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## Death (and glorious beaches) in Paradise: Top 5 things to do in Guadeloupe

This Caribbean archipelago really is idyllic - and unlike Saint Marie, it isn't teeming with murderers



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Every January, *Death in Paradise* transports British viewers to the fictional Caribbean island of Saint Marie. Starring Kris Marshall as a much-in-demand detective, the sun-soaked crime drama is pure escapism.

It's filmed in Guadeloupe, an archipelago of islands boasting a rich Franco-Caribbean culture as well as those stunning beaches. Even better, Guadeloupe doesn't have the alarmingly high body count of Saint Marie. Here are a few more reasons to wish you were there...

### Cascade aux Ecrevisses



A beautiful waterfall hidden in the jungle canopy, perfect for a refreshing swim.

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#### Petite Terre



Unspoilt and uninhabited – except for the iguanas – a day trip over to the island and a swim with the turtles around it is a must.

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#### Malendure Beach



Take a trip in a glass-bottom boat around Jacques Cousteau's Underwater Reserve.

#### Pointe des Chateaux



The easternmost tip of the island, pointing into the Atlantic, has a dramatic coast and a lovely lady making delicious hand-churned coconut ice cream.

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Sainte Anne Beach



A beautiful stretch of beach with a local market selling Guadeloupean specialities, from flavoured rums to handmade straw hats and exotic spices.

**Death in Paradise begins on Thursday 7th January on BBC1 at 9pm**

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