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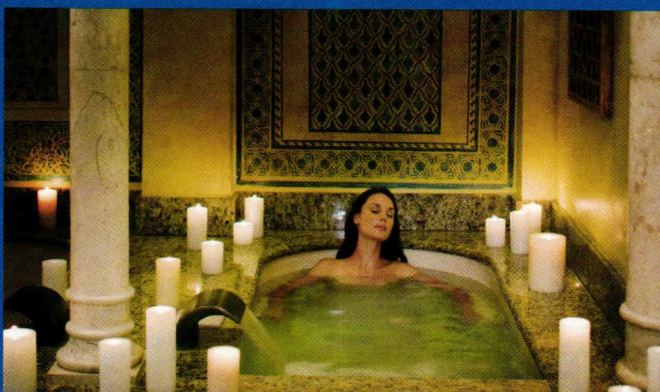
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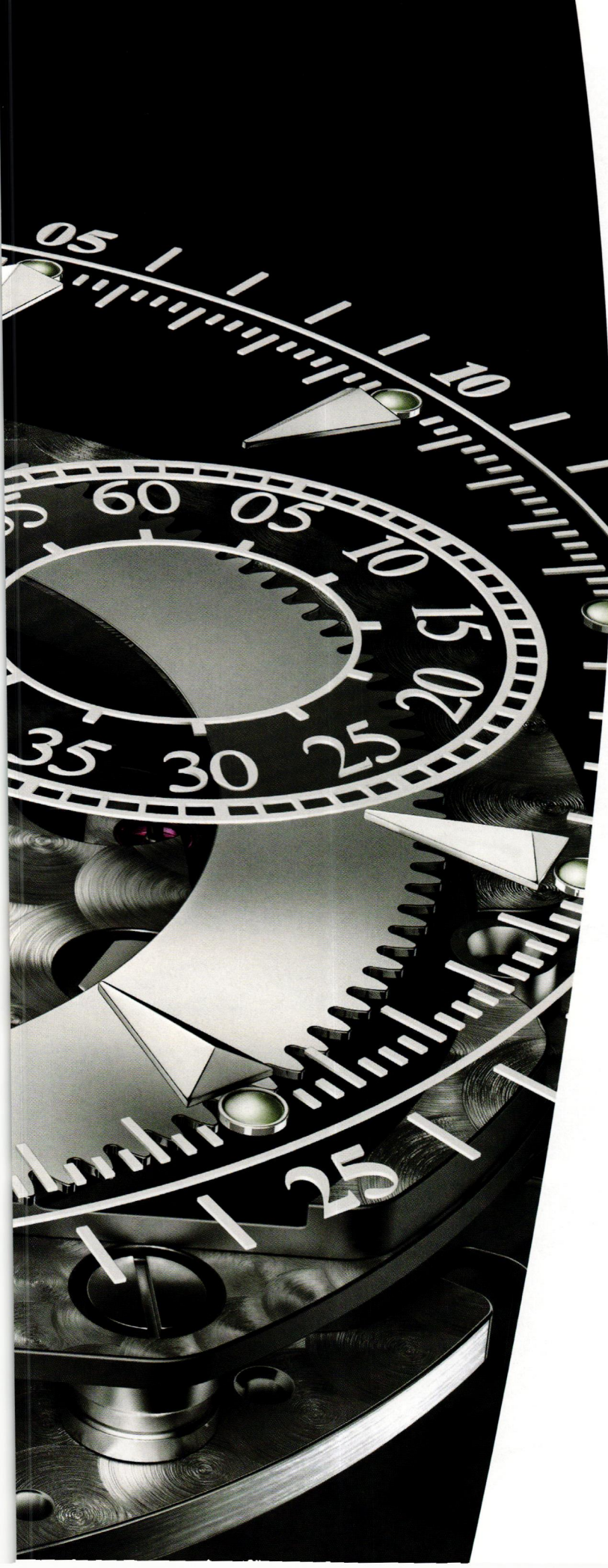
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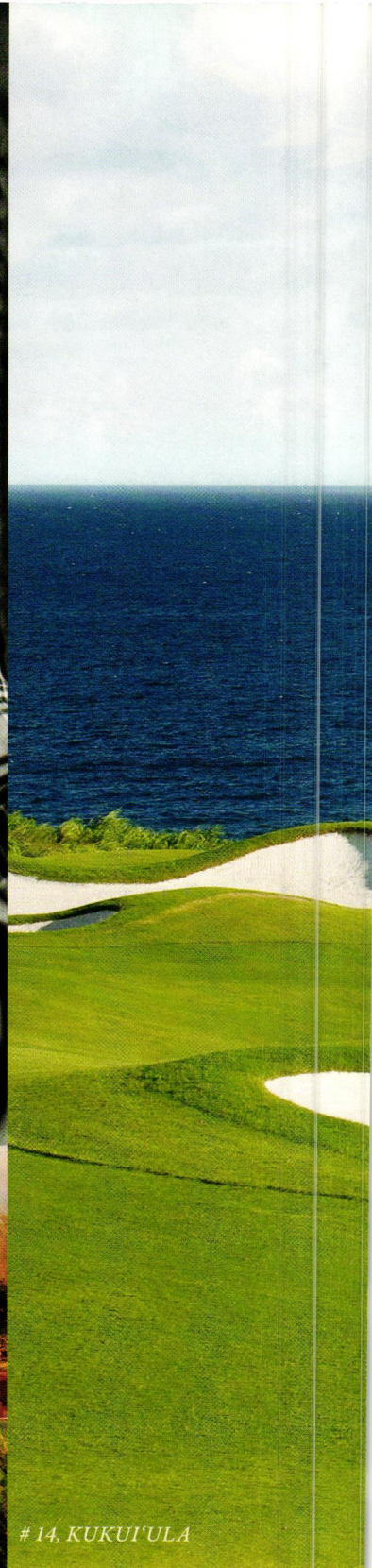


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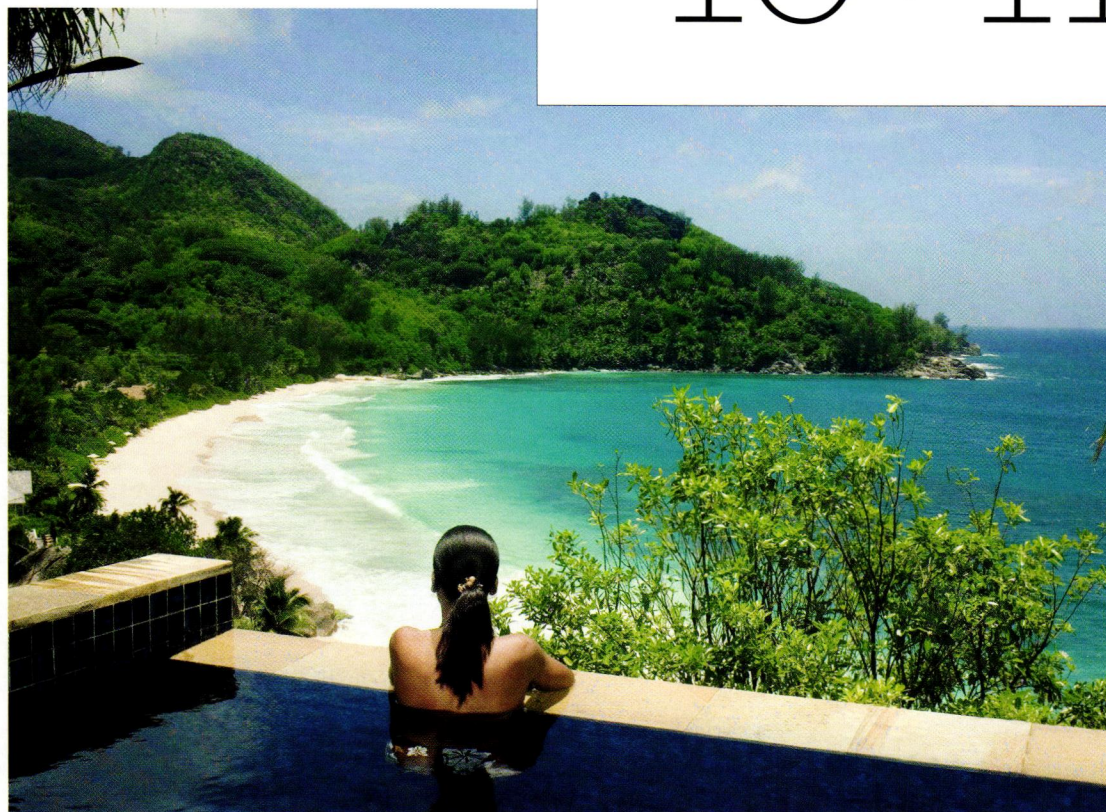


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## ► OH Blogger

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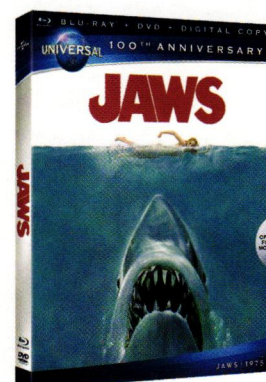
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# Good Design

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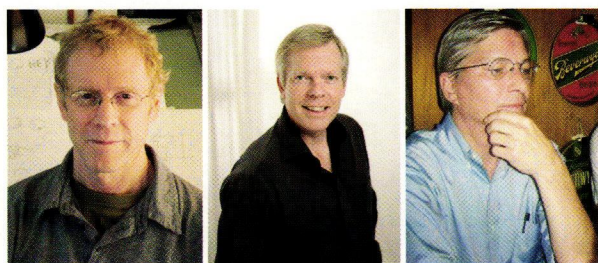
climate to the clichéd coastal design trends they abhor most. My advice: Save reading that piece (“Beach-Ready Blueprints,” page 92) for last, as you’ll likely linger on it for a long time. The architectural eye candy doesn’t stop there, though. On page 40, Mike Welton takes us inside a spectacular home on North Carolina’s Bald Head Island that fits superbly with its waterfront setting, and in “Gathering Grounds” (page 100), Anna Kasabian talks to Boston architect Tom Catalano about a client’s dream family getaway he created on Cape Cod.

Elsewhere in this issue, you’ll find reports on home design—who knew that wallpaper was poised to make a comeback?—and top travel spots. Jet-setting writer Paul Rubio recently returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Seychelles (“Islands of Zen,” page 106), an island chain in the Indian Ocean off of Africa’s east coast. Andrew Conway traveled to Bermuda (“Beautiful Bermuda,” page 62), returning stateside with plenty of tips to help you plan your own escape



to the island. And I recently made a return trip to Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands, where I stayed for the second time at Rosewood Little Dix Bay (“Little Gem,” page 64). Little Dix remains at the top of my list of favorite travel spots—I hope you’ll be inspired to plan a visit there yourself, or to any of the other incredible destinations we cover in this issue.

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- ② **MIKE WELTON** The author of “A Whale of a View” (page 40) writes about architecture, art, and design for a number of national and international publications. He also publishes an online design magazine at [architectsandartisans.com](http://architectsandartisans.com).
- ③ **ANDREW CONWAY** Freelance writer Conway jumped at the chance to quiz five leading coastal architects about their design aesthetics (“Beach-Ready Blueprints,” page 92). “My dream is to build my own house on a beach in Australia,” he says. “Their distinctive styles, skills, and experiences make for fascinating reading.”



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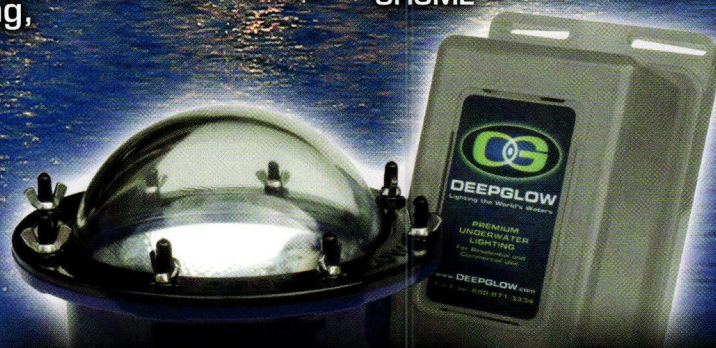
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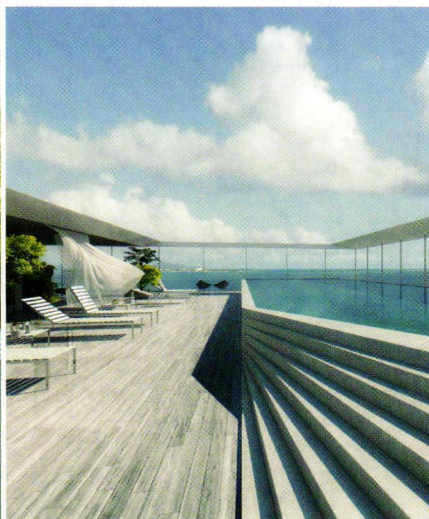
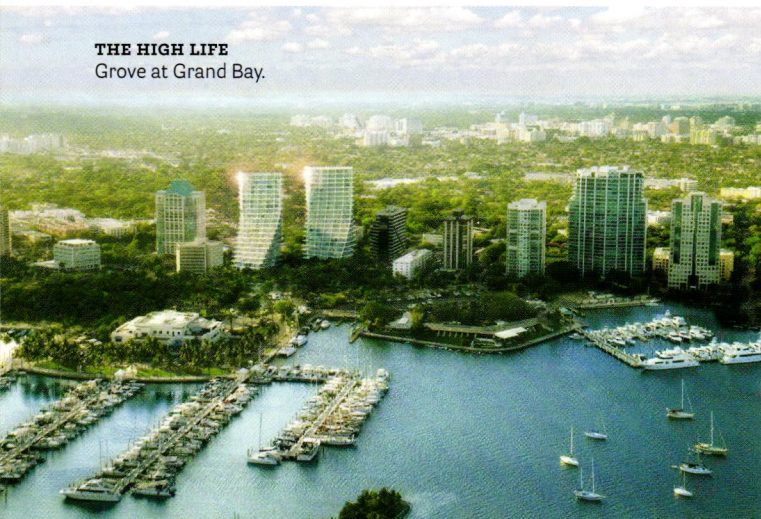
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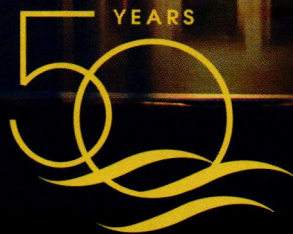
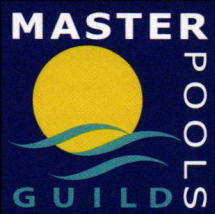
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the 5,600-square-foot Ocean Crest Spa offers an environmentally mindful spa experience inspired by the healing powers of the sea. A full menu of spa treatments features the use of pure and organic products, with a focus on those derived largely from coastal California plants and growers. The resort's large pool is surrounded by a vibrant coastal desert garden of palms, succulents, and grasses enhanced by a children's splash pool and outdoor fire pits. [hiltoncarlsbadoceanfront.com](http://hiltoncarlsbadoceanfront.com).



## Vintage Vineyard

The Harbor View Hotel on Martha's Vineyard offers new ownership opportunities.

**THE CAPTAIN'S COTTAGES** at Harbor View now afford prospective buyers a rare opportunity to own a piece of the island's most coveted venue, the Harbor View Hotel. A fixture on the Vineyard since 1891, the Harbor View Hotel has released a limited collection of 18 full-service cottage suites that offer the rewards of island ownership without the hassles. Full-deeded ownership allows year-round access to a one-, two-, or three-bedroom suite, along with the opportunity to participate in the hotel's expertly managed rental program when owners are not in residence.

From its broad veranda, the hotel boasts

spectacular views of Edgartown Harbor, the Vineyard's premier sailing and yachting location. The 18 exclusive suites are housed in five cottages—each named for a 19th-century Martha's Vineyard whaling captain—tucked throughout the grounds and just steps from the veranda.

Each suite in the Captain's Cottages collection has its own unique floor plan. All suites feature one to three bedrooms and one or two baths; central air conditioning; and gas fireplaces. There are kitchenettes equipped with small refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers, and coffee machines, as well as ensuite washers and dryers. Baths are mar-

ble or mini-ceramic tiled, with glass-walled showers and separate tubs. Most suites have porches and/or decks with rocking chairs, and several have private outside showers. A cottage basement provides owners with personal storage space.

Cottage owners will also enjoy significant benefits, including expert management by hotel staff, and recognition as "Stewards" of Harbor View—a select group of people committed to preserving the legacy of the hotel. Prices range from \$566,500 for a first-level suite to \$2,467,500 for a penthouse with a deck and water views. [ownharborview.com](http://ownharborview.com).

## OUT OF AFRICA

Africa's first **St. Regis** hotel opened in September in the sleepy island nation of Mauritius, known for its white sand beaches, turquoise lagoons, and tropical climate. The hotel's 173 guestrooms—each is outfitted with a spacious private balcony with ocean and mountain views—include spa suites and villas decorated in a traditional Colonial style. Personal butlers, a nightly Champagne ritual, six restaurants (including a beachside eatery and bar), and a spa surrounded by tropical gardens complete the offerings. [stregis.com](http://stregis.com).



# Posh Panama

The Westin Playa Bonita opens in Panama.

**FLANKED BY RAINFOREST** and the Pacific Ocean, Panama's ultra-luxe Westin Playa Bonita opened earlier this year along a stretch of golden shoreline just outside Panama City. The beach haven sets the stage for an exotic experience, with three freshwater infinity pools that showcase views of the Pearl Islands and ships lining up for travel along the Panama Canal. The hotel has 611 guestrooms, including 67 spacious suites, six restaurants, four bars, and a fitness center.

In August, the resort welcomed its Aquabella Sensory Spa by Clarins. Merging holistic therapies and innovative spa technologies, the full-service spa employs a signature "Thermal Circuit Experience"—a

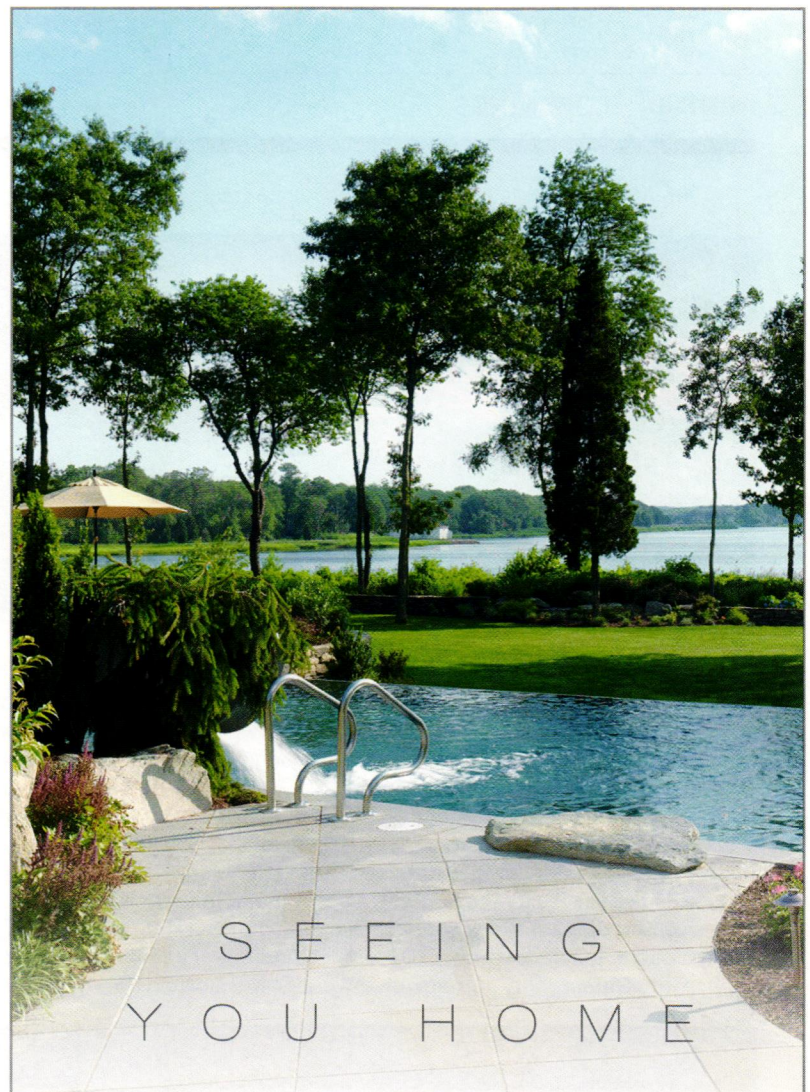
sequence of treatment chambers, which deliver alternating hot, cold, and hydrotherapy experiences. Treatment rooms include an Egyptian mud chamber, ice shower room, and amethyst crystal steam room.

