

The kookiest cocktails in the Caribbean

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Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, Tortuga Bay Hotel in the Dominican Republic is a colorful stand-out with 30 canary yellow villas fronting the sea. tortugabayhotel.com

Once upon a time in cocktail history, 'Sex on the Beach' was about as clever a name as you'd find on a bar menu. Upping the ante, bartenders today are putting as much artistic energy into naming a cocktail as they do in creating one adding a whole new repertoire of catchy cocktail names guaranteed to get the conversation started. Inspired by local history in Grenada, stately palm trees in Nevis and a pair of lovebirds in Aruba, get on board our cocktail caravan and take a sip of the 10 best with names you'll never forget. Are we having rum yet?



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