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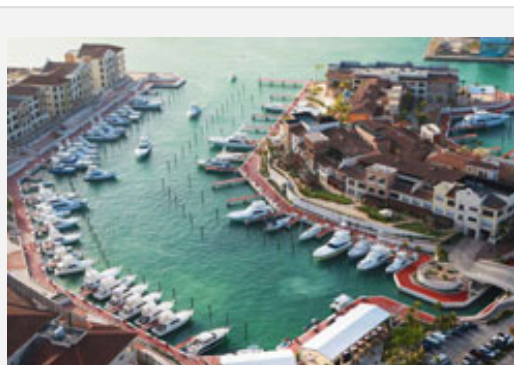
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Caribbean Luxury Marinas: 5 First-Class Island Ports



Marina at Cap Cana (credit: Cap Cana)

the Bahamas. Not surprisingly, Bimini Bay Resort and Marina has emerged as a hub for sport fisherman as well as for the broader boating and yachting community. The resort also features three restaurants, a shopping village, the “Beach Bums” children’s activity center, two outdoor pools, tennis and access to other activities, including scuba diving, snorkeling and boat tours. An on-site casino will be developed for guests that will be managed by a separate third-party group. Future plans include the advent of a boutique RockResorts hotel with 80 to 100 rooms in 2014, and a RockResorts Spa and beach club set to open as early as this summer.

- **Dominican Republic – Cap Cana:** It’s luxury marina living on the grand scale at this end of the Caribbean, and no detail has been spared at the lavish new **Cap Cana** marina. In fact, with some 1,200 slips

From glittering yachting meccas in the Bahamas and the Dominican Republic to more distant ports in St. Lucia, Antigua or St. Martin – here’s what you find at the full-service, high-end luxury marinas that have appeared at the best harbors of the region.

- **Bahamas - Bimini Bay Resort:** This 350-unit resort on north Bimini also straddles the largest deep-water marina in

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accommodating yachts up to 250 feet and a resort and villa complex over 30,000 acres, this will become the Caribbean's largest marina. Scheduled to appear in phases are six luxury hotels, six golf courses, a casino, polo grounds, spas, tennis courts and of course the extensive marina docking facilities with yacht clubs. Early arrivals for resort include the **Secrets Sanctuary Golf & Spa** resort, and the new Golden Bear Lodge & Spa. The marina comes with a port authority and customs, casual restaurants, shops and nightclubs.

- **Antigua – Nelson's Dockyard:** Atmosphere galore thanks to splendid restoration and an ongoing life as a hub for present-day yachtsmen and centerpoint for the annual Antigua Sailing Week makes Nelson's Dockyard an obvious choice for anyone choosing the most authentic of Caribbean marinas. Located at English Harbour on the island's southern coast, Nelson's Dockyard is close to the landmark **Antigua Yacht Club & Marina**, restored hotels such as the Admiral's Inn and **Copper & Lumber Store**, the Dockyard Museum bearing witness to the dockyard's 18th century origins, and craftshops and restaurants.
- **St. Martin – Porto Cupecoy:** A brand new haven for upscale yachting on the Dutch side of St. Martin is **Porto Cupecoy**, which encompasses 184 luxury condo residences surrounding a seaside village and marina. The 54-slip marina accommodates everything from modest sailboats to 90-meter mega-yachts. The Marina Village includes boutiques, restaurants and cafes, a gourmet grocer, a pool, fitness center, tennis courts and security. The residences are one to four-bedroom luxurious units outfitted in mahogany, marble and wood and an on-site staff oversees community and residence management.
- **St. Lucia – Rodney Bay:** It's got some interesting history as well as a lively present-day existence as a yachtsman's favorite. Formerly a location for American navy operations in the past century, Rodney Bay was transformed into its current shape when the inner lagoon was dredged to 15 feet and became home to **Rodney Bay Marina**, while a man-made causeway at the bay's northern end came to connect Pigeon Island to the mainland and shelter the whole bay. Nowadays the Marina is both a full-service docking facility with slips offering water and electricity, together with a boatyard complex offering all boat repair and servicing needs. For leisure and practical needs, there is also the full range of first-class adjacent restaurants, upscale shopping, banking, and supermarket presence, along with boutique hotels in the immediate area. To make sailing arrivals from outside St. Lucia even easier, Rodney Bay is also an official point of entry into St. Lucia with immigrations and customs offices.

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