Aquabella is located within Pearl Club, which is slated to be fully open in October. Upon completion, in addition to the spa and a modern fitness center (already open), Pearl Club will house three additional function

rooms on its top floor. There will also be a restaurant and bar. On Pearl Club's first level, there is an outdoor VIP infinity pool with built-in four-poster shaded palapas and a Roman-style waterfall pavilion. For a more exclusive experience, the hotel's 19th-floor VIP lounge, complete with cabanas and cocktail service, is the perfect rooftop setting for soaking up the sun and enjoying ocean views. [westinplayabonita.com](http://westinplayabonita.com).



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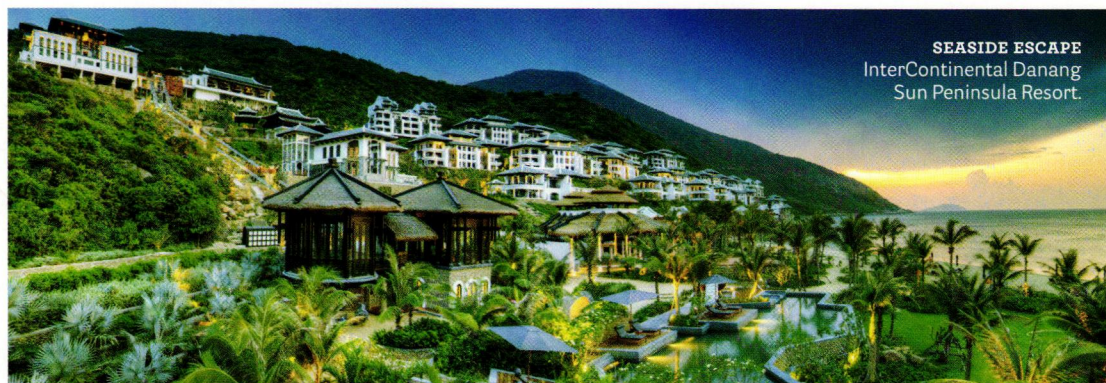


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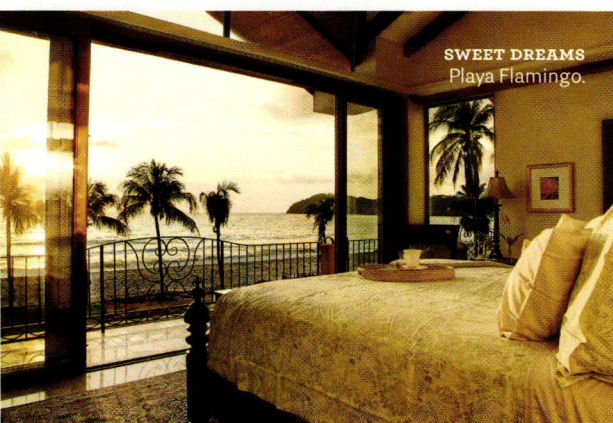
## PRISTINE PENINSULA

**InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort** is perched on the hills of Vietnam's famous Son Tra Peninsula. The beachfront property, which opened in June, features 197 rooms, suites, and villas showcasing East Sea views, and is the latest creation of designer/architect Bill Bensley. All rooms, suites, and villas have expansive bathrooms with double-basin vanities, deep-soaking marble bathtubs, and walk-in rain showers. Gourmet French dining is offered at La Maison 1888, helmed by Michelin-star chef Michel Roux. The resort is also home to Citron, which features private dining booths that suspend over the hillside. Planet Trekkers, InterContinental's signature kids' club, is available for younger guests, while business visitors will have access to The Summit, a spectacular meeting space set within the surrounding hillside that can accommodate up to 250 guests. Thai-based Harnn Heritage Spa will begin treatments in October with the spa opening in its entirety in December. Additional benefits include complimentary Wi-Fi and shuttle service into Danang City and Hoi An Ancient Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. [intercontinental.com](http://intercontinental.com).

## iQue Rica!

Luxury villas spring up on Costa Rica's Playa Flamingo.

**NESTLED ON** pristine Playa Flamingo on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, private residence club The Palms at Playa Flamingo recently



SWEET DREAMS  
Playa Flamingo.

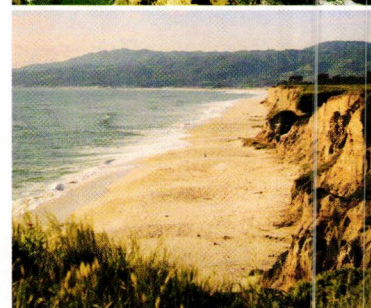
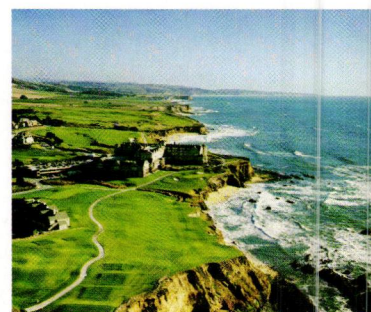
unveiled two new beachfront villas. Just steps from the Pacific Ocean, the new villas comprise 3,000 square feet each. The ground-floor villa, which includes a large deck that's perfect for entertaining, has three bedrooms, three full bathrooms, and a powder room. The top villa features open cedar-beamed ceilings with three bedrooms, three full bathrooms, a powder room, and a spacious loft.

Interior treatments include floor-to-ceiling glass doors that provide magnificent ocean and sunset views, plus deep-colored hardwood floors. The spacious kitchen comes fully equipped with granite counters and Sub-Zero and Viking appliances.

The villas are for sale for full ownership at \$2.25 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. The Palms also offers shared ownership opportunities. Potential owners can purchase 1/8th shares at \$149,000 or 1/10th shares starting at \$129,000. [palmscostarica.com](http://palmscostarica.com).

## Over the Moon

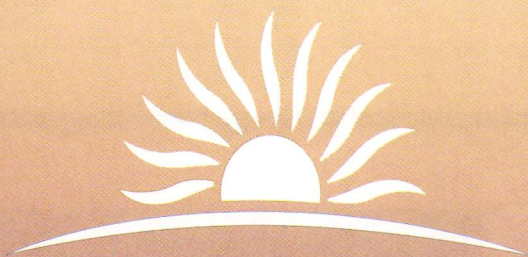
**Carnoustie**, named for the Scottish town, occupies eight acres in Ocean Colony, a luxury home development in Half Moon Bay, California. Homes here feature New England Coastal, English Cottage, and French Normandy styles and offer up to 3,400 square feet of living space on lots with ocean and golf course views. Carnoustie is the final addition in Ocean Colony, making



RAY OF LIGHT: Half Moon Bay.

it the last opportunity to buy a new home in the upscale community. Nearby are the Ritz-Carlton, two championship golf courses, a spa, and a tennis club. Phase one of the development consists of approximately nine homes, which went on the market in May. Carnoustie home prices start at around \$1.4 million. [carnoustiehomes.com](http://carnoustiehomes.com).





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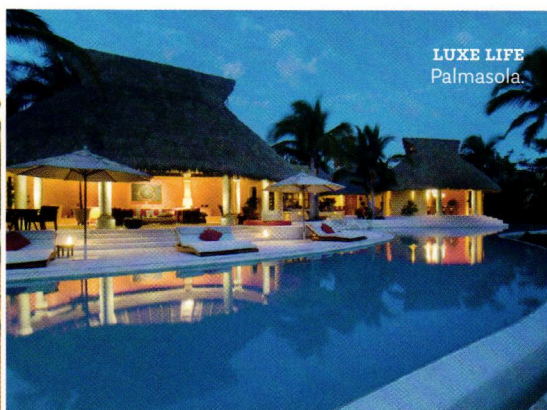
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## Service Redefined

Palmasola, a private retreat in the midst of Punta Mita.

**VILLAS AROUND THE WORLD** tout luxury and personalized services as differentiators, but Palmasola, in the exclusive gated resort community of Punta Mita, Mexico, is a true frontrunner. A five-star luxury retreat, the oceanfront villa was created to be the ultimate beachfront retreat, providing guests with a one-of-a-kind experience that is all but guaranteed to exceed expectations.

Accommodations in the 10,000-square-foot villa include a master residence, a guest residence, and garden suites. Provided by a private staff, service at the villa is top-notch, yet well balanced. Dining options range from intimate beachside picnics to family-style dining under an open palapa to dining under the stars on the oceanview roof terrace. An estate manager, private chefs, and a concierge accommodate guests' every need, be it arranging in-villa spa services and tee times or organ-

izing a birthday fiesta with live music and entertainment.

Whether lounging in the open-air living room, sipping a margarita at the adjoining bar, or working out in the air-conditioned gym, the spacious, open environment and breathtaking views combine to create a vacation of a lifetime in a home-away-from-home.

Step outside of Palmasola to enjoy the amenities within Punta Mita, which features two five-diamond-rated resorts, the St. Regis Punta Mita and the Four Seasons Punta Mita, 24/7 security, tennis, two Jack Nicklaus golf courses, and luxurious beach clubs.

With its ocean views and the natural beauty of a tropical oasis, Palmasola epitomizes beachfront living. Palmasola comfortably accommodates up to 18 guests. Rates start at \$10,000 per night, depending on the season. [palmasola.net](http://palmasola.net). —Melissa C. Gillespie



## Market Watch

### MR. POPPER'S PAD

Funnyman **Jim Carrey's** contemporary Malibu home is on the market for \$13.95 million. The gated, 2,800-square-foot estate has five bedrooms and 5.5 baths, plus luxuries like a rooftop deck with a hot tub and mood lighting. There's also a sprawling patio with removable privacy walls.

### EVERYBODY LOVES MALIBU

Actor **Brad Garrett** is selling his Malibu pad for \$10.995 million. With five bedrooms and 5.5 baths, the Spanish-style villa covers 5,784 square feet and boasts a state-of-the-art theater room, a chef's kitchen, stained glass windows, and a heated pool and spa.

### BEACH HOUSE

Beach Boys frontman **Mike Love** is still trying to unload his Pebble Beach estate. Recently relisted for \$5.995 million, down from the original 2008 listing for \$7.875 million, the 8,995-square-foot home has seven bedrooms, six baths, an elevator, wine cellar, and indoor and outdoor kitchens.



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## Roatán Retreat

Get to know Pristine Bay Resort off the coast of Honduras—Central America's next island hot spot. By **David Eisen**

**THIRTY-FIVE MILES** off the coast of Honduras sits the island of Roatán, where scuba diving, eco-tourism, fishing, and glass-bottom boat tours are a way of life. Pristine Bay Resort, situated on a 400-plus-acre site that nuzzles against the Caribbean Sea, offers all of this, and more.

Pristine Bay Resort features a wide variety of residential units, including two-, three-, and four-bedroom residences, as well as two-bedroom villas and quarter-acre custom home lots. Many of these properties enjoy unobstructed views of the ocean and access

to a Pete and Perry Dye-designed par-72 golf course, The Black Pearl, which has been ranked No. 1 in Honduras by *Golf Digest*. Residences range from \$600,000 to \$1.1 million; lots start at \$260,000; and villas average between \$438,000 and \$500,000.

Currently, there are approximately 60 properties available for purchase, says Luis Pedro Toriello, COO of Pristine Bay Resort, adding that sales have been brisk, with more than 150 properties sold. "The exclusiveness of our development and its many amenities for owners attract people looking

for the best investment opportunities or the perfect vacation," Toriello says.

In addition to the residences, a new 155-slip full-service marina will provide deep-water access for a wide variety of seafaring vessels. For those not in the market to buy, there is also a luxury hotel component. The previously named Resort & Spa at Pristine Bay has been renamed Las Verandas Hotel & Villas, and opened earlier this year. The hotel includes 36 rooms and 11 free-standing villas; its design has a local feel with features like terracotta flat-tile roofing and Honduran mahogany trim. At the top end is the Ocean View Villa, which goes for \$925 per night during high season (late December through May). The villa has its own private pool and other amenities. [pristinebayresort.com](http://pristinebayresort.com).





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Such deluxe environs shouldn't impede exploration. The nearby St. Lawrence Gap, with its diverse cultural offerings—area musicians, chefs, and shop owners—makes for a kaleidoscopic adventure.

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### Punto de Vista

Architect and owner David Konwiser had a crystal clear Caribbean vision when he designed Punto de Vista in the heart of Costa Rica's Manuel Antonio's National Park. Combining ideas for a yacht-inspired perspective with a deep appreciation for form, function, and thematic interest, Konwiser built a holiday destination with a twist.

This full-service, private luxury villa recalls days at sea with its nautical architecture and bird-in-flight feel. Courtyards, dining rooms, bedrooms, and pools, appear to jut straight into the sea, giving guests a Heaven's eye view of ocean blue. The six-story hideaway includes cantilevered corners—allowing for an unobstructed connection with jungle and sea. By showcasing locally harvested teak wood and quarried rose sand stone, the contemporary design is softened and made warm. Whether one is submersed in water or dancing under the stars, this tree/sea fortress offers an equatorial wonderland amidst what Forbes named one of the world's most beautiful national parks.

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white-sand coastlines where R&R is quick to commence, and Humpback whales and dolphins dot the seascape. Taking advantage of its coveted location, Punto de Vista stimulates a sense of adventure with its tropical canopy and proximate wildlife. Being a rare place where monkeys, sloths, and Toucans outnumber cars, year round flora and fauna add unparalleled color.

A rooftop deck, double edge infinity Jacuzzi, and covered dining area with professional-grade, gourmet kitchen—are but a few of the villa's custom comforts; accompanied by sweeping views, this specialty casa is an excellent choice for corporate or recreational retreats, family gatherings, and destination weddings. Eight boutique rooms and a two-bedroom cottage house afford ample space for relaxing, meeting, or entertaining. Offering intimate service reminiscent of a small hotel, Konwiser's establishment is fully equipped with an on-call butler and highly attentive staff. With its spa, game room, wet bars, Bowflex gym, Swiss made beds, iPads, and Wi-Fi access—Punto de Vista also caters to more urbane interests.

An arresting fine art collection is ubiquitous in the villa's interior spaces with pieces by Latin American and Spanish artists. So impressive are the architecture and art work that the villa's first overnight guest was I.M. Pei—the last living father of Modern Architecture and designer of the Louvre Pyramid.

River rafting, surfing, parasailing, canopy exploring, horse riding, golfing, and birding—are just some of the activities available for adventure seekers. Culinary enthusiasts can take a tour highlighting regional spices,

and the villa's trained chefs present delicacies like pan-seared Mahi-Mahi and potables incorporating local fruits flow freely at a moment's notice. For those with more delicate constitutions, dishes can be tailored to suit dietary needs. All plates feature local and organic ingredients, and holistic or cleansing meal plans are available for interested parties. Additionally, a sommelier may be retained for guests intrigued by South American wines.

Whether it's a pension for sea faring thrills or a desire for pampered coastal calm, Punto de Vista provides. From its jungle heights to its end-of-the-world views, this Costa Rican treetop oasis is one palatial property worth reaching. **Contact: 888-890-8687 or visit [www.puntodevistacr.com](http://www.puntodevistacr.com)**

### Sapphire Sunsets Villa

In a prestigious neighborhood on the sands of Chalk Sound sits Sapphire Sunsets Villa. Located in the Providenciales of the Turks and Caicos Islands, this paradisiac home promises luxury lovers that which they seek. With the sea just 30 feet from its curved backside pool, swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving are steps away. Sea turtles, too, can be spotted in the clear waters, which stretch shallow for 100 feet before plunging to darker depths.

Architecturally, the west-facing Sapphire is a cathedral-like curiosity. Its wide-open design creates a highly breathable space, adding to the calm it inspires. A fresh white interior; soaring ceilings; tiled floors; mahogany woodwork; custom cabinetry; and paintings by 'Provo' artists form a unique spatial arrangement.



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This villa's appeal is due, in part, to its four suites with windows kissed by the tropics; a well-appointed lighting scheme that lends the night pool a surreal pink-and-purple glow; nearby shopping in culturally fascinating Grace Bay; and proximity to Chalk Sound National Park, for tromping about when adventure is in order.

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### Villas Caribe: Villa La Danse Des Etoiles

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Fused with the Caribbean's St. Barts Island is the Villa La Danse Des Etoiles. Balanced atop Pointe Milou, L'Orient and St Jean are a glance away. The vision of *Barnes Coy Architects*, this villa features: 270 degree, unobstructed views from sunrise to sunset; a confluence of mineral stone, concrete, warm woods, and tile; sharp sight lines; and modernity of style—making for a spa-like retreat showcasing its tranquility.

With towering windows, cerulean Caribbean views, and private terraces, Villa La Danse Des Etoiles' appeal is born of the marriage

between sea, land, and sky. At its center is the 70 foot solar-heated, lava rock-lined infinity pool. Strategic lighting illuminates the villa's rich furnishings in the dark of night—stonework, ceilings, and watery surfaces bask in masterfully placed beams.

This three bedroom, slope-side escape offers a water misting system for shade seekers, an outdoor pool table, and private alfresco showers outside each bedroom, in addition to the urbane conveniences desired by paradise lovers who like to stay connected.

