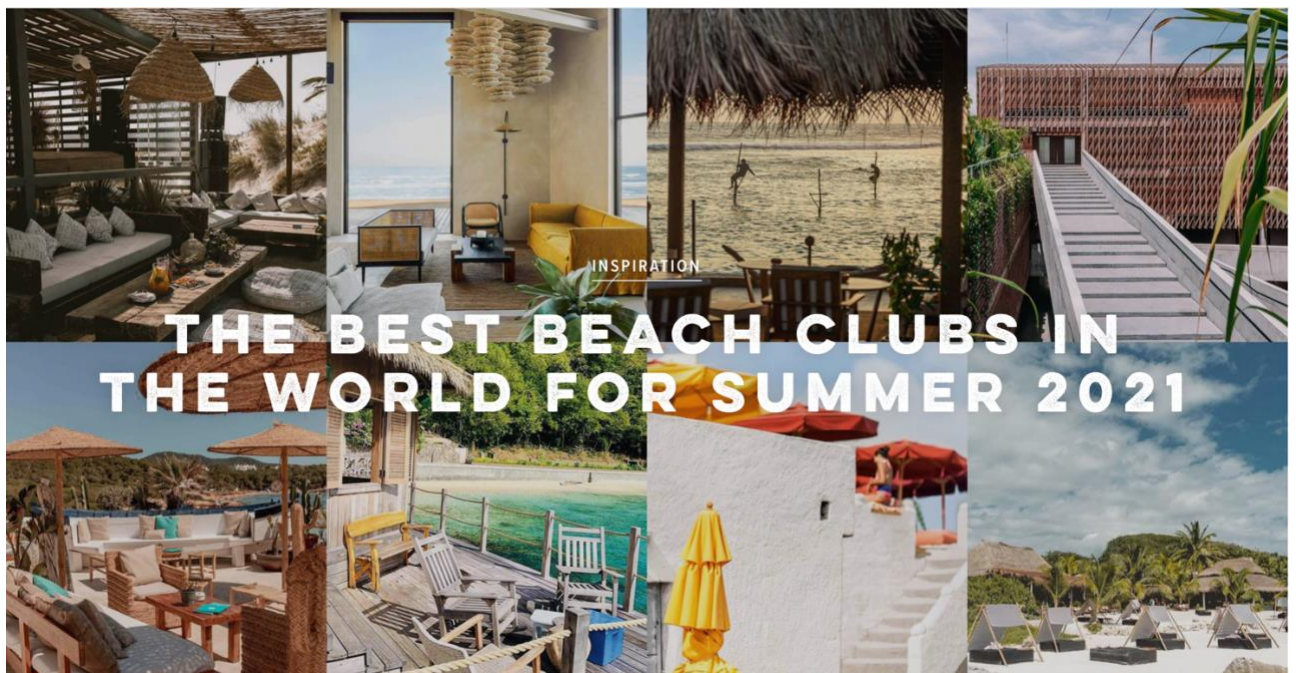


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The most stylishly mellow toes-in-the-sand beach clubs to spend your summer in 2021

We're dreaming of long, lost afternoons at some of the world's very best beach bars. Read about the spots around the globe that have caught our eye – from the [Greek islands](#) to [Tulum](#).



BASIL'S BAR, MUSTIQUE

This shabby, endlessly talked-about, perennially loved over-water [Caribbean](#) party shack has been totally renovated – surprisingly, by Philippe Starck. Villa owners and islanders had every right to be wary. And yet you can still nurse a beer while the children snorkel with turtles in the bay. Still flop into bleached-teak rocking chairs watching superyachts at anchor.

Still arrive sea-soaked and sandy-footed for a Rum Runner while Bon Jovi and Bryan Adams take turns on the mic. In fact, anyone who's never been before wouldn't know that the clusters of straw hats along the beams weren't legitimately lost property, nor have any inkling that the Mustique Company poured millions of dollars in, because it still looks and feels like the real deal.

Old hands can appreciate the addition of the open-sided kitchen where new head chef and ex-Gordon Ramsay protégé Luke Ferguson toils with his team; the sweet boutique selling [surf](#) kit; and the clever walkway from which you can spy rays gliding around under the deck. It's just that the overhanging thatch is a bit neater, the painted wood lighter and the dance floor more inviting. Ask Basil what his verdict is while he's mixing you a Hurricane David (you should still definitely only have one, though). [basilsbar.com](#)

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