

In today's digital world, wearing a watch solely for the functional purposes of telling time is no longer a necessity. But donning a superior timepiece as an expression of personality, mood, and taste? That will always be on trend. With luxury watch brands putting out excellent collections as of late, quality, precision, durability, and aesthetics are the best they've ever been.

And cruising the Caribbean is the best time there will ever be to get that ultimate gift for your wrist. You have the time to shop in port, the time to research in person, and the time to try on some of the most revered watch brands in the industry. So, welcome to the Caribbean, all watch aficionados and novices alike, where there is more to love than just the endless ocean views, swaying palm trees, and relaxed state of mind. There is a watch for everyone under the sun. Here's a roundup of some of the latest and greatest from brands we love.

TOP LUXURY TIMEPIECES

THIS SEASON'S ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CARIBBEAN

BVLGARI OCTO FINISSIMO Straight from a debut at Baselworld 2019, comes Bulgari's Octo Finissimo Chronograph GMT Automatic, defined by the brand as the world's slimmest self-winding watch. It is the fifth time the luxury brand has broken the record with "the world's thinnest" superlative. Endowed with chronograph and GMT functions, it is an exciting blend of technical sophistication and aesthetic refinement in carbon CTP with skeletonised dial. The 42mm extra thin titanium case measures in at 6.9 millimeters, is resistant up to 98 feet, and has a 55-hour power reserve. **Price: \$17,600.**

BREITLING SUPEROCEAN COLLECTION The renowned Breitling Superocean made its first splash as a diver's watch in 1957. In 2019, the luxury brand launched a new Superocean Collection, designed for diving, and so much more. Sport it deep underwater or closer to shore surfing and swimming. Look for sizes to fit any wrist, from 36 millimeters up to 48. All five models in the COSC-certified new collection feature the Breitling Caliber 17, a power-reserve movement of around 38 hours and luminescent Super-LumiNova numerals, indexes, and hands for impeccable legibility. Breitling calls the 46 model a robust, true deep diver, water-resistant up to 200 bar (6,562 feet). **Price: \$5,400.**





BREMONT JAGUAR D-TYPE The latest creation from the brand that brought us the Martin-Baker aviation models pays tribute to the Le Mans triple-winning Jaguar D-type racing car. Jaguar Classic recently re-started production of the iconic 1950s machine, a move that inspired this new Bremont series, which is limited to only 300. The 43mm mechanical chronograph with 42-hour power reserve was designed with the golden era of motorsport in mind with a blue dial, brushed nickel sub-dials, and Tachymeter dial ring finished with a three-piece Trip-Tick case. Check the sapphire caseback to see the detailed rotor styled after the Jaguar steering wheel. Jaguar's director of design, Ian Callum, has signed each leather wallet case for the exclusive model. **Price: \$6,793.**

HUBLLOT CLASSIC FUSION ORLINSKI 40MM When French Pop Art sculptor Richard Orlinski and luxury watch brand Hublot announced the continuation of their esteemed partnership for the Classic Fusion series, they dubbed it, "an exceptional marriage of art and watchmaking." This latest collection is a line of smaller models with minimized edges, facets, and dodecagon bevels—fabulous on a feminine wrist. Choose from six models in titanium or 18K King Gold with six titanium screws and matte rubber straps, four of which sparkle with 54 pavé diamond bevels on cases set in 112 or 210 diamonds. **Price: \$11,500 to \$32,500.**





CHOPARD HAPPY OCEAN What better watch to be wearing cruising the open seas than the Chopard Happy Ocean? Chopard introduced diamonds floating and dancing on the dial of a stainless-steel luxury watch back in 1993. The diamonds move and spin freely between two sapphire crystals above the dial, lighting up the entire dial. The Happy Ocean is a serious sports watch. Its 40mm steel case is water resistant to 300 meters, more than most dive watches. Powered by a mechanical movement with a power reserve of 60 hours, this is a piece of Swiss horology you can wear anywhere. **Price: \$8,370.**

ZENITH DEFY INVENTOR The debut of the 44mm Zenith Defy Inventor introduced watch aficionados to the single-piece Zenith Oscillator control system. Developed and patented by the brand, it replaced the traditional sprung balance used for more than 300 years. This new element eliminated the need for nearly 30 components, increasing reliability and durability. With a 50-hour power reserve, the timepiece functions at 18 Hz, versus the standard 4 Hz. The monocrystalline silicon material means it can resist temperature variations and magnetic fields, and it is water resistant to 328 feet. Aesthetically speaking, it stuns with a titanium case, aeronith bezel, and blue open-work dial with a black rubber complemented with cordura blue rubber and grey stitching. **Price: \$17,800.**

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FREDERIQUE CONSTANT CLASSIC MOONPHASE MANUFACTURE In 2019, Frederique Constant fans saw the full revamp of the Classic Moonphase Manufacture, which included the debut of Roman numerals, the dividing of the moon-phase display and date indicator into separate sub-dials, and an overall sleeker design. In rose-gold plating or stainless steel, the 42mm timepiece features a sapphire display caseback, which permits peeking at the in-house caliber FC-712, its blue screws, and skeletonized gilded rotor. **Price: \$2,595 to \$2,895.**

OMEGA SEAMASTER AQUA TERRA ULTRA LIGHT Described by the luxury watch brand as the ultimate athlete's watch, the new Omega Seamaster Aqua Terra Ultra Light is ergonomically designed for sport. As the name implies, it weighs less than classic Seamasters, clocking in at 1.94 ounces. Another game-time design of the 41mm piece is the telescopic crown that retreats inside the case for ultimate activity. Crafted with both grade-5 and gamma titanium along with a touch of aluminum and scratch-resistant ceramic, Omega's lightest sport watch comes with two straps: patterned black rubber with contrast stitching and a fabric sport version. The master chronometer is certified Calibre 8928 titanium. **Price: \$48,600.**



MAURICE LACROIX AIKON VENTURER 43MM Aikon's new Venturer collection expands on the 2016 Aikon Quartz and 2018 automatic with a timepiece described as more robust, designed for the fast pace of big-city life. The 43mm stainless steel case with a blue sun-brushed dial and rubber strap is water resistant to 984 feet. The automatic ML 115 movement features a 38-hour power reserve and sparkles with 26 jewels. **Price: \$2,287.**



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TAG HEUER CARRERA CALIBRE HEUER 02 This 45mm automatic chronograph is an extension of the storied original Carrera model designed by Jack Heuer in 1963, which paid homage to the world's most dangerous auto race, the Carrera Panamericana. As Tag Heuer explains it, "[t]he Carrera celebrates the speed demons, the risk-takers, and the dreamer who race against time and never slow down." For the first time, the TAG Heuer Carrera carries the Calibre Heuer 02's automatic movement. It's water resistant to 328 feet and features a black ceramic tachymeter fixed bezel, skeleton dial, and black rubber strap. **Price: \$5,450.**

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