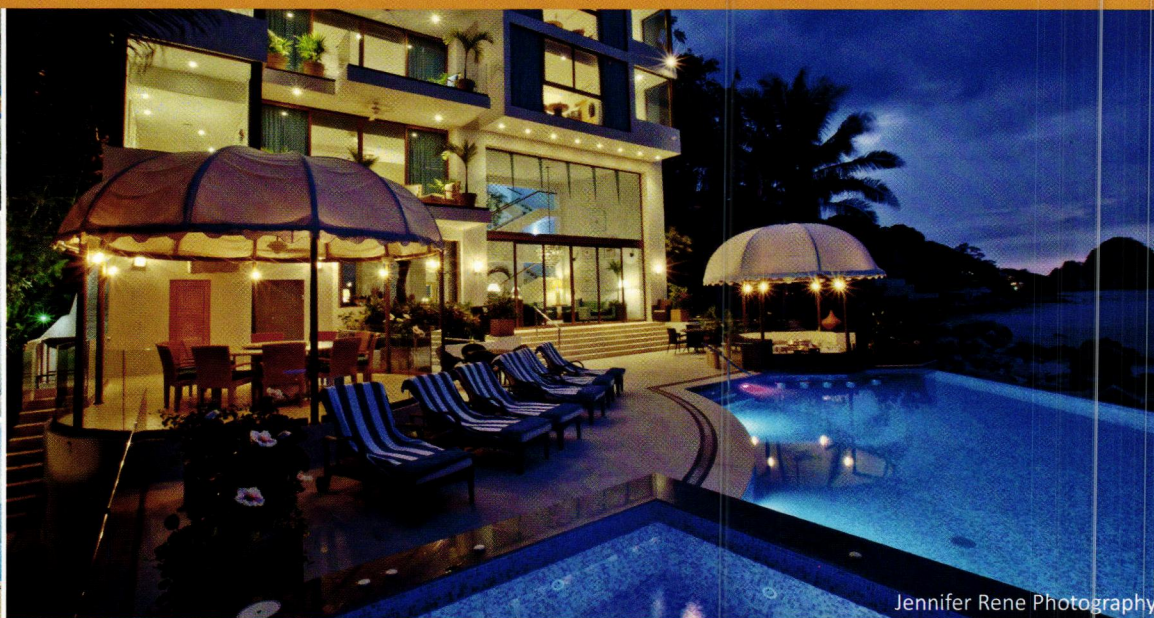
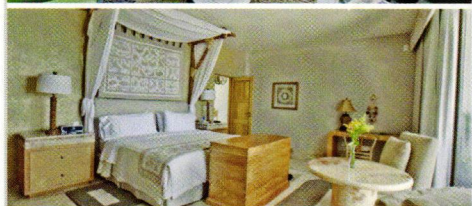
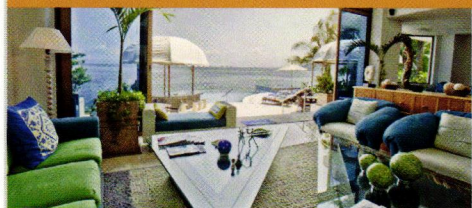
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### Island Dream Properties

The word KISHTI in the poetic Urdu language means boat or ark and with its majestic views over Blackgarden Bay and Atlantic Ocean, Villa Kishti more than lives up to its name. Designed by Cecconi Simone Inc. and architect Frank Hamilton, Villa Kishti is a one-of-a-kind contemporary villa with stunning design and architectural details offering an enriching, enlightening, and rewarding "lifestyle" experience. Fronted by the Villa's volcanic rock shoreline, the home features a large infinity pool, grotto with hot tub, giant shaded bed, a luxury bar, and many other amenities. The villa's angled and sloping roofs are KISHTI's signature features, quite unique on the island. The spirit of Villa KISHTI is captured in the simple luxury afforded by an exceptional location, harmoniously

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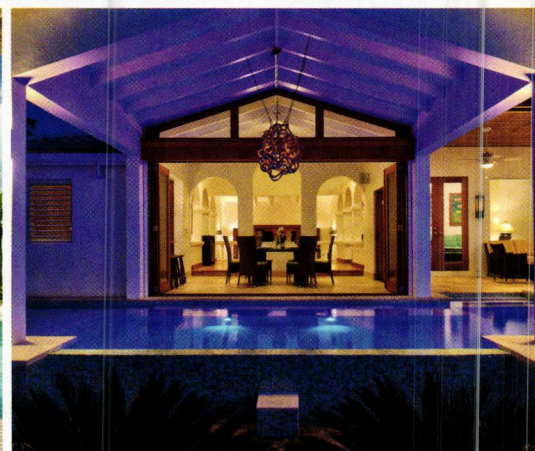
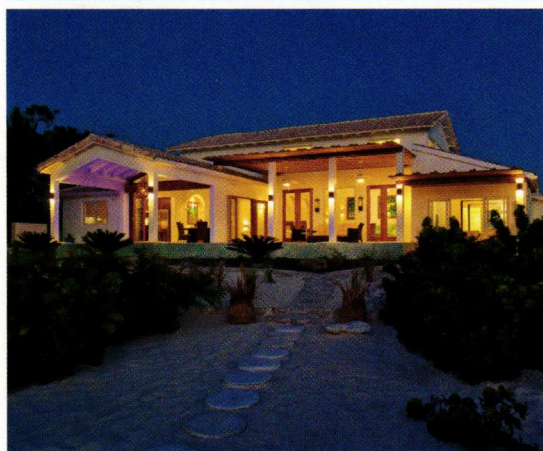
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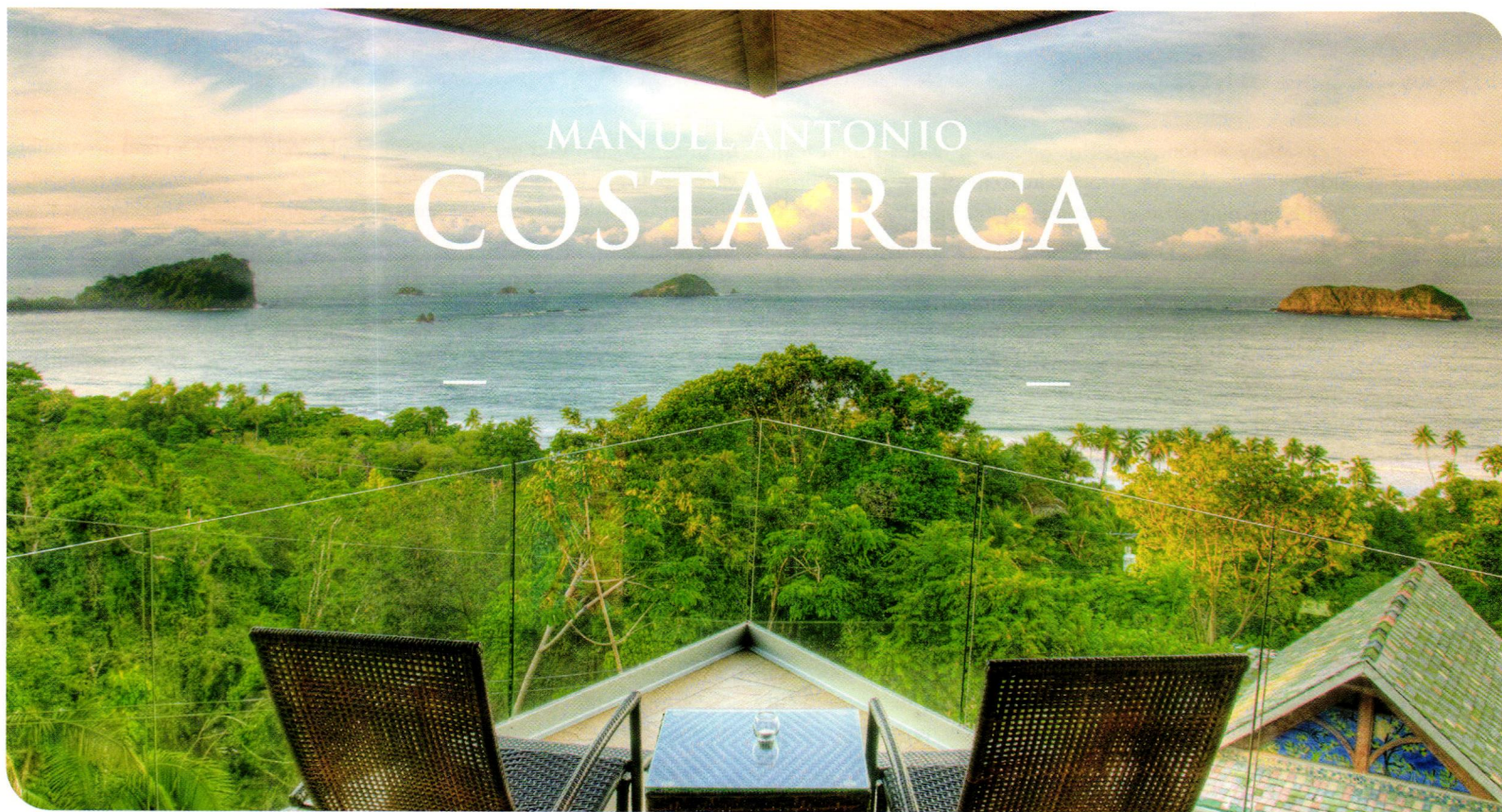


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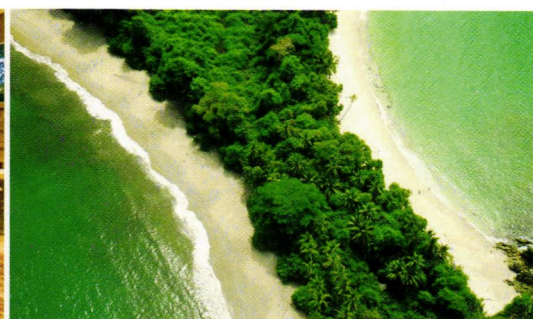
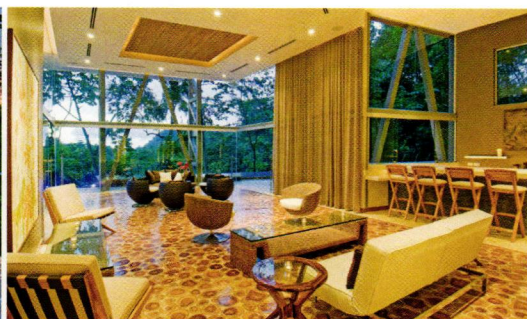
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### Playa Cuixmala

Just south of Mexico's Puerto Vallarta lies Jalisco's Cuixmala, the former private estate of Sir James Goldsmith. An established ecological reserve, this environmentally friendly retreat gives new meaning to an old idea. Perched along the Mexican Pacific, this reclusive villa is engulfed by nearly 25,000 acres of land, lagoons, and beaches.

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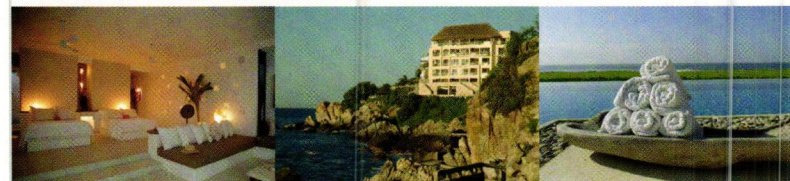
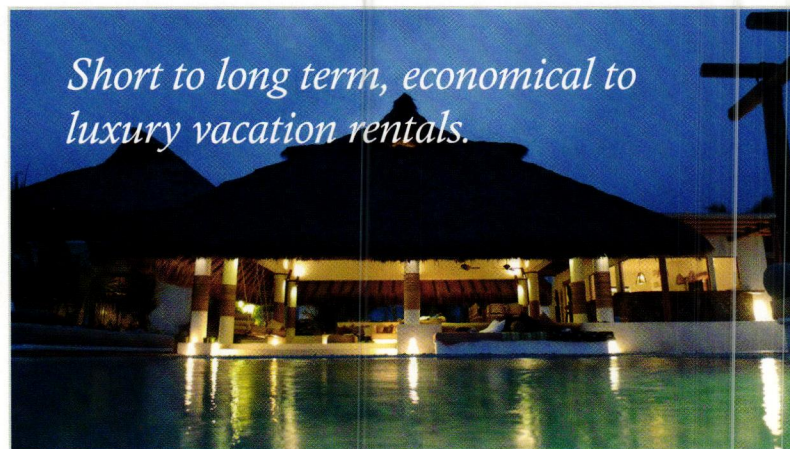
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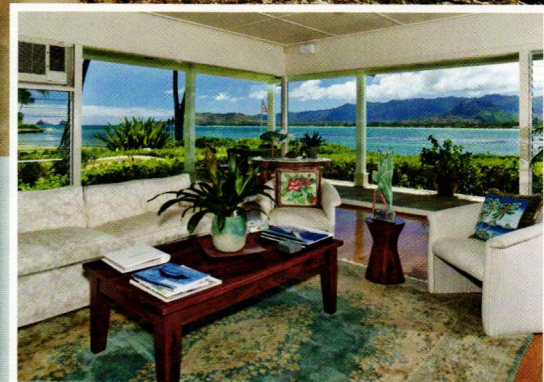
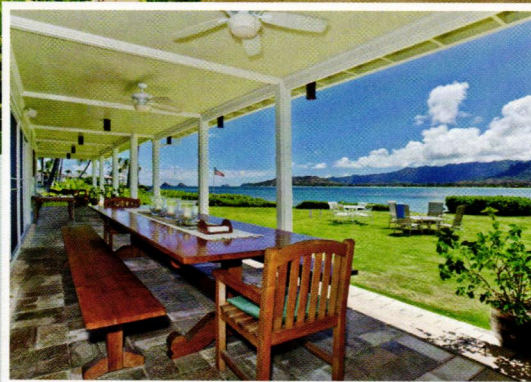
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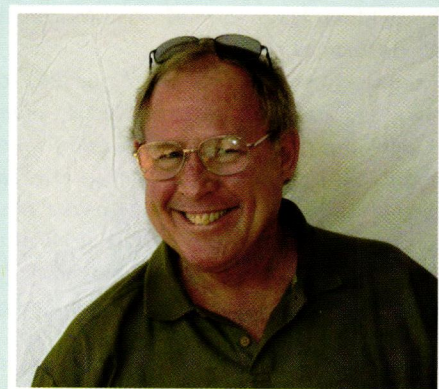
The expansive backyard offers plenty of space for relaxing, with outdoor dining areas where you can marvel at the spectacular Ko'olau Mountain Range and outlying islands. Right off the grass to the sand, you will enter the ocean which is literally a marine sanctuary. Endangered Hawaiian honu sea turtles spend their day dining and taking in the sun directly in front of the house.

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### Villas by Linda Smith: Fortlands Point

For an absolute escape from the humdrum of home, look no further than the palatial Fortlands Point—one of several properties belonging to Linda Smith, named “Top Rental Specialist for Jamaica” by Condé Nast Traveler for five consecutive years.

Uniquely positioned on the site of an ancient stone fortress, this seven bedroom, 14,000 square foot mansion includes beautifully appointed rooms and hidden alcoves, and with Discovery Bay and the Caribbean Sea for neighbors, Fortlands is lord of the littoral.

Entertainment abounds with three beaches, coral reefs, and complimentary kayaks and snorkeling gear adding up to days full of nautical fun. Time spent in the company of loved ones might also include knocking about with a croquet set, island cocktails at the floating bar, or an invigorating game of squash. For more contemplative hours—private balconies, tucked away hammocks, and an infinity pool with waterfall feature are choice spots.

Far and away the villa's most popular gathering area is the spacious verandah, where a tastefully stocked, black granite bar, comfortable seating, and ocean scape make hours seem to slip into the sea. Heavenly open-air meals are the standard with five outdoor dining areas, top-notch chefs, and an in-house wine cellar. Aesthetic pleasures include dramatic architecture, teak furnishings, Italian tile work, and Persian rugs, as well as two acres of expertly manicured grounds.

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### Birds of Paradise: Anguilla

Anguilla is known for its crystalline waters, excellent seafood, sporting opportunities, and Bird of Paradise – a “Top 20 World Class Villa” known for its privacy, spaciousness, services, and amenities afforded by its unparalleled location and superior staff. Situated atop Sandy Hill Bay on a Caribbean island lying north of Saint Martin, this sun-soaked cay is host to life's paramount riches.

Designed by architecture firm, Wilson Associates of Dallas, the Balinese-style villa features separate buildings interconnected by tropical gardens and lagoon-style pools. Offering four master suites with bedrooms under separate roofs, the compound admits Caribbean views from every guest's private veranda. As owner Melody Dill says, “It's wonderful to be with family and friends, but it's also nice to have your own space [to] have a cup of coffee in the morning or a glass of wine at night alone with [your spouse.]” It's the indoor/outdoor living

concept, as well as rich mahogany woodwork, relaxing earth tones, and master stonework that make guests call the Bird of Paradise “a warm and welcoming” place. With alfresco fireplaces and fold away doors providing 180-degree vistas, the villa is a sensory celebration evoking complete isolation from the world.

Dill further distinguishes an already memorable getaway by steering guests in the direction of area attractions and activities familiar to only a few. Fossil gathering is something she knows quite a bit about, and she gladly points guests in the direction of potential finds. Walking about the villa compound, too, is an enriching experience; in addition to the carefully sculpted gardens, the villa's art collection floods the grounds.

It may, however, be chefs Zoe Hodge and William Wilson that push the villa into the divine category. Guests can choose from specialized meal plans boasting favorites like Caribbean BBQ baby back ribs; roasted local corn chowder with lobster; and grilled Mahi tacos with black bean salad. Oenologist, Nathalie Le Senechal of Le Gran Vins de France, provides guests with champion wines.

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### Villas de Oro's Casa Demae II


Mexico's Puerto Vallarta has much to choose from when it comes to places to stay. But Villas de Oro's Casa Demae II is something singular. Architect Cachi Perez and interior designer Pepe Medrano have engineered and polished this “Jewel on the Ocean” manor on the Mexican Riviera to resemble a gem's brilliance.

Their union of artistry and function is seen in every detail, from material colors and textures to the framework's architectural elements; luxury comfort is the thread that seamlessly sews together 10,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space. Three floors of choice furnishings create intriguing spaces, like the main room's triangular coffee tables, low-hanging, cocoon-esque chandelier, corner palm, and jungle green and aquamarine accents, which call to mind an island oasis.

Five distinctively furnished bedrooms with ocean views make retiring a meditative retreat; individual balconies, baths, and Jacuzzis ensure private relaxation time. A voluminous heated infinity pool means swim hours are both physically invigorating and visually captivating. Views of the coastline, abutting gardens, Los Arcos National Park, and Puerto Vallarta's city lights complete the tropical picture, which can be appreciated from the rooftop sundeck, outdoor hot tub, and swim-up pool bar.

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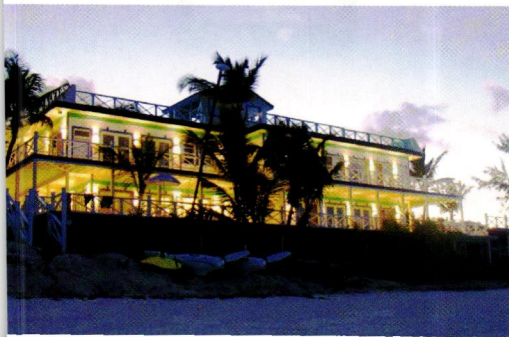
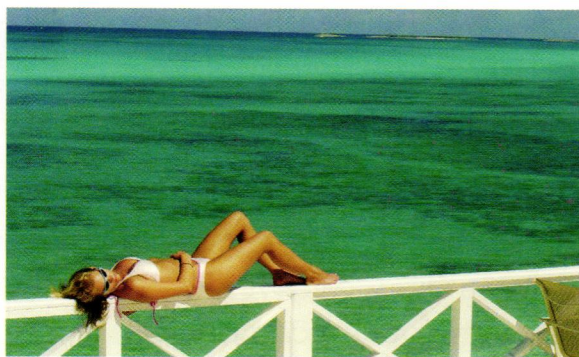
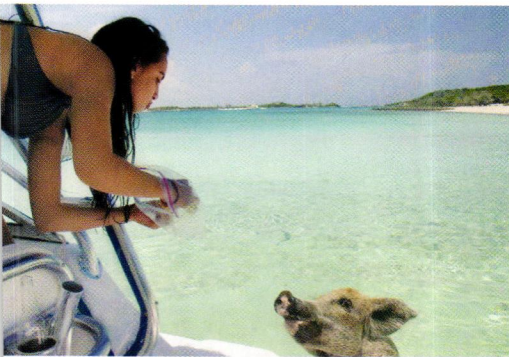
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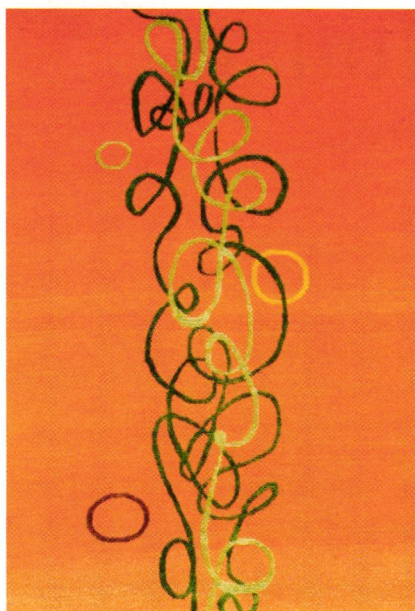
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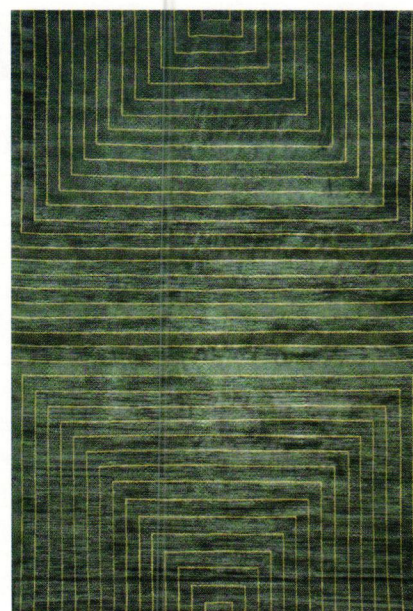
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## A Whale of a View

On North Carolina's Bald Head Island, two architects have designed an allegorical structure to satisfy their clients' exuberant natures—and frame some very fine vistas. By **J. Michael Welton**

**TO GET TO BALD HEAD ISLAND**, slip by ferry across North Carolina's Cape Fear River, hop aboard the requisite golf cart (no autos allowed on the island), scoot along a five-mile trail through a maritime forest, and, finally, turn right and climb a 40-foot-high ridge. There it is: the oceanfront home called Castello Dello Balena, or "Castle of the Whale."

At 4,500 square feet, comprising four bedroom suites and a dining room the size of some homes, this house is big. But that may be its least important feature. "You can't find many places with 270-degree views of the water," says Chris Lokey, the home's master builder. "[The house] is sitting on some of the nicest views on the east coast."

From the house's dining room, the coastal plain of Bald Head known as South Beach languishes in the distance. Out on the water to the left are Frying Pan Shoals, where offshore waves kick up as high as 10 feet. Farther left still is East Beach, which is home to some of the wildest surf on the island.

The home was designed by Wilmington-based architects Dietsche & Dietsche to take full advantage of its elevation. "The clients bought two lots, and at first, they thought they'd build on one and sell the other," says Anna Dietsche. Then, her husband Chuck stepped up with a pair of divergent scenarios: "The first one showed a house on one lot and the other open," she says. "The second one showed a house on both lots, stretched along the dune ridge, so every room has a view of the ocean."

Three bedroom suites and a garage occupy the ground level, while the kitchen, dining room, master suite, and office/studio are located above. Some compare the home, stretched out upon the ridge in three sections, to a whale's body. Its head would be to the left where the kitchen is situated, its stomach about midway down where the massive fireplace sits, and its tail composed of the garage wing with master suite and office atop.

The whole idea, says Chuck, was to satisfy his clients' need to express their exuberance for life. "The [clients were] rational and romantic," he says. "I interpreted [their house] as Moby Dick." But he didn't overlook the site's basic strength, however, especially from the widow's walk atop the tower that connects all three of the home's sections.

"It's got the best views of the entire island," Anna says. [dietschedietsche.com](http://dietschedietsche.com).

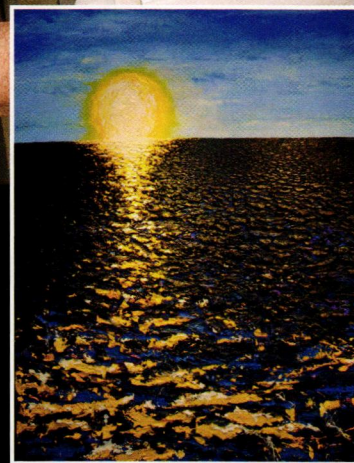


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## Reclamation Project

This isn't your grandma's wallpaper—bold new patterns and color are resuscitating this design touch. By **David Eisen**

**ASK ANYONE** what they remember most about Grandma's house, and they'll inevitably recall the ghastly wallpaper that adorned one or more rooms. But like many remnants of yesteryear, what goes around comes around. Luckily for this generation, today's wallpaper prints are nothing like they used to be, according to Long Island-based interior designer Marlaina Teich (mtdny.com).

Teich is a wallpaper convert. "I remember the first house I purchased; I spent hours removing layers of old wallpaper that the previous owner applied," she says. "I swore I would never use wallpaper again."

Her tune has since changed. "Today, wallpaper is one of the hottest trends in décor," Teich says. "The designs and textures are so varied; it makes it simple to make a statement."

"I think we are now past the paint

and Ikea stage, and people want something bolder and singular for their space," says Jee Levin, a creative director at Trove (troveline.com), a NYC design house she founded with Randall Buck specializing in wall coverings.

"The trend to customize home furnishings and wallpaper is definitely strong right now," says Buck. "People want to have something

completely unique in their home."

Wallpapers of the 1960s and '70s were characterized by floral designs, geometric shapes, and metallic foils. "Let's not forget the flocked papers, as well," Teich adds. But today's wallpaper is a far cry from that of 50 years ago.

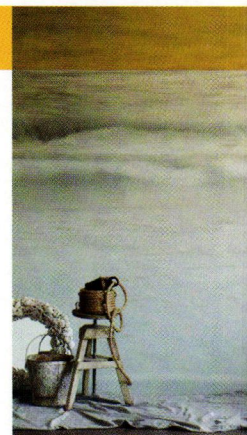
"The differences in today's [wallpaper] looks are in the colors used, as well as the play on scale," Teich says. "Small-scale patterns are given a whole new translation by being shown in an oversized proportion. Grandma's metallic foil paper may cause some to cringe, but when the metallic is shown as a subtle interplay with color and pattern, it can look like a piece of art."

Wallpaper placement is as much a concern as aesthetic appeal; knowing when to go big and when to exercise restraint is key. "I love wallpaper as an accent in the bedroom, behind the headboard or in a powder room, where you can be a little crazy with color or pattern," says Teich. She is even open to affixing wallpaper on the ceiling in the dining room, giving the space an intriguing allure.

There's also the matter of application: Though it might sound easy enough to apply wallpaper oneself, it's better left to a pro. The wall first needs to be prepped and smoothed to avoid bubbling. If you are applying light-colored wallpaper against a wall that has deep color, the wall needs to be primed to neutralize the darker color. "The last thing you want to do is start all over," Levin says.

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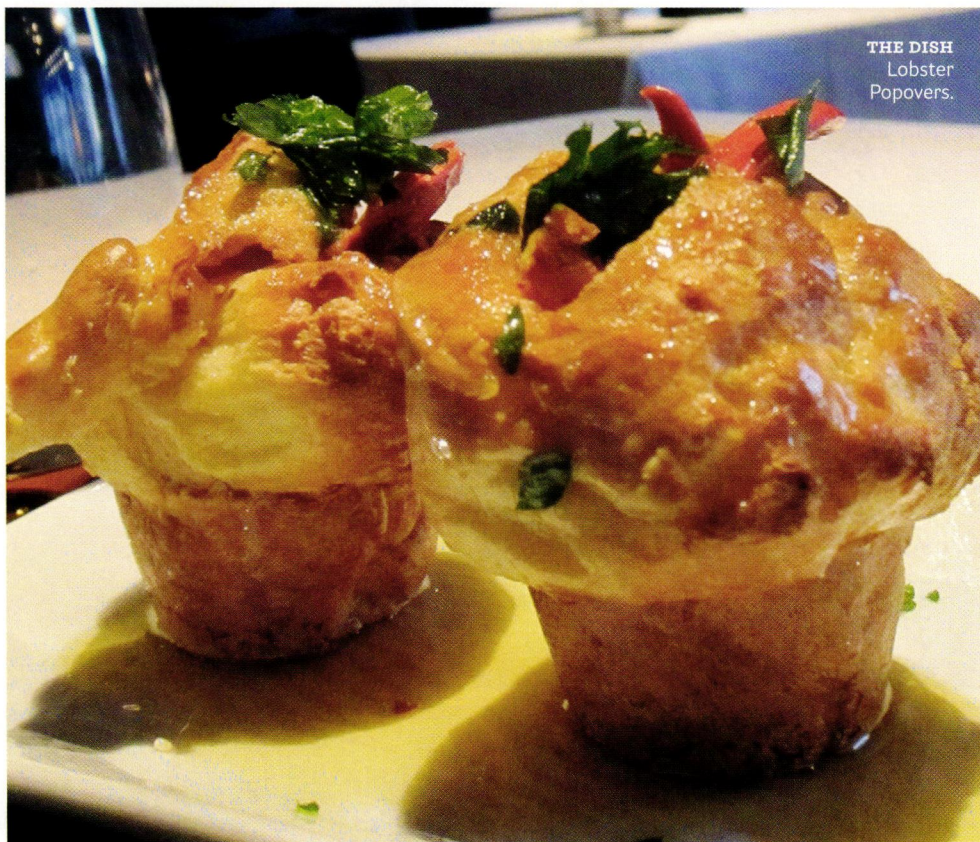
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## Boston Pops

Boston chef Lydia Shire combines two of New England's most beloved foods into an airy culinary creation you won't find anywhere else.

**FOR ALMOST FOUR DECADES**, Lydia Shire has been involved with some of America's finest restaurants—from Boston's venerable Parker House to the Four Seasons Beverly Hills—but she still exhibits the wide-eyed wonder of a child in a candy store when discussing one of her favorite dishes on the menu at her current establishment, Towne Stove and Spirits in Boston's tony Back Bay neighborhood.

"I love popovers!" Shire exclaims before launching into an enthusiastic description of exactly how to eat one. "Take a freshly baked popover and poke it open. As the steam escapes, put in maximum butter—the butter must dribble down your chin

when you bite into it—then drizzle Lyle's Golden Syrup from England on the popover."

The idea of combining lobster with a dash of sweet syrup doesn't come naturally to most chefs or diners, but it makes sense to Shire, who says the Maine lobsters she uses at the restaurant already have a natural sweetness. Guests obviously agree, since Shire admits that the Lobster Popovers have become so popular she wouldn't dream of taking it off the menu...or leaving her proximity to the ocean.

"I love our seashore—[residents] are spoiled! I would not trade in New England for any other part of the country," she says. [towneboston.com](http://towneboston.com). —Lisa Rogak

### Lobster Popovers

SERVES 6

#### POPOVERS

- 2 large eggs, beaten well
- 1 tbsp. melted butter, plus an additional 6 tbsp.
- 1 c. whole milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 c. all-purpose flour, sifted

*In a large bowl, beat all ingredients very well with a whisk or blender. Refrigerate at least an hour or overnight covered with plastic wrap.*

*Preheat oven to 400°. Set muffin pan in oven to heat. Melt 6 tbsp. butter. Remove chilled batter from fridge and stir. Divide melted butter into 12 muffin tins and quickly pour in batter. Put pan back in oven with a cookie sheet underneath to catch any drips. Bake for 20 minutes.*

#### LOBSTER

- 2 1-lb. lobsters, cooked, with meat removed
- 1 stick butter
- ½ c. Jack Daniels Honey Whiskey
- Chopped chives
- Juice of ½ lemon
- Lyle's Golden Syrup

*Ten minutes after placing popovers in oven, melt half stick of butter in medium skillet over medium-high heat. When it foams, add lobster chunks and give pan a quick shake. Add Jack Daniels and cook for a few minutes. Remove lobster with a slotted spoon; cook the sauce for a few minutes, then add lemon juice. Remove from heat and add lobster. Sprinkle with chives or chopped curly parsley; let sit.*

*To serve, remove popovers from oven and set one on a plate. Poke a hole in the tops with a sharp knife and place a teaspoon of butter in the popovers followed by a couple tablespoons of lobster. Drizzle Lyle's Golden Syrup into the holes and serve.*





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# Made in the Shade

Keeping cool in the outdoors is only as good as your cover.  
By **David Eisen**

**PLANNING YOUR OUTDOOR** space might come second to designing your home's interior, but when the time does arrive, the right composition of shading elements can make or break the scene.

"Outdoor areas of the home are very important in setting the feel and tone of the entire house," says Gail Green of New York's Gail Green Interiors. "They are a prelude to what one will see on the inside. Cheerier appointments on the exterior correlate to a lighter, airier feel in the home."

A smartly positioned umbrella in a color scheme that either matches or sets off the corresponding landscape can transform the outdoor area into a comfortable, pleasing retreat. After all, an umbrella or other shading element can be as much a piece of furniture as a chaise lounge or Adirondack chair.

Against a coastal landscape, Green favors umbrellas, fans, and awnings with more subdued colors, like beiges, whites, and soft blues. "Natural colors, as opposed to vibrant ones, which are better suited for year-round warmer climates such as Florida, set a more modern tone, being more recessive."



That said, it always depends on the homeowner's taste, and outdoor staging shouldn't contradict the interior. "The outdoor should be consistent with the indoor," Green says. "If the house is colorful, so, too, should be the outdoor furnishings. There must be continuity."

Many suppliers today are manufacturing shade elements that turn any outdoor space into a comfortable haven. Tuuci ([tuuci.com](http://tuuci.com)), a manufacturer of parasols, pavilions, and lounges, is one of the leaders in the market. The Miami-based company's Ocean Master Max Cantilever (pictured above) is a polished and anodized marine-grade canopy structure that extends from an

oval-shaped mast and provides shade over tables and chairs.

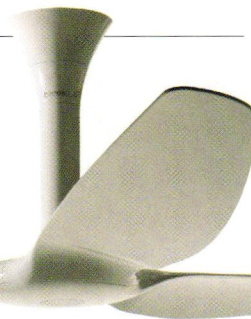
If you are seeking a bit of Southern California style for your outdoor space, Santa Barbara Designs ([sbumbrella.com](http://sbumbrella.com)) takes design inspiration from the exotic umbrellas of the open-air markets of the Mediterranean. The company fashions umbrellas under an array of collections, using materials like teak, mahogany, aluminum, and stainless steel.

Of course, durability is as much a concern as aesthetic appeal. Today's best umbrellas are made of acrylic and are solution-dyed to ensure that colors are locked in, says Hans Galutera, a designer with BG Studio International, headquartered in New York City.

While Galutera often employs umbrellas as a shading element (he appreciates their portability and flexibility), whenever possible, he also employs natural elements, such as trees, vines, and pergolas to provide cover from the sun, not to mention some privacy. "They have a dappling effect and create shade and light that is artistic," Galutera says. "When designed right, the backyard becomes artwork."

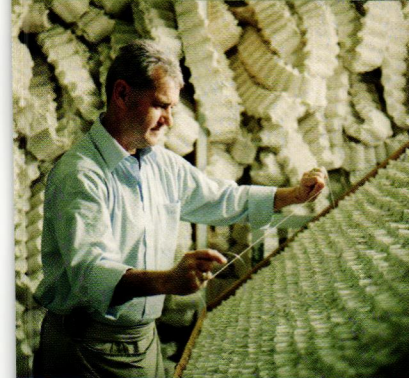
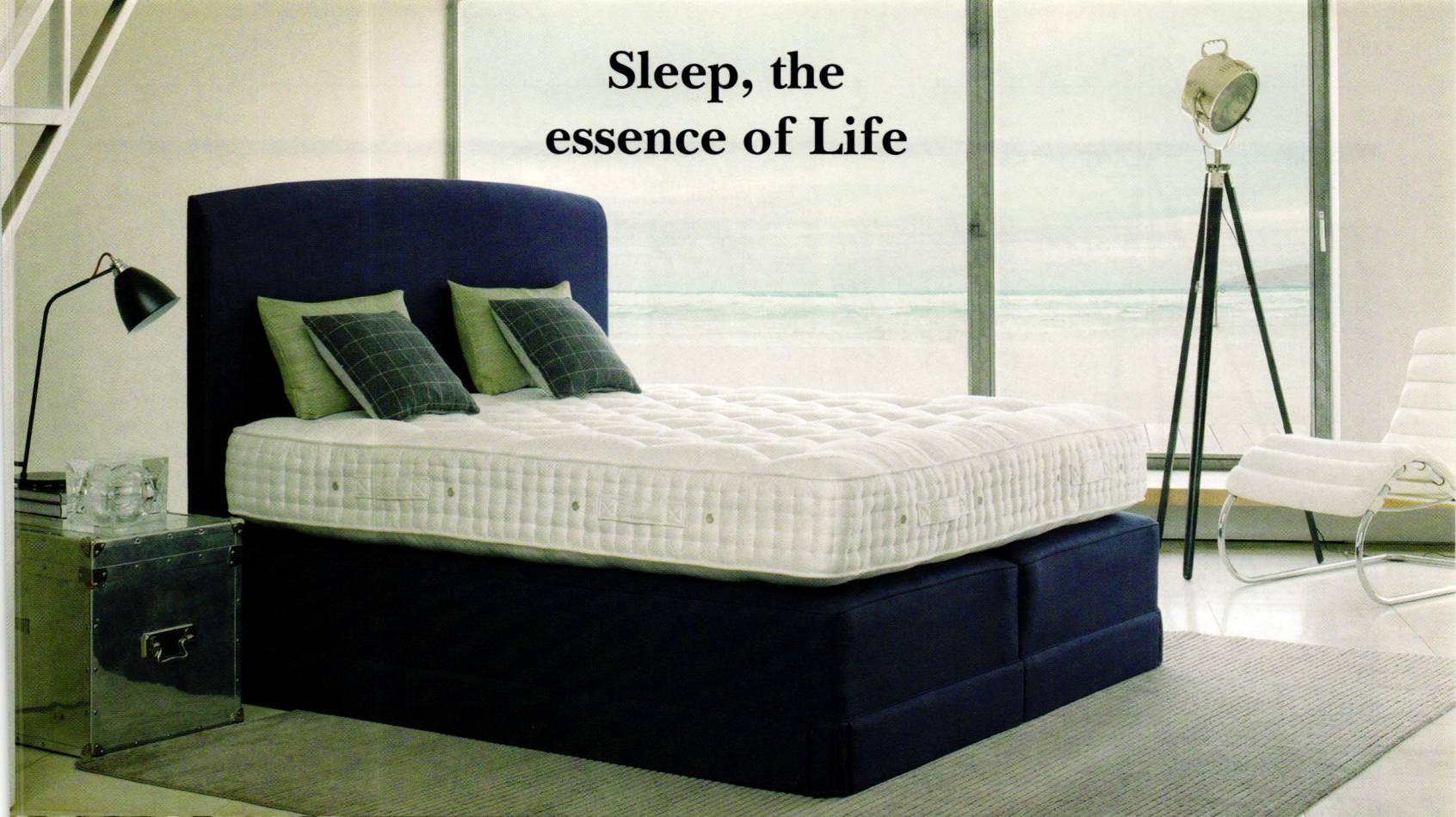
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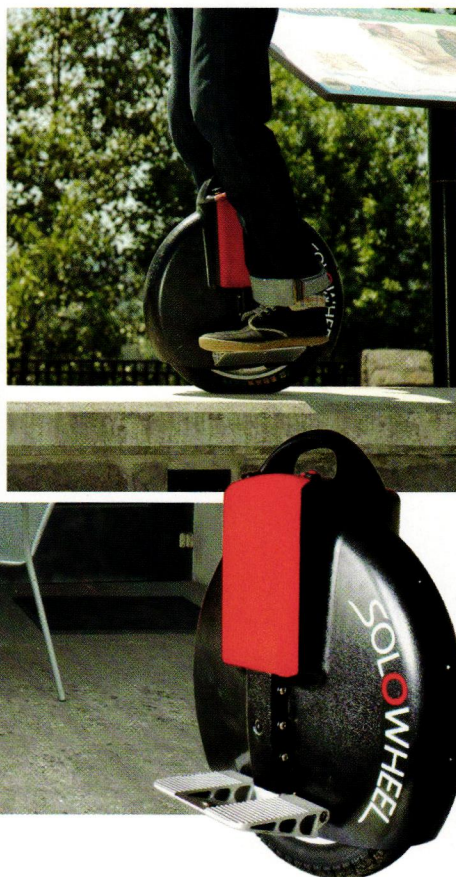
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## THE SOLOWHEEL

First there was the Segway, the two-wheeled, self-balancing, battery-powered electric vehicle. A remarkable invention, yes, but over time, it became a mode of transportation more utilitarian than hip. The Solowheel is hoping to pick up where the Segway left off—and it's as cool as it is convenient. That's because the Solowheel is just that: an electric unicycle with gyro-sensors that help the rider maintain balance. The experience is hands-free; users steer with their feet, and speed is controlled simply by leaning forward to speed up and backward to slow down. At 26 pounds, the Solowheel, which has a top speed of around 10 mph, is light and compact enough to bring to the office, to a restaurant, or anywhere else one might go. The built-in carrying handle makes it easy to pick up, and stowing it is simple, thanks to its folding foot pedals. It's also a green mode of transportation; it comes with a high-quality lithium-ion battery (a full-time charge lasts about two hours). *The Solowheel is \$1,795 and can be purchased at [inventist.com](http://inventist.com); [solowheel.com](http://solowheel.com). —David Eisen*

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# MARINA LIFESTYLE

For those who like to combine their love of boats with luxury living on land, communities built around world-class marinas provide the best of both worlds. If the good life means having the choice to spend time on the water with family and friends, these marina based communities could be your passport to paradise.





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## Sailfish Point

With the Indian River to the west, St. Lucie Inlet to the south, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, and the narrow strip of Hutchinson Island to the north, Sailfish Point is a geographical wonderland. The 532-acre island is host to 520 homes capitalizing on South Florida's intracoastal waters, sand-lined shores, and close proximity to the city of Stuart, Florida. Palm Beach lies an hour south, and the Bahamas less than 75 nautical miles east—adding girth to the island's aspect.

The result of a Mobil Land Development enterprise in the 1980s, Sailfish Point, like its maker, values exclusivity. Reflecting the sentiment is the full-service, deep-water marina housing 77 secured slips. One of the largest bulkheaded and privately owned marinas in Florida, it can accommodate vessels and watercrafts up to 125 feet long. Sailfish Point Marina and Yacht Club are, not surprisingly, the center of island socializing and were named by Links magazine as one of the top seven "Best for Boating" properties in the

nation. The Atlantic hovering, 60,000 square foot clubhouse presents al fresco dining options promising five-star, resort-like service and food.

Residents of oceanfront estate homes and sites, condos, villas, townhouses, and rentals are privy to all island offerings. The virtual utopia is comprised of an elite community sharing common interests, pursuits, and means. Continuing the history of wealth on 'Treasure Coast,' society members enjoy its beaches, tennis courts, fitness center, and spa. Boating, fishing, water sports, biking, cocktail and winetasting, picnics on the sandbar, themed events, and dinner dances—add length to the seemingly infinite list of things to do.

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For island-themed recreation, the waters of the Gulf Stream teem with dolphin, wahoo, kingfish, and, of course, the local sailfish; snorkeling and diving promise a sea full of sights. Light-tackle anglers have the St. Lucie Inlet and the Indian River for tarpon, snook, redfish and sea trout. No matter the game, adventure is its name.

From Gulf Stream to inlet to marina to river—water is Sailfish Point's unwavering theme. Its five miles of shoreline secure its dwellers an incomparable oceanside lifestyle. When Mobil built this island kingdom, it did so with a distinct set in mind; it is their fine taste and commitment to quality living that make the endeavor a renowned success.

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## Ortega Landing

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Comfortably nestled into Jacksonville's prestigious Ortega neighborhood—rated 46th among the nation's top 50 wealthiest—old homes, inviting parks, and an intriguing network of waterways make the area worthy of extensive exploration. Of particular note is the Ortega River Bridge; built in the 1920s, it is one of the oldest functioning drawbridges in the country. The neighborhood itself floats between the St. Johns and Ortega Rivers, making it a perfect peninsula. Nearby Riverside and Avondale offer further historic interest and present a host of pictorial homes and estates, boutiques, and charming greens. Outings and dining options abound with a short trip to one of the area's hot spots: Jacksonville Landing.

A docked stay at Ortega Landing is optimized by the 2,300 square foot blue-chip Club House, which features Ortega River views; spacious, beautifully tiled patio/pool/Jacuzzi area; socially positioned, state-of-the-art grilling amenities; a principal interior space arranged for comfortable, intimate gatherings; and a restful, contemplative library. All clubhouse rooms are handsomely appointed with members' fine tastes in mind.

Ortega homes are characterized by 2,650 square feet designed to maximize its postcard vistas; all units are composed of three bedrooms, a sizable living room with two sets of triple sliding paneled glass doors, kitchen, and dining area. Included is a 24-hour security service provided by management, as well as private gated parking with accompanying storage space.

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## Westshore Yacht Club

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Westshore's townhomes and Castillo highrise condominiums add to the yacht traveller's choices for on-land time. Commodious indoor and outdoor living spaces characterize all properties; terraces, decks, pools, patios, and bay access allow water lovers to continue their amorous affairs while ashore.

The renowned Bay Club is prized by members for its capital provisions—most notably the second floor Eight O'Six with its handsome bar and bay-view backdrop, august billiards chamber, stately dining hall, and harbor-kissing pool deck. Catering to all aspects of the beloved marina lifestyle, Westshore presents residents with Spa Nautique and Fitness Center where



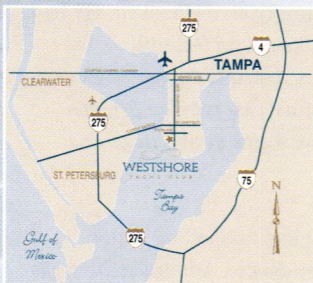
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## The Club at Admiral's Cove

When it comes time to venture forth for a good dose of the Gold Coast, the marina club and community at Admiral's Cove offers the best of everything.

Pleasantly situated close to South Florida's North Palm Beach, Admiral Cove's 'platinum' Jupiter country club has been named one of the Top 10 private golf and luxury clubs in the States. The Robert von Hagge-designed marina, clubhouse, and 18-hole championship golf course add weight to the claim.

With a landscape defined by architectural palms and gentle landforms; undulating courses and breezing grasses; and miles of finely clipped verdure—the cove is a natural wonder, and its marriage with Admiral's Club is as harmonious as its setting.

The marina's worthy reputation stems from developer Ben Frankel's vision to capitalize on a unique canal system created by John D. McArthur in the 1960's. Cottages and custom estate homes—nine hundred residences in all, eighty-five percent of which are located on the east side—occupy this first-class mooring. Forty-five holes of golf; five miles of easily accessed, navigable waterways; exceptional yacht services; tennis, spa, salon, and a full-service fitness center are among the royalties enjoyed by residents and their guests.

The marina is characterized by its location on the west side of the Intra-Coastal Waterway in Jupiter, Florida. Amenities include 52 deep-water ocean access slips, a gated entry, marina concierge, dock attendants, and reduced member fuel costs, as well as unequalled coastal views. The accompanying

yacht club, established in 1990, harbors three hundred members and has been labeled "the jewel in the crown." Five-star amenities and regular events, including dinner dances and "Docktail" parties, make for memorable maritime fun.

Highlighted by a clean white exterior, the clubhouse contrasts with blue sky and palm greens, evincing a mood-brightening effect. Two lounges, each hosting rich mahogany bars, provide easy, approachable gathering spaces. With one offering family-style seating, the other swanky sophistication, piano entertainment, and a fireside hearth—there are options for all hours of day and night.

Quarters are characterized by tasteful, expertly arranged furnishings that make for open, breathable spaces. Luminous contemporary chandeliers have a notable presence, and a ballroom-sized dining hall, marked by choice fabrics and décor, proffers an agreeable setting in which to feast. With its floor-to-ceiling windows and virtually worldwide views, a drifting-on-the-sea sensation is thematic of every meal. For patio dining, beryl umbrellas hood tabletops and contribute to a refreshing eating garden atmosphere.

Rooms are a pleasant union of sleeping and living accommodations; highly habitable spaces are refined by comforts ranging from the simple and superb, to the elegant and gold-star reigning. If business is at hand, there exists a relaxed, private meeting room with executive chairs and room enough for 12-14 people.

In addition to the fine boating and clubhouse accommodations, there are leading amenities for tennis recreation, including twelve Har-Tru 'Hydro-courts' with lighting for night play. And, for those who feel golf is the pinnacle of pleasure, there are multiple courses to cross. Jupiter offers two of its own, and Golf Village features three nature reserve-like 9-holes. Professional instruction and club fittings assure a grand old game on many a green.

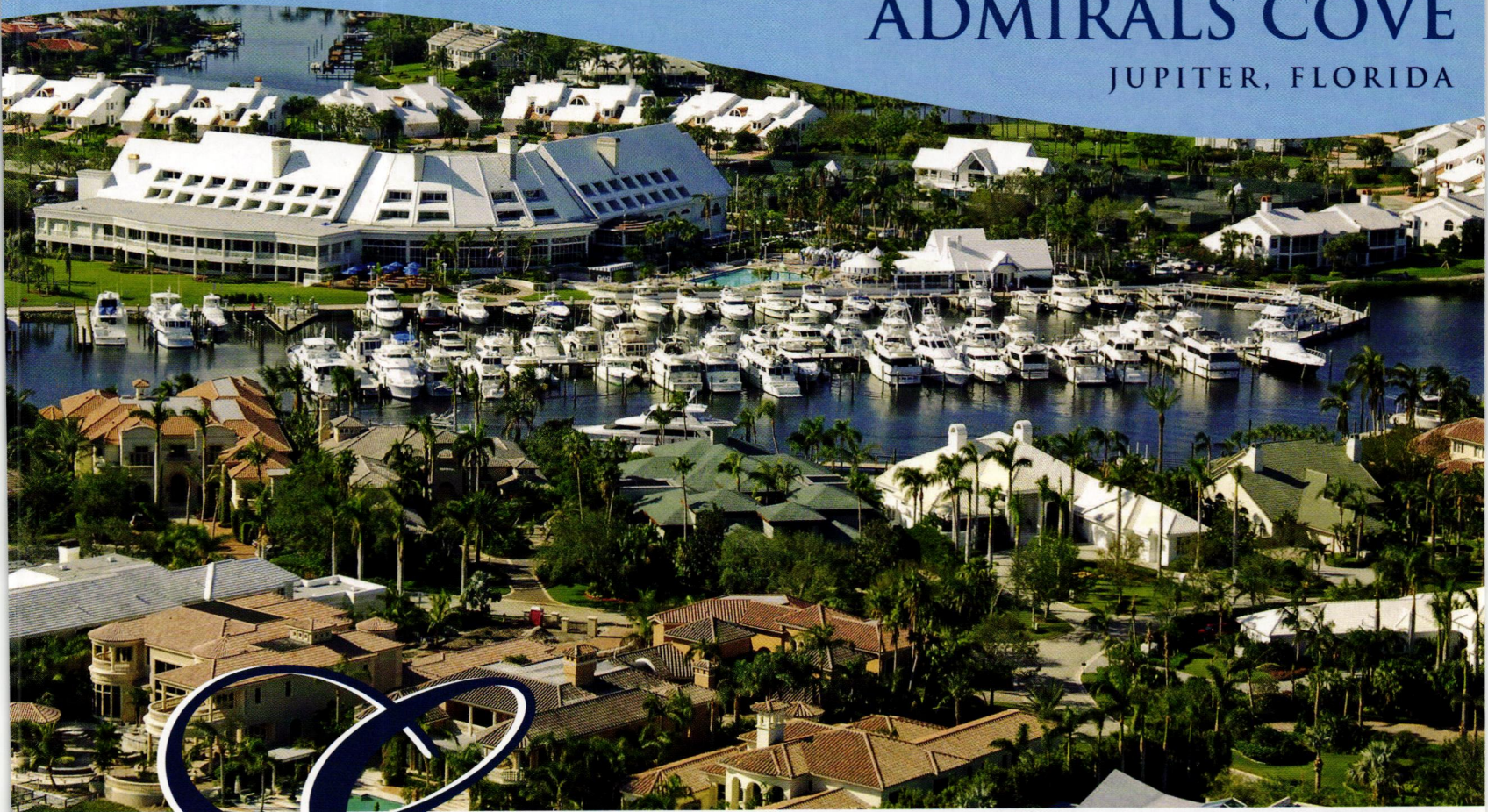
Whether time on the water, in the clubhouse, dining, unwinding under hypnosis of a massage, or dashing about court or course, Admiral's Cove has everything required to make residents comfortable and pleased. Their guests, too, are treated with the same kind of attention in a 32-room Inn with access to member services. For a picture perfect, all-inclusive, Jupiter, Florida good time, Admiral's Cove ought to be next in line.

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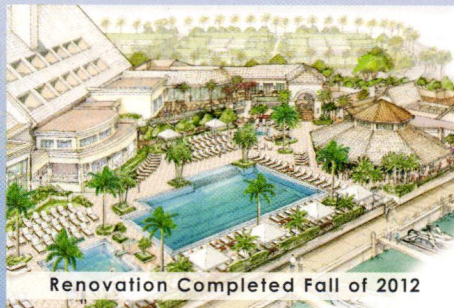
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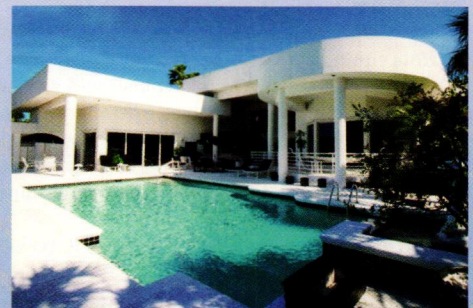
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# TERRY GOULD

## CEO AND FOUNDER

OCEAN HOME RECENTLY SAT DOWN WITH PUKKAH PAVILIONS CEO AND FOUNDER TERRY GOULD TO DISCUSS THE EVOLUTION OF HIS COMPANY AND HIS ENTRY INTO THE NORTH AMERICA MARKET



Not too many years ago, Terry Gould had a vision to create the ultimate outdoor living environments. Always a fan of Indonesian culture, he endeavored to locate the finest, most durable exotic woods and combine it with his unique and traditional Balinese designs. Pukkah Pavilions was soon born and has since ushered in Pukkah Design, a full service outdoor living design firm well known in Europe and now available in North and South America.

**CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT HOW AND WHY YOU CREATED PUKKAH PAVILIONS?**

I became involved through a friendship with the designer of the original concept, and I was enthralled with the capabilities of having numerous uses for outside living space, like the clever way a table can be instantly turned into a full day bed in a lounging area. I had never seen design expanded upon like this before and I became intrigued with the idea of creating bespoke environments for a certain clientele. I ended up purchasing the original concept, and have now expanded upon this to include additional divisions of the company.

**THE PAVILIONS ARE DESIGNED IN THE UK BUT WHAT IS BENEFIT OF HAVING THEM MANUFACTURED IN BALI?**

First and foremost, we scoured the world looking for the very best source of wood, searching for the elusive tradesmen who would ensure our goal of producing "the very best" products. The next step was to get a test pavilion built to our exact design and the result stunned all of us. The quality and precision was at such a high level that we have received nothing but accolades from the industry and our clients since.

**PUKKAH PAVILIONS AND PUKKAH FLOORING USES "BINKANA" OR IRON WOOD. HOW IS THIS WOOD DIFFERENT FROM TEAK OR MAHOGANY?**

Actually, Binkana is very similar to both teak and mahogany. In the early stages, we tested numerous hardwoods from around the world and only one consistently met our criteria - Indonesian Ironwood, or "Binkana". It is more durable when used outside, it has been tested by developers in exotic locales and is resistant to any termite, including Formosa!

**IS IT ECO-FRIENDLY?**

All of our wood is from sustainable forests, and we adhere to a full eco-friendly process, from cutting to replanting. The density of the wood alone allows us to offer the very best guarantees any wood supplier will give, and recently this helped us secure a large contract in the Bahamas where we will be supplying all of the wood products throughout the development. This was awarded to Pukkah even before our launch on the main market! The client was mostly relieved to be able to move ahead with the development not having to worry about termites ravaging the wood.

**CONSIDERING YOUR PRODUCTS ARE MADE TO ORDER, DOES THIS LIMIT YOUR CAPACITY?**

No it doesn't. Our wood does have the longest drying time of any wood in the world, but it is a continuous process and we are always a step ahead. We use the latest CNC

equipment, and our CAD department work alongside each client to offer friendly advice and assist with any questions, ensuring that whatever the product - whether it's a bespoke pavilion or a large volume of custom fit doors - the finished item is exactly what the client envisioned.

**THE COMPANY HAS GROWN AND EVOLVED LATELY. CAN YOU TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT PUKKAH DESIGN?**

I formed Pukkah Design after numerous meetings with our client from the Bahamas. I found that although they had a stunning conceptual design and a site that is ideal for his marina and 170 properties, they were not getting turnkey assistance from suppliers. I had vision of expanding the Pukkah brand into design and knew I could help him and hopefully many more clients in the future.

**WHAT SEPARATES YOU FROM YOUR COMPETITORS?**

I don't believe we have a competitor, as what we offer is unique. From the outdoor living spaces that are bespoke and built to encompass the clients every need, we get involved from the initial enquiry, our design team will help every step of the way, ensuring what the client/designer want, we ensure he gets.

I have simply taken this philosophy and expanded upon it for the rest of the group; we now offer assistance to designers and developers from day one.

**WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER DEVELOPMENTS BREAKING GROUND IN EXOTIC LOCALES LIKE THE BAHAMAS AND THE CARIBBEAN?**

Most developers I have met in the past have used either soft treated woods or the more expensive hardwoods such as IPEA. I can state categorically our wood outperforms any wood on the market yet is less expensive than IPEA equivalent products. Caribbean and Bahamas developers know that termites is the biggest problem they face, and this can devastate a development if they take hold. Our products eliminate that threat by producing a full range of bespoke items from doors to shutters, railing systems, screens and flooring and decking. Quite frankly, there is no company in the world offering our clients neither the quality of products nor the level of after care service we do.

**SO, FINALLY, IF A DEVELOPER OR DESIGNER IS CONSIDERING CONTACTING YOU WITH QUESTIONS OR ADVICE ON JUST HOW PUKKAH CAN HELP THEM, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR ANSWER?**

We of course help each client every step of the way and we also take things a step further. Once the client's needs are specified, we offer a full 3D visual service, given at cost, with a full 3D fly through of the development, allowing the developer to envision the completed project well before it commences. This gives potential clients an insight into the project so they can commit beforehand with utmost confidence.

Pukkah is a global company but our immediate focus is building and promoting our brand in North and South America, and the Caribbean, so we can expose the Pukkah brand to a multitude of new clients.



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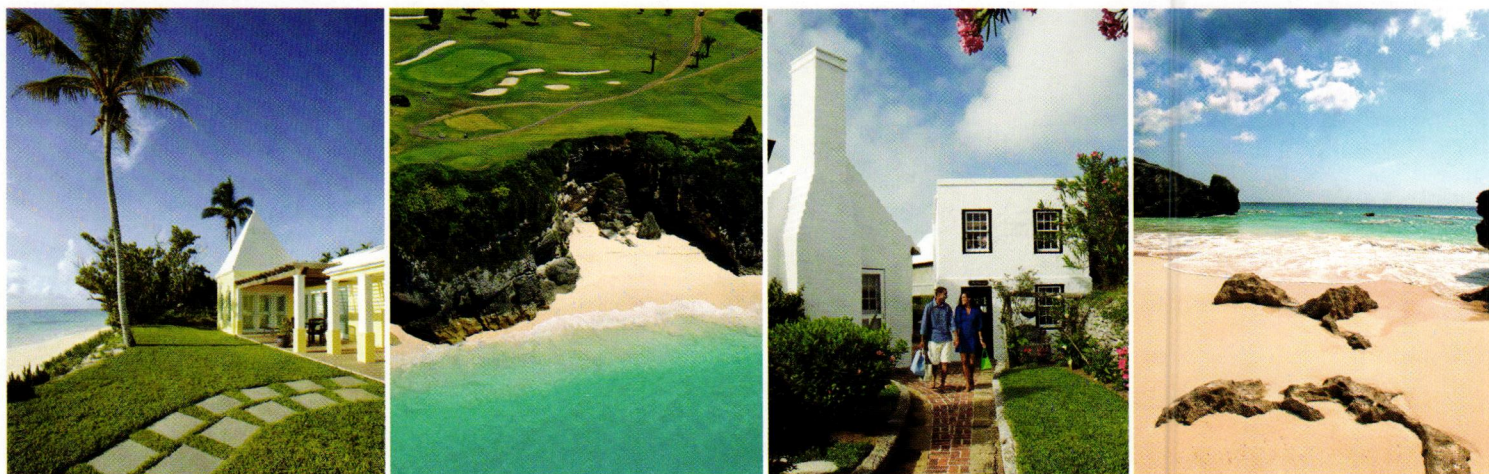
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## Bathing Beauty

The Baths are a stunning stop on any Virgin Gorda itinerary.







**ISLAND LIFE:** Beachfront living at Elbow Beach; fairways and greens at Port Royal Golf Course; shopping in St. George's; and one of Bermuda's many beautiful beaches.

## Blissful Bermuda

Coral pink beaches, rainbow-hued villas, and emerald green golf courses are just a few of the kaleidoscopic colors of Bermuda.

By **Andrew Conway**

**WHEN THE BRITISH** sailing ship *The Sea Venture* wrecked on a tiny island in the Atlantic in 1609, England's loss quickly proved to be a fortuitous accident. Once the "dreadful storme, an Hell of Darkness," as one of the survivors wrote in his diary, had passed and most of the ship's complement sailed on to the fledgling colony of Jamestown, Virginia, a few adventurers remained and settled what is now the beautiful island of Bermuda.

Four centuries later, this lovely subtropical archipelago of 181 islands that are warmed by the Gulf Stream has cast off its turbulent beginnings and become a magnet for jetsetters and honeymooners seeking a fun, relaxed, romantic, and sophisticated escape.

Located 650 miles off the coast of North Carolina, an easy two-hour flight from many U.S. East Coast cities, Bermuda successfully blends luxe hotels and resorts with top-notch dining, golfing, spa-going, and shopping in an alluring vision of coral pink sand beaches, rainbow-colored villas,

and emerald green golf courses.

No need to hire a car for exploring, as taxis, buses, and ferries are both plentiful and reasonably priced. The island's original railway track, linking the East and West Ends of the island, is now a wonderfully scenic walking and cycling trail, and several island cruises operate from Hamilton, Bermuda's bustling capital.

Not surprisingly, the island's

unique and iconic pink sand is the major draw. The best beaches lie along the south shore; Elbow, Church Bay, Horseshoe Bay, Jobson's Cove, and Warwick Long Bay beaches are all gorgeous settings to sink your toes in the powdery sand, swim in aquamarine water, and enjoy a sunset cocktail.

It seems only fitting that an island born of a "dreadful storme" should name its national drink the Dark 'n' Stormy, a lip-smacking cocktail comprising Gosling's Black Seal Rum topped with Bermuda ginger beer and a wedge of lime. Rest assured, apart from an occasional rain cloud, it's the only dark and stormy thing you'll see on this extraordinarily beautiful island. [gotobermuda.com](http://gotobermuda.com).

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**② WHERE TO EAT** Enjoy cocktails, dining, and dancing at the **Rumbar and Victoria Grill**. 29 Victoria Street, Hamilton; 441-296-5050; [victoria-grill.com](http://victoria-grill.com). Have a fun pub lunch at the boisterous **Swizzle Inn**, then walk to the spectacular **Crystal Caves**. 3 Blue Hole Hill; 441-293-1854; [swizzleinn.com](http://swizzleinn.com). **Coconuts at The Reefs** is the perfect rendezvous for a romantic dinner overlooking the beach. 56 South Road; 441-238-0222; [thereefs.com](http://thereefs.com).

**③ WHAT TO DO** Explore quaint and historic **St. George's**, located at the East End of the island, as well as its beautiful **St. Peter's Church**. 441-297-8043; [stgeorgesfoundation.org](http://stgeorgesfoundation.org). Shop for souvenirs at the **Royal Naval Dockyard**, now home to many unique and talented Bermudian artisans. West End; 441 234 1709; [thewestend.bm](http://thewestend.bm). Tee off at **Rosewood Tucker's Point** and **Port Royal**, two of the island's top 18-hole golf courses. [rosewoodhotels.com](http://rosewoodhotels.com); [portroyalgolf.bm](http://portroyalgolf.bm).





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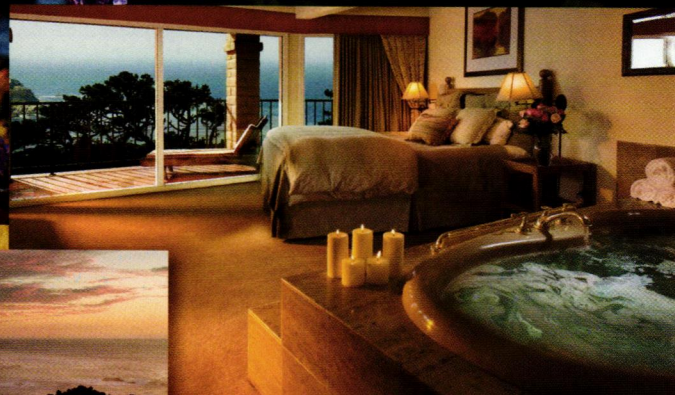
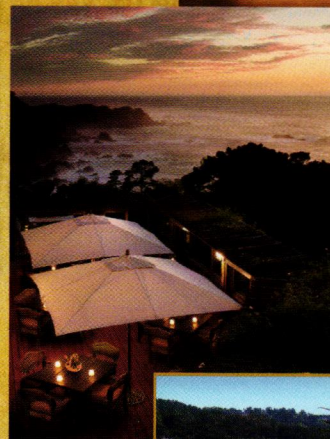
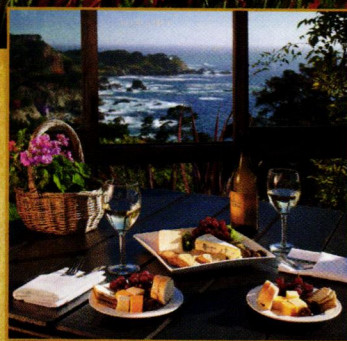
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# Little Gem

On Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands, Rosewood's Little Dix Bay packs a big punch when it comes to luxury. By **Lindsay Lambert**

**THERE'S SOMETHING MAGICAL** about Rosewood Little Dix Bay on Virgin Gorda in the British Virgin Islands. Perhaps it's the way the resort's villas, rooms, and suites tuck into a lush, hilly landscape overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Or the noticeable lack of TVs and other outside distractions. Or the way the moon hangs over the tree-lined crescent beach at night, giving the place an almost "lost"-like quality. Half the fun of staying here is figuring out what's so special about it.

Little Dix debuted in 1964 after its founding by financier and philanthropist Laurance S. Rockefeller. Today, the resort continues to welcome guests—a large percentage are repeat visitors—who appreciate its laid-back luxury and subtle sophistication. Plus, a \$25 million update by current owner Rosewood means that the resort now has more to offer than ever before.

Little Dix's waterfront location lends itself to aquatic activities, like scuba diving, water skiing, sailing, windsurfing, fishing, and snorkeling. More earthly options include tennis, hiking along Cow Head Trail, private picnics on nearby beaches, and sunning on Little Dix's own three-quarter-mile stretch of sand. Yoga, Pilates, and exercise facilities are also available, and Little Dix recently debuted new fitness retreats, allowing guests to learn and practice wellness philosophies and fitness techniques—from low-impact stretching sessions

to high-intensity Kettlebell workouts—taught by experts.

Arguably, the most popular spot at Little Dix is Sense, A Rosewood Spa, thanks to its dramatic clifftop setting and Caribbean-style services. Many treatments use botanical resources that are grown or produced locally. Sense is so serene and stunning that a chaise by its infinity-edge pool overlooking Sir Francis Drake Channel is prime seating, even on days when guests' itineraries are devoid of spa services.

Also distinguishing Little Dix from its competition is that food here is actually good. Romantic beach dinners and picnics are a must, but even standard fare here is anything but. Three restaurants—the Pavilion, the Beach Grill, and the Sugar Mill—offer vast buffets, casual lunch options, and fine entrées, respectively. In 2012, to coincide with neighboring Anegada's annual Lobster Festival, Little Dix launched a lobster meal plan, allowing seafood-obsessed guests to enjoy different iterations of the crustacean at every meal. The program promises to return in 2013, just one special touch among many at this precious island gem. [rosewoodhotels.com/en/littledixbay/](http://rosewoodhotels.com/en/littledixbay/).



## THE AGENDA VIRGIN GORDA

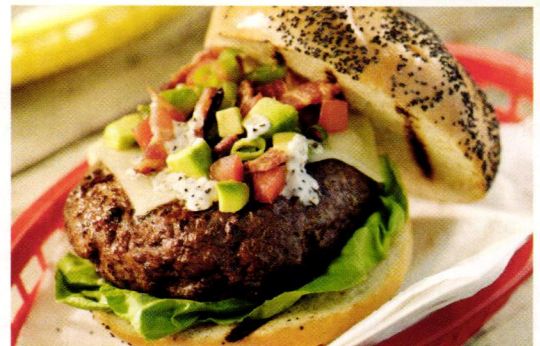
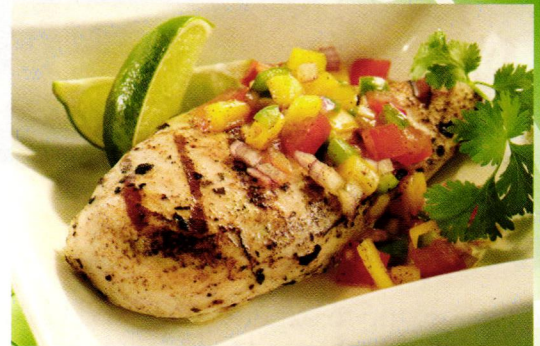
**The Baths** Located on the southern end of Virgin Gorda, The Baths are among the island's most popular attractions and a top spot for snorkeling. Here, giant boulders, or batholiths, brought to the surface by volcanic eruptions, form a beautiful grotto, tranquil rock pools, and trails. Passenger traffic can be heavy, as The Baths are a popular stop for cruise passengers, but at

more peaceful times, it's simply stunning. [britishvirginislands.com/vg.htm](http://britishvirginislands.com/vg.htm). **Spring Bay** Adjacent to The Baths, Spring Bay is the ultimate Virgin Gorda picnic spot. Here, guests can barbecue, hang out on the beach, and scale giant boulders for stunning sea views—if they dare. [ultimatebvi.com/virgin-gorda/beaches/spring-bay/](http://ultimatebvi.com/virgin-gorda/beaches/spring-bay/). **The Rock Café & Sam's Piano Bar** Although Little

Dix caters to affluent, well-heeled clientele, a Caribbean vacation can still call for a little island-style (read: raucous) fun. Guests can hop a taxi for the short ride to The Rock Café & Sam's Piano Bar, where locals gather to gab and dance while a well-versed piano player constantly (and skillfully) churns out favorite sing-along songs. [facebook.com/rockcafebvi](http://facebook.com/rockcafebvi).



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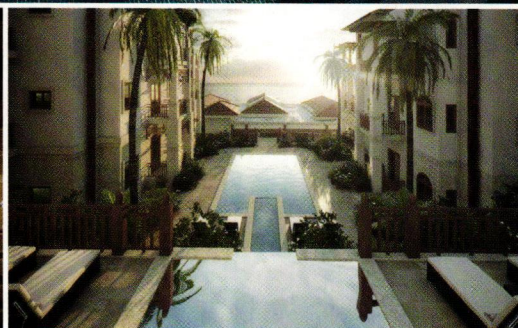
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## Ahh, Anguilla

If you're looking to experience island life that's off the beaten path, head to little-known Anguilla.

By **Teri Borseti**

**CARIBBEAN LOVERS** looking for something a bit more than a typical island getaway should consider Anguilla. The tiny island (just 35 square miles) with a population of 15,000 is one of the most northerly Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles, and it's anything but typical. In fact, just getting there requires a 15-minute boat ride from St. Maarten, or a 15-minute plane ride from St. Barts.

Once on the island, you won't find chain restaurants or stores, and there's no public transportation. Here, small-town island life, light traffic, lush landscaping, and gorgeous beaches make it the perfect place to relax and forget about the world. Leave your stress behind and enjoy the sun, along with walking on the beach, biking, hiking, sailing, and golfing.

Unlike many vacation destinations inundated with new construction projects, Anguilla has precious few. The newest condo development, Zemi Beach, located at Shoal Bay East, includes 73 traditional Caribbean-style units with modern overtones. The 1,000-foot Zemi Beach itself has been named among the best beach in the world by The Discovery Channel.

The new single-level one-, two-, and three-bedroom condos offer a little slice of heaven, and the limited number of residences adds to Anguilla's exclusivity. Every residence has a water view and its own private infinity plunge pool and deck.

Julio Bautista, construction representative for Trust Hospitality Management Company, says he's proud to say the condos are being built with less than one percent imported materials. "We're using the best possible technology and materials available, and the development is being built [to be] as sustainable as possible," says Bautista.

Residents will enjoy 24-hour concierge service, as well as access to a luxury spa, juice bar, state-of-the-art fitness center, and outdoor yoga terrace. There will also be three on-site beachfront

restaurants and a beach deck with a full bar. Prices of the residences range from \$608,000 for 1,200-square-foot units to \$2.9 million for 3,700-square-foot units.

Anguilla has a tropical, though rather dry, climate. The terrain is mostly flat, making it ideal for biking. The island has 33 beaches, numerous salt ponds, and a small rainforest on the north side. Though free of large animals, look for lizards, Caribbean hermit crabs, a variety of sand pipers, the Mangrove cuckoo, and dolphins.

Most eateries on Anguilla enjoy ocean views. Locations to have a cocktail or enjoy steel drum, reggae, and calypso music include The Viceroy, Elvis Beach Bar, The Pump House, and Gwen's Reggae Bar & Grill. Catering to visitors with a penchant for all things arts related, Anguilla also boasts 15 art galleries, as well as the Mayoumba Folkloric Theater, which features a traditional Anguillan theater for showcasing singing and dancing. [zemibeach.com](http://zemibeach.com).

### THE AGENDA **ANGUILLA**

**Sandy Island** Take a 15-minute boat ride to Sandy Island, a small tropical oasis with a small eatery that serves barbecued foods and rum punch. [mysandy-island.com](http://mysandy-island.com).

**Heritage Collection Museum** A mustn't-miss museum filled with artifacts and exhibits celebrating the island's history, this spot will provide a satisfying

history fix. [offshore.com.ai/heritage](http://offshore.com.ai/heritage). **Wallblake House** Built in 1787, this house is the oldest and only surviving plantation house on the island. [wallblake.ai/](http://wallblake.ai/).



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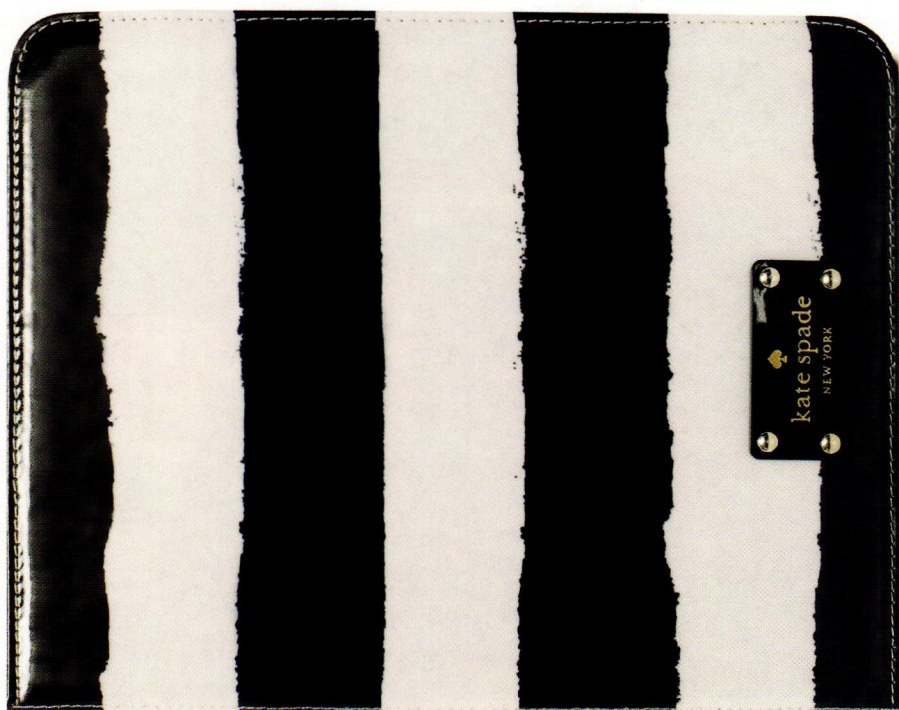


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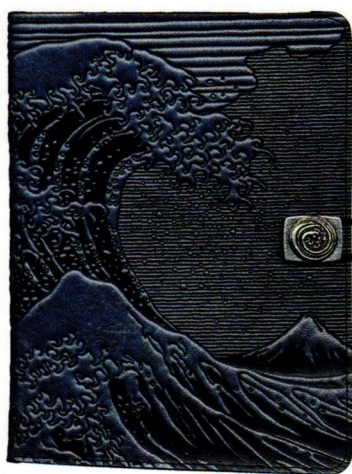
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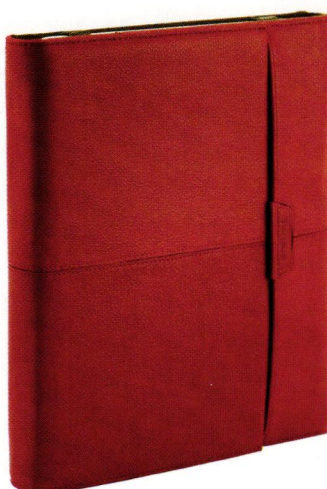
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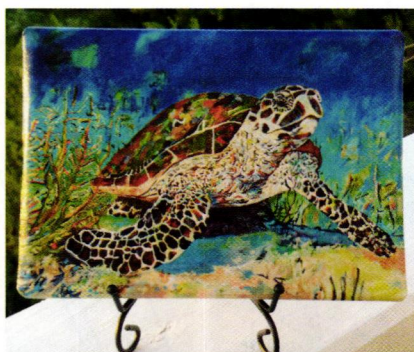
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# Sitting Pretty

Not all airline seats are created equal. By **Paul Rubio**

**AIRLINE ADS CAN BE** so seductive. They feed off nostalgia for aviation's glamour years and somehow convince us that fun and fancy in the air have returned. However, that golden image of a comfy flatbed, a private suite, a lively bar, beautiful passengers, and pampering from smiling flight attendants hardly matches reality, even when booking a first class seat. Thankfully, a bit of homework and an excellent online resource, Seat Guru (seatguru.com), can help predict your next in-flight experience and temper—or raise—your expectations.

**Economy's Multi-Class Act** Consumers beware! Airlines are adding more classes, such as “economy comfort,” “economy plus,” and “premium economy.” These are often basic economy seats with a few extra inches of width (distance between arm rests) or pitch (distance indicating legroom). Do not confuse them with business class seats. Seat Guru's Economy Comparison Charts highlight the minor differences between the new and old incarnations of cattle class, and indicate amenities such as a laptop power plug or a personal TV on some flights.

**Down to Business** In general, there are four types of business or first class seats: suites (private enclaves with flatbed seats), flatbed seats (completely horizontal), lie-flat seats (positioned with 180 degrees of incline), and recliner seats. Seat Guru's Business and First Class Comparison Charts offer vast comparisons between airlines and aircrafts in terms of seat type, pitch, width, and accompanying amenities. Consider, at the very least, a lie-flat seat for long-haul flights.



**Airlines and Aircraft** Seat Guru maintains a full catalogue of airline seating charts for various aircrafts, with detailed plane layouts. It's possible to search by airline, aircraft, or flight number to get full details of a plane for specific travelling dates. Seat Guru also highlights which seats to avoid due to minimal overhead space or proximity to the galley. Don't assume because an airline has upgraded some of their business class seats that it holds true for all their planes.

**Land of Confusion** There's plenty of confusion when it comes to terminology in the front cabins. Most airlines offer a business class separate from first class, while some combine them. To make things more complicated, post-merger United Airlines offers “Business First,” “First,” and “Business”—all of which are completely different seats, ranging from 38” to 78” in pitch. By offering detailed seat information, Seat Guru helps flag these differences, so six-foot-tall (and taller) travelers get comfortable seats.



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# THE REVIEWS ARE IN AND THEY'RE SOLIDLY IN OUR FAVOR

Thermador's Masterpiece® Series Cooktop, Masterpiece Wall Oven and Freedom® Bottom Freezer Refrigerator all recently received the coveted #1 ranking from a leading, independent product testing agency. And our stunning Star-Sapphire™ Dishwasher, with the industry's fastest full wash cycle also earned its highest recognition. While all these accolades are nice, Thermador will never forget who we really build our appliances for: real cooks who demand real innovation.





The #1 ranked kitchen shown, includes the top ranked bottom freezer refrigerator, wall oven and gas cooktop.







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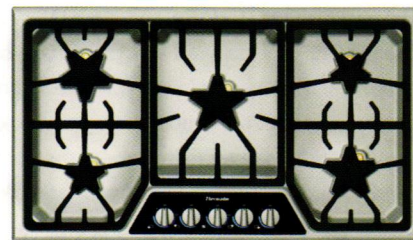
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# THE COOKTOP ALL OTHER COOKTOPS WANT TO BE

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The #1 ranked cooktop is lighting a heavenly fire under the status quo and the Star® Burner is perhaps Thermador's single most iconic innovation. But the star shape isn't just for show. The Star Burner delivers superior flame spread and a reduced cold spot for faster and more even heating. Lifting the Star Burner to even greater heights, the most recent improvements include increased heat output to 22,000 BTU and an elevated burner pedestal for performance and quick and easy clean-up.



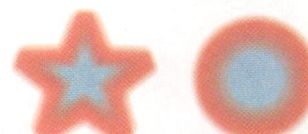
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*In 1998, Thermador once again changed the shape and face of cooking with our patented Star Burner. Far surpassing the performance of conventional circular-shaped burners, Star Burners create a 56% longer perimeter than their round counterparts. This allows for more ports, greater flame distribution and superior heat coverage.*



Star Burner: 35 ports / 16 3/4" perimeter

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The design of the Star Burner offers greater heat coverage, and a smaller cold spot, making it ideal for any pan size.





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# THE WALL OVEN THAT PERFECTS WHAT WE STARTED

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Thermador invented the wall oven. Now we've taken our experience and used it to create the industry's #1 ranked wall oven. This oven provides 14 cooking modes, easy-to-use graphical display and incomparable Thermador quality and design. Its six cooking levels and true convection make it easy to cook several dishes simultaneously without any flavor transfer. Plus, the fastest preheat on the market means this oven is ready when you're ready to cook. It's the wall oven that's redefining the category Thermador invented.



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\*30" Masterpiece Wall Oven ranked #1 by an independent product testing agency. Available at a Thermador dealer near you. Visit [thermador.com](http://thermador.com).













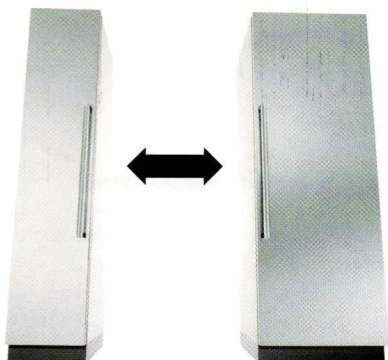
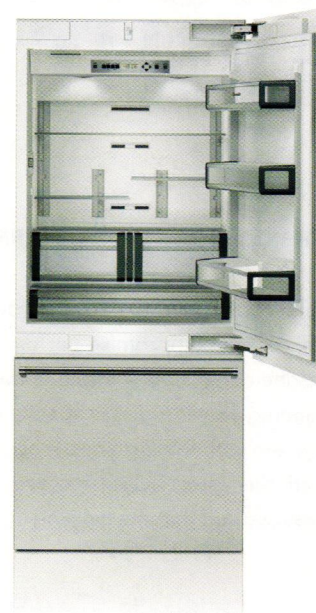
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# INNOVATION THAT TAKES THE BOTTOM TO THE TOP

## FREEDOM® COLLECTION BOTTOM FREEZER REFRIGERATOR

Ranked #1 by an independent testing agency, the Freedom Collection Bottom Freezer Refrigerator creates a more organized food storage area and accommodates even large items such as a ham or turkey. This refrigerator features Thermador's proprietary Freedom Hinge, which allows the doors to open to 115°, enabling it to be fully flush-mounted without sacrificing accessibility. And true to its Freedom name, the hinge is able to support virtually any custom wood panel you choose. This is the bottom freezer taken to a higher level.



## WITH FREEDOM, SEPARATE HAS NO EQUAL

*Thermador Freedom Collection Refrigeration lets you design your refrigeration around your kitchen, not vice versa. Freedom Refrigeration is the leader in true flush, tall-door designs that blend seamlessly into your kitchen's aesthetics, which lets cooks build their own unique combination of refrigeration, wine and freezer columns. And true to Thermador's heritage, our new line has been re-imagined with state-of-the-art LED lighting and the largest portfolio of true flush design in the industry.*

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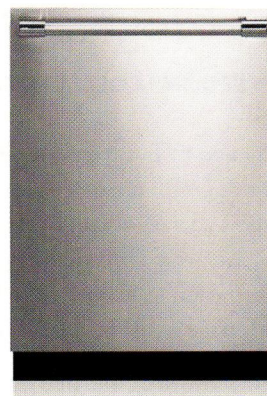




# THE NEW STAR OF THE KITCHEN MOVES AT LIGHT SPEED

## THERMADOR STAR-SAPPHIRE™ DISHWASHER

Real cooks need the flexibility to entertain without restrictions. That means dish care solutions that won't compromise performance for luxury, or speed for capacity. Where others fall short in one dimension or another, the Star-Sapphire Dishwasher cleans up, including an industry leading 18-wine-glass capacity, a Chef's Tool Drawer® and the industry's only flexible racking system with folding tines — accommodating utensils and cookware of all shapes and sizes. And with the fastest full wash of any residential dishwasher in its class, it lets those who love to entertain rest assured that the evening never has to stop for lack of a clean wine glass or serving dish.



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This is no mere range, no mere oven. This is a full culinary quiver for true cooking enthusiasts. It's a playground for flavors, textures and recipe innovation. It's where a real cook's passion for food meets Thermador's passion for innovation. This is the only range to offer seven cooking options, including, for the first time, a full-function combination Steam & Convection Oven. Plus, a cooktop outfitted with Thermador's patented Star® Burner with ExtraLow® simmering technology and powerful 22,000 BTU burners. And an extra-large oven with a capacity of 5.1 cubic feet. It's easy to see why the kitchen will never be the same. The Pro Grand Steam Range — this is the Ultimate Culinary Center™.



## HANDCRAFTED WITH PRIDE IN THE U.S.A.

*For over 16 years our factory in Tennessee has employed highly skilled engineers, designers, welders and craftspeople. They work together to build ranges that define cooking performance — and they do it with an old-fashioned work ethic and unmatched attention to detail.*

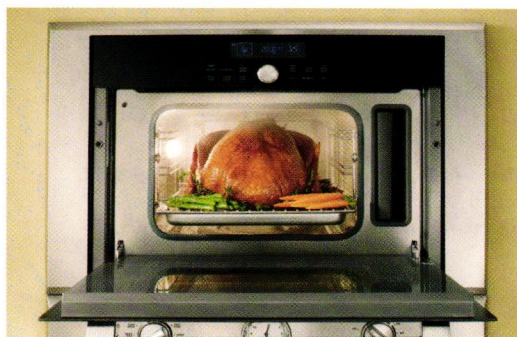




# THE NEW COOKING REVOLUTION RUNS ON STEAM

## THERMADOR STEAM & CONVECTION OVEN

The true cook's kitchen is incomplete without the power of steam. And the way Thermador sees it, no steam oven is complete without the power of convection. Defrost, steam, proof, bake, slowcook and reheat — Thermador's Steam & Convection Oven's performance and flexibility are unmatched. More importantly, the oven provides the taste, texture and quality to match your passion for cooking. Your healthy side will be happy too — the process allows food to retain more of their essential vitamins and nutrients. One dish and you'll understand the power of steam.



## DESIGNED TO TAME THE WILDEST TURKEY

*Thermador's Steam & Convection Oven offers a larger capacity than most. In fact, its 1.4 cubic foot capacity means it easily accommodates a 14-lb turkey. Plus, it comes with over 40 EasyCook pre-programmed settings, which allows the oven the ability to independently control both steam and heat. From couture cuisine to a chicken pot pie, meals are done better with the Steam & Convection Oven.*



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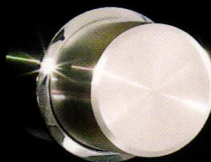
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# THE SMART COOKTOP WITH A SIXTH SENSE FOR POTS AND PANS

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Induction is the most revolutionary advancement in cooking technology in the last 30 years. And Thermador's Freedom Induction Cooktop is the most revolutionary in its category. Never content to settle, Thermador has re-imagined the possibilities of induction cooking, creating the industry's largest, fully usable cooking surface. The new Freedom Induction Cooktop offers more responsiveness, more flexibility and the first full-color touch-screen interface that intuitively guides its user. This is the induction cooktop every cook should be excited about.



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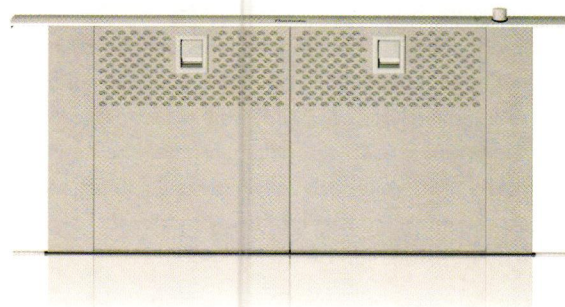




# THE VENTILATION SYSTEM THAT ELEVATES THE GAME

## MASTERPIECE® SERIES DOWNDRAFT VENTILATION

Featuring an elevating "snorkel" intake, downdraft marries form and function, delivering powerfully quiet ventilation with unobstructed kitchen views. With a 14" intake, the tallest on the market, the ventilation rises well above even the tallest pans. This protects against splatters when cooking and provides better performance in capturing steam and smoke — even from the front burners. And when the cooking is done, the ventilation disappears into the countertop at the touch of a button. Thermador's Masterpiece Series Downdraft Ventilation gives full control over how the kitchen functions and looks.



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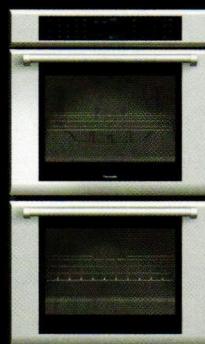
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# BEACH- READY BLUEPRINTS

AN OCEAN HOME IS AN OCEAN HOME, RIGHT?  
NOT EXACTLY. FIVE LEADING COASTAL  
ARCHITECTS IN VERY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS  
SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND  
EXPERTISE IN DESIGNING AND BUILDING  
THE RIGHT HOME IN THE PERFECT  
WATERFRONT SETTING.

BY ANDREW CONWAY







# ASK ANY ARCHITECT

*how one ocean home varies from the next, and he or she will likely tell you it's all by degrees—the sun's orientation, the view, the water, the specific location, geography and topography, and adjacent sites and structures, not to mention the array of building materials being incorporated into the project.*

## **Pacific Northwest**

**LOCATION:** Seattle, WA

**ARCHITECT:** Gregory J. Bader  
*Principal, Bader Architecture*  
[baderarch.com](http://baderarch.com)

**Most important consideration in a coastal architecture project:** Protection against the elements—harsh sun, corrosive salt air, high wind velocities, including horizontal wind-driven rain and sand—on a year-after-year basis.

**Unexpected or unique architectural elements you've used:** Copper finials and weathervanes, lightning rods, reclaimed English chimney pots, reclaimed timbers, gambrel roofs with oval inset windows, widow's watches, turrets, motorized outdoor "blackout" blinds, and elevator access to roof observation decks.

**A common myth about coastal architecture you've proven wrong:** That aluminum windows are all-protective against the harsh elements. In truth, they often exhibit the same number of issues as wood or vinyl. Aluminum windows have been known to sweat, fade, leak in high winds, and crack at corner joints, allowing wind-driven water to penetrate the wall structure if not properly counter flashed.

**Your favorite coastal home project and why:** The Shingle Style home (pictured) overlooking Lake Washington conjures up the casual elegance of summers away from the hustle and noise of the city. With its cedar shingles and battered stone foundations, it seems timeless and perfectly complements the lay of the land.

**An evolving coastal architecture trend:** While traditional waterfront homes in Washington State tend to be of cedar shakes, shingles, or rustic lapped planks (cedar being a locally farmed building material), some newer homes are being built in the iconic International Style, often characterized by the use of broad sheets of flat cement board siding, steel post and beam structure, and the latest rain-screen type of walls that breathe but don't allow moisture to enter.

**A no-no in coastal architecture:** Unprotected wood beams and beam ends, especially those that are structural. Another is not exclusively using stainless steel connectors, including nails and screws.

**A project that best represents your individual coastal architecture style:** A Mediterranean-style home (pictured), situated on the shores of Puget Sound, and the Shingle Style home. Each attempts to maximize the views to the water and provide unique vantage points from different parts of the home at different times of the day. I like both homes because they are of a size that one's focus is not only on details at hand but also on a procession of spaces and moods.

**An idea that still has a client talking:** The painting out of electrical switch plates and trim rings around "can"-type recessed ceiling fixtures. It is something seemingly so simple, yet can be of high visual impact.

**A beach on which you would love to own a house:** The beach at the southern end of Camano Island, located in the San Juan Islands between

Seattle and Victoria, B.C., one of the few beaches in the region that isn't rocks or dark green sand but actually gorgeous white sand. The adjacent high bank makes access to and from the beach a bit daunting—a climb of more than 100 steps—but it does provide for dramatic views.

**I love designing coastal homes because:** ... of the unique challenges of providing access to key views, to structural challenges, to sun exposure and weather, to relationship to neighbors, to applying an owner's stylistic preferences.

## **The Northeast**

**LOCATION:** New York

**ARCHITECT:** Robert Barnes and Christopher Coy  
*Principals, Barnes Coy Architects*  
[barnescoy.com](http://barnescoy.com)

**Most important consideration in a coastal architecture project:** Waterfront houses are inherently vulnerable to extreme weather associated with the sea, so the primary design objective is the use of materials and forms that will both protect the house and enhance the ageing process.

**An unexpected or unique architectural element you've used:** We have used rustic stone wall construction in many of our projects, which is usually unexpected in modern design. This method involves the use of large stones, windows set deeply into thick walls, and opaque stone walls interrupted by large areas of glass transparency.





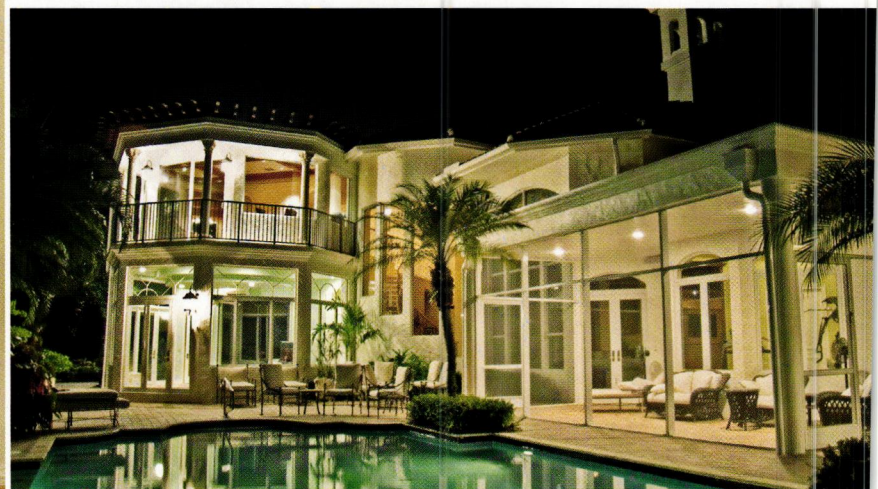
**FROM ALL ANGLES:** Clockwise from left, the home on St. Barts designed by Robert Barnes and Christopher Coy, principals of the eponymous architecture firm with locations in Manhattan and Bridgehampton, New York, and Vail, Colorado; the cantilevered bridge that juts out from the entrance of a Barnes Coy-designed residence in Costa Rica; a home by Barnes Coy in Quogue, New York, which features an angular design and plenty of large windows (also shown in previous spread).







**HALL OF FAME:** Connecticut's PH Architects designed a vacation home on Palm Island in Cape Haze, Florida (above left; left), in 2012. Above right, a kitchen designed by the firm for a home in Palm Beach, and below, the rear of a PH-designed home in West Palm Beach. Opposite, a grand summer residence on Lake Washington, designed by Seattle-based Bader Architecture, featuring stone, shingles, and slate.



**A common myth about coastal architecture you've proven wrong:** A particularly persistent myth concerning coastal architecture is the need for huge terraces and many balconies facing the water. Because the terraces and balconies have furniture and handrails, the view from inside the house becomes occluded. Our solution involves lowering the terraces sufficiently to remove furnishings and handrails from the view line of sight, and designing recesses large enough to accommodate seating into the façade in place of overhanging balconies.

**Your favorite coastal house project and why:** A house on the island of St. Barts in the French West Indies. The site is high, with 270-degree views from east through south to west, and the walls are aligned such that interior and exterior spaces are always focused on the view.

**An evolving coastal architecture trend:** We think waterfront house design is moving away from emphasizing size and elaborate detailing toward a concern for creating an intimate, subtle dialogue

between the built environment of the house and hardscape, and the natural environment of the land meeting the water.

**An overused element or no-no in coastal architecture:** Too many unused balconies and outdoor terraces whose furniture and handrails interfere with the view.

**A project that best represents your individual coastal architecture style:** A project in the Hamptons on the ocean where the public spaces and master bedroom are raised up in a superstructure that hovers over the dunes and lower part of the house, which contains guest and recreation rooms.

**An idea that still has a client talking:** In a cliffside house in Costa Rica, a bridge that extends from the entry of the house and cantilevers over the cliff, providing a sitting area suspended 100 feet above the ground and facing the sunset.

**A coastline (or beach) on which you would love to own a house:** The western coast of Mexico, south of Zihuatanejo, which affords spectacular, elevated views of the Pacific and

its sunsets and 35 miles of untouched white beaches, bordered by palm trees.

**We love designing coastal homes because:** Besides the beauty of the site, there is generally more willingness by the client to be more adventurous architecturally and to provide the resources to use superb materials, including large areas of glass. This combination of ingredients is exceptional to this segment of residential design.

**LOCATION:** Connecticut  
**ARCHITECT:** Peter Paulos and Philip Hubbard  
*Partners, PH Architects*  
[ph-archs.com](http://ph-archs.com)

**Most important consideration in a coastal architecture project:** It's all about the context. You have to respond to all of the elements of the site: the view, the water, the orientation, the adjacent sites and structures. The trick is to let the house become what it wants to become and what the site wants it





to become, not what your architectural training wants it to become.

**An unexpected or unique architectural element you've used:** There are those days when you want to let in the cool ocean breezes and smell the "jasmine air," and we often use cupolas with motorized windows to take full advantage of such days. This allows the homeowners to open the doors and windows and draw the air through the house and out of the cupola. The cupolas also introduce a wash of light to the upper-story walls and ceilings.

**A common myth about coastal architecture you've proven wrong:** We have seen many contemporary coastal homes that just seem too forced. We've taken time-honored elements of architectural qualities of proportion, scale, light, texture, and color and designed beautiful homes rooted in historical references and built responsibly with modern practices.

**Your favorite coastal home project, and why:** The Beach House in Palm Island, Florida, is far and away our

favorite house, but the regulatory agencies were very challenging. We had to overcome hurdles with the State DEP, FEMA, Charlotte County, and Wildlife Protective Agencies that govern lighting and landscaping, which may affect sea turtles and gopher turtles populating the area. Having worked with these agencies, it makes the outcome all the more rewarding.

**An evolving coastal architecture trend:** We are seeing more clients asking for homes on a more modest scale with a concern toward efficiency. They are interested in efficiencies in building systems and controls, air conditioning, lighting controls, and smart home systems, as well as efficiencies in the use and organization of space.

**An overused element or no-no in coastal architecture style:** Although we do not prescribe to any particular style, we have seen designers and architects forcing their will onto a particular site, resulting in a home that doesn't respond to the context of the site and that really doesn't fit. Often,

the proportions of these homes are poorly conceived, which makes for an awkward assemblage of forms and looks haphazard.

**A project that best represents your individual coastal architecture style:**

The beach house at the Palm Island Resort best represents what we strive for in each of our coastal homes. This house responds to the context of the homes in the area with an updated influence—it's traditional with a contemporary twist.

**An idea that still has the client talking:** On a new coastal house in Gulf Breeze, Florida, we designed an operating glass wall on the seaward side of the house that opened up and retracted completely like an airplane hangar door and hid in the coffered ceilings of the balconies.

**A coastline or beach on which you would love to own a house:** Georgica Beach in East Hampton, New York, or a small cottage on the coast in York, Maine.

**We love designing coastal homes because:** It's a wonderful opportunity



to be able to design and build homes in some of the most beautiful places on the coast. The calm beauty that each house portrays often belies the many regulatory hurdles, the complexities, and the effort necessary to complete the project. This makes the final home all the more rewarding.

**LOCATION:** Rhode Island

**ARCHITECT:** Judd Brown

*President, JBD Judd Brown Designs  
jbd.com*

**Most important considerations in a coastal architecture project:** The sun's orientation and views relative to living spaces are critical to designing a successful home. Waking up to a beautiful sun-filled space, the reflections of the water, and the sound of the ocean are what living on the water is all about.

**An unexpected or unique architectural element you've used:** When designing a railing system for a mid-level deck area, I used stainless steel rods coupled with a mahogany cap to create a unique but classic railing system that didn't block the views of the ocean.

**A common myth about coastal architecture you've proven wrong:** A house must be large to be special ... rather, it should be a house with unlimited flexibility, expanding to meet the need for large gatherings yet maintaining a special intimacy for the homeowners.

**Your favorite coastal home project, and why:** A home I designed for a family on the Rhode Island coast three years ago, which started as a simple three-room decoration project before turning into a major 6,000-square-foot rebuild. The complete reorganization of the 1900s cottage into a luxury family home created many structural challenges from which unique design solutions emerged.

**An evolving coastal architecture trend:** The development of exterior spaces, which include exterior kitchens, fireplaces, and conversation areas.

Whether open to the elements or enclosed by moving walls and roofs, exterior areas are constantly incorporating new technology and materials that enhance the owners' lifestyle.

**A project that best represents your individual coastal architecture style:**

A grand shingle-style home in Massachusetts, which we designed from the ground up. The site was previously undeveloped and offered few, if any, obstacles to the creative process. With a clean slate and a willing client, the design reflected many components of the great coastal homes developed along the New England coast in the 1900s.

**An idea that still has a client talking:** The design of an exterior entertainment level in a previously undeveloped basement using retractable walls and screening was a feature the client never anticipated. Complemented by an exterior shower, hot tub, and terrace, the previously unused space is now a primary gathering area.

**A coastline on which you would love to own a house:** Laguna Beach, California.

**I love designing coastal homes because:** These properties speak to my inner person and the life experiences I so enjoy. Meeting the dreams of homeowners and their goal of building a special place for their family is really what design is all about. To bring views, the sound of the ocean, and light into a place where memories happen is extremely rewarding.

## **Central America**

**LOCATION:** Costa Rica

**ARCHITECT:** David Konwiser  
*Principal, IKON Architecture  
and Co-Owner, Villa Punto de Vista,  
Manuel Antonio  
puntodevistacr.com*

**Most important consideration in a coastal architecture project:** I think it's a crime to waste the opportunity to

properly design and develop the most coveted pieces of real estate on earth. For an architect, there is a real responsibility to develop a coastal property in a reverent fashion befitting the opportunity at hand.

**An unexpected or unique architectural element you've used:** A detail I am pleased with at Villa Punto de Vista is within the viewless hallways that I transformed into a sort of "gallery of doorways." The effect was obtained by framing each entrance with a perimeter of Italian Bisazza mosaic tile and then cove-lighting the detail. The lighting is the only illumination of the hallway and not only produces the desired gallery effect but allows the unique colors for each doorway to designate each room, eliminating the need for name plaques or door numbers.

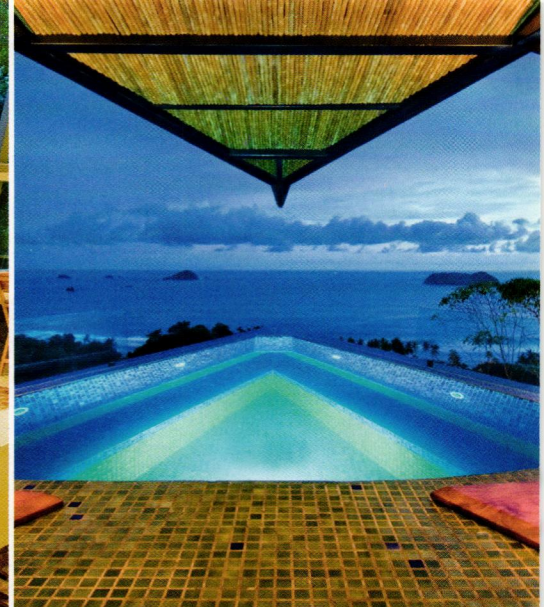
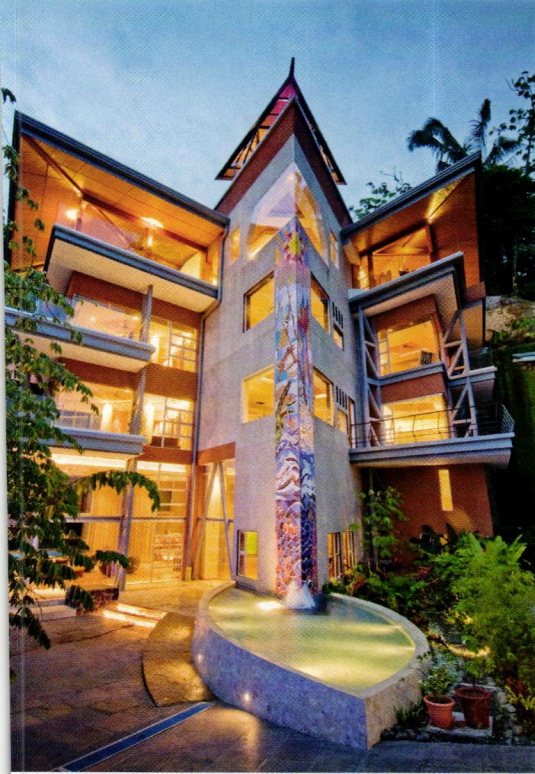
**An evolving coastal architecture trend:** The most fundamental trend overall is lowering dependence on CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting utilities such as electricity and mitigating building operation costs. In coastal homes, this primarily means cutting down air conditioning using next-generation glazing and a more thoughtful use of sun shading, which is typically the most eco-friendly solution.

**An overused element or no-no in coastal architecture:** Materials that weather badly. I can't believe the number of architects still using vast amounts of exposed wood that, when not maintained with the diligence of a yacht's crew, looks 15 years old after one year in the sun.

**Your favorite coastal home project and why:** A project I had the pleasure of visiting recently is Playa Vik in Jose Ignacio, Uruguay, by local design legend Carlos Ott. Hats off to the man. His work is refreshingly unique and my approach to architecture is similarly inspired.

**A coastline on which you would love to own a house and why:** Santorini, Greece. Where else can you seemingly soar above the ocean, not to mention the lost city of Atlantis, from the rim of an extinct volcano? CONTINUED ON PAGE 118





**ROOM TO SHOW:** Above, views of Villa Punto de Vista, which architect David Konwiser designed and manages in Costa Rica. Its design resembles a yacht in motion, or a winged bird in flight. Below, the living room of a waterfront home designed by Rhode Island-based Judd Brown of JBD Designs illustrates the architect's emphasis on the importance of the sun's orientation and views relative to living spaces. In the heavily windowed room, water plays a starring role.







At Oyster Harbors on  
Cape Cod, a Boston  
architect creates a versatile  
family getaway.

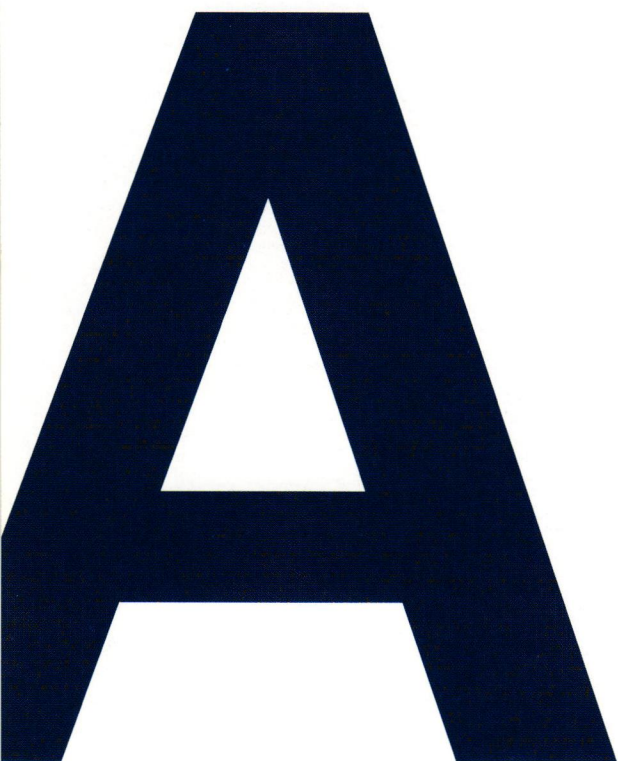
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# Gathering Grounds









## As Boston architect Tom Catalano

explains it, his client came to him with an ambitious program for constructing a waterfront compound at Oyster Harbors on Cape Cod. The idea was to create a comfortable getaway that would easily accommodate three generations of his family, afford them play space, private space, and gathering areas, mostly under one roof. “[The client] wanted to be near his club and have a home where everyone could hang out together,” Catalano says.

There was a house, with views of West Bay, on the existing oceanfront plot, that was razed. The new structure, Fair Winds, is a four-story, 13-bedroom getaway, complete with a separate three-bedroom guesthouse and a pool, hot tub, and pool house.

A master suite on the first floor of the main house has access to the outside and affords his client a bit of privacy, while the third and fourth floors offer privacy to the children and grandchildren via various accommodations, including suites and a nautical-themed bunkroom over the garage. The latter, fashioned like a sailboat, has a teak and holly wood floor, a family

room just for kids, and porthole windows. The suites include kitchenettes and social spaces. In addition, the top floor offers a large family room with a kitchenette and observation deck in a tower-styled space.

To keep the generations together whether for play, dining, or entertainment, Catalano designed the main floor’s living room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, and family room so that they all flow into each other.

Everyone can easily access the main floor’s pool, which has its own changing area, in addition to an indoor kitchenette and outdoor kitchen. The lower level of the house is devoted to a health club and spa, steam room and sauna, billiards, wine cellar, and bar.

“In the design, [the client] wanted the contrast of modern with a traditional vocabulary,” Catalano explains, referring to both the inside and outside architectural details. The one design constant are the dramatic ocean views. Inside, traditional is juxtaposed with modern in various vignettes. Take for example, the classic turn of the main staircase with its rich mahogany banister, or the kitchen’s wire-brushed, pickled fir ceiling surface that adjoins traditionally cut millwork.

Beyond being family friendly, this house is earth friendly, too. It is well insulated, with heating and cooling coming from an earth-coupled heat pump system. This eliminates the need for any fossil fuels or noisy equipment so often found on the outside of the home. Heating the pool water comes from an ingenious system that collects heat from the cooling system of the house.

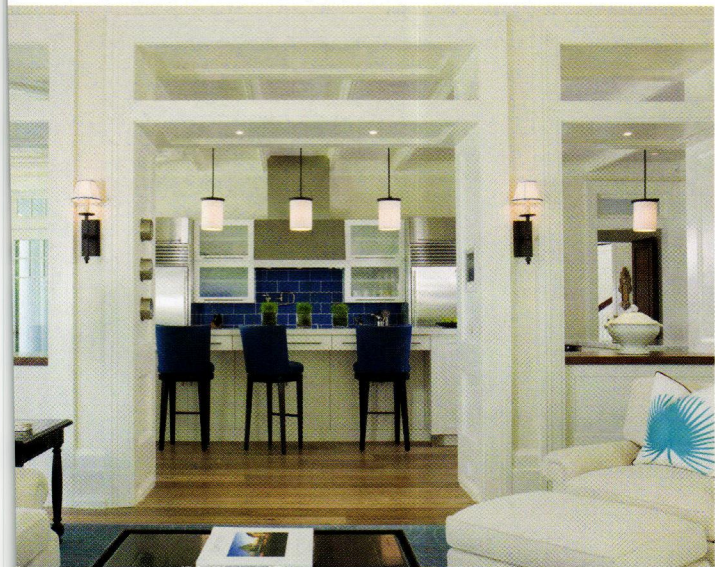
Susanne Csongor of SLC Interiors in Hamilton, MA, joined Catalano in carrying the theme of mixing traditional with contemporary. She succeeded at mixing design eras as well as designers, textures, and a



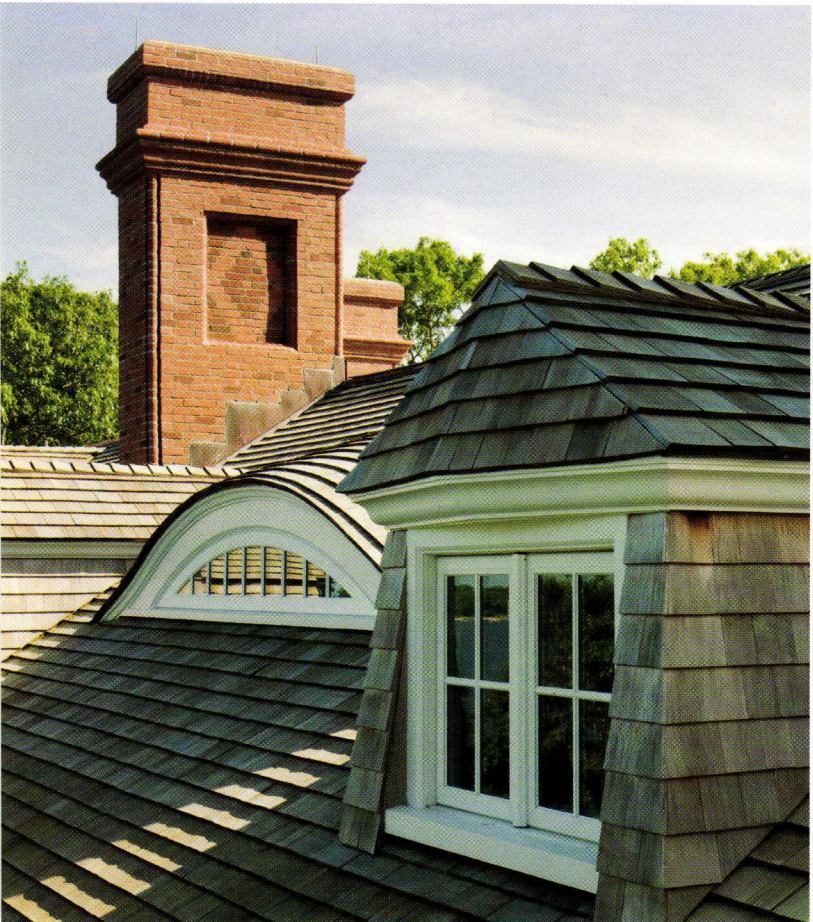
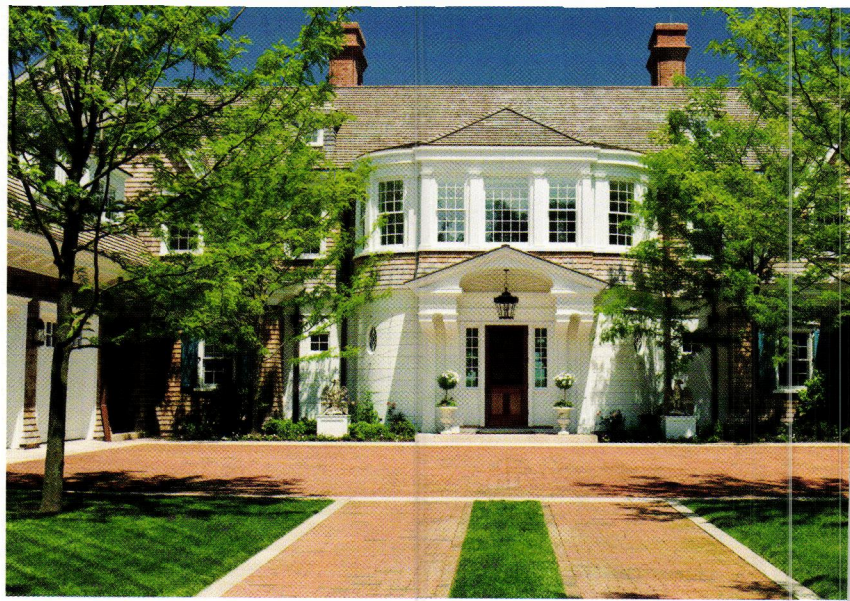
### SEASIDE SANCTUARY

Tom Catalano and his team undertook an “ambitious” plan to construct this waterfront compound at Oyster Harbors on Cape Cod. The client’s goal was to create a getaway that would comfortably accommodate three generations of family members. The project resulted in “Fair Winds,” a 13-bedroom behemoth with ever-present water views.











#### PARADISE FOUND

To complement the home's setting, which is all about the sea and sky, as well as the homeowner's art collection, which includes works by American and Chinese artists, designer Susanne Csongor and her team chose a suitable color palette that ranges from cerulean blue to yellow to soft sea-foam green to, of course, the requisite refreshing white. Outside, the family can gather by the in-ground pool for activities or simply to enjoy the sun and a swim. Surrounding it is a minimalist blend of greenery that allows the Cape landscape to speak for itself.

limited palette of clean, uplifting colors to support the client's art collection.

"The whole setting is of super-bright ocean and sky, and we pulled that in with the colors," says Csongor. "The clients' artwork, a very strong, bold palette of American artists and Chinese art, was a driving factor for our approach."

Csongor notes that where upholstered furnishings were merged in the seating areas, they would be simple and classic, which allow for the elegant, modern shapes to take center stage and highlight the hard, angular furnishings. Designer Holly Hunt's tables, fabrics, and lighting join creations by designers Dakota Jackson and Paula Ferrante. Custom-made wool rugs, woven in Nepal, spring from the creative genius of contemporary designer Carini Lang. "He has a wonderful sense of texture and color," Csongor says of Lang.

While the living room palette is a mix of beautiful, fresh colors of cerulean blue, cream, white, and yellow, the kitchen is much more directed at making a contemporary statement. Surrounding cabinetry is comprised of flat-recessed panels, while thick blue glass tiles from Ann Sacks add a swath of color behind a run of countertop. The latter is a mix of indestructible Corien to the left and right of the stovetop, with Calcutta gold marble where the family might dine.

Hunt's ultra-clean, modern lighting fixtures complement the design focus, while set in the breakfast bay, complete with a window seat, is a 72-inch round table from designer Guy Chaddock. The table can open and seat 10-12 family members for a week-end brunch. Easy-to-clean leather chairs by A. Rudin surround the table, and Rudin leather swivel stools line the bar as well.

A dreamy, hand-knotted rug from Tufekian complements the airy feeling of the high-ceilinged family room. End

tables from Guy Chaddock provide a visual contrast with the couch, club chairs, and ottoman, which are all covered in a cozy, soft chenille. Linen covered pillows from Ankasa add a punch of color.

Csongor explains the twin lampshades from Blanchfields of Boston were glazed in cerulean blue to diffuse light and add to the relaxed atmosphere in the evening. The framed antique flag adds a compelling visual focus in the room.

For the master bedroom, where serenity reigns, the palette moved to a pale sea glass green and snow white. The white-on-white linen rug is from Stark and the linens are all from Csongor's own Blue Peacock store in Hamilton.

"We found the wall mirror on a shopping spree on the Upper East Side in New York and built the whole design scheme around it. It's playful and fresh," says Csongor.

Landscape architect Joe Wahler of Stephen Stimson Associates of Falmouth, MA, partnered with Catalano to create outdoor spaces that tastefully merged formal and informal spaces using native vegetation. The concept was to create an attractive outdoor layout without disrupting the natural habitat.

"The landscape falls to our cue; it's more formal in front, more traditional with the brick courtyard framed in pink granite," Catalano explains. "As we transition to private parts, the landscape is more simple and modern—an example being the granite steps in the lawn. At the front door, we have roses on each side." Where Plane trees line the driveway, flower gardens on the north and south sides create discreet outdoor spaces. A broad band of lawn sits between the house and water; a flight of stairs leads to the private dock.

All in all, this magnificent family escape gives everyone ample space and many choices for playing and congregating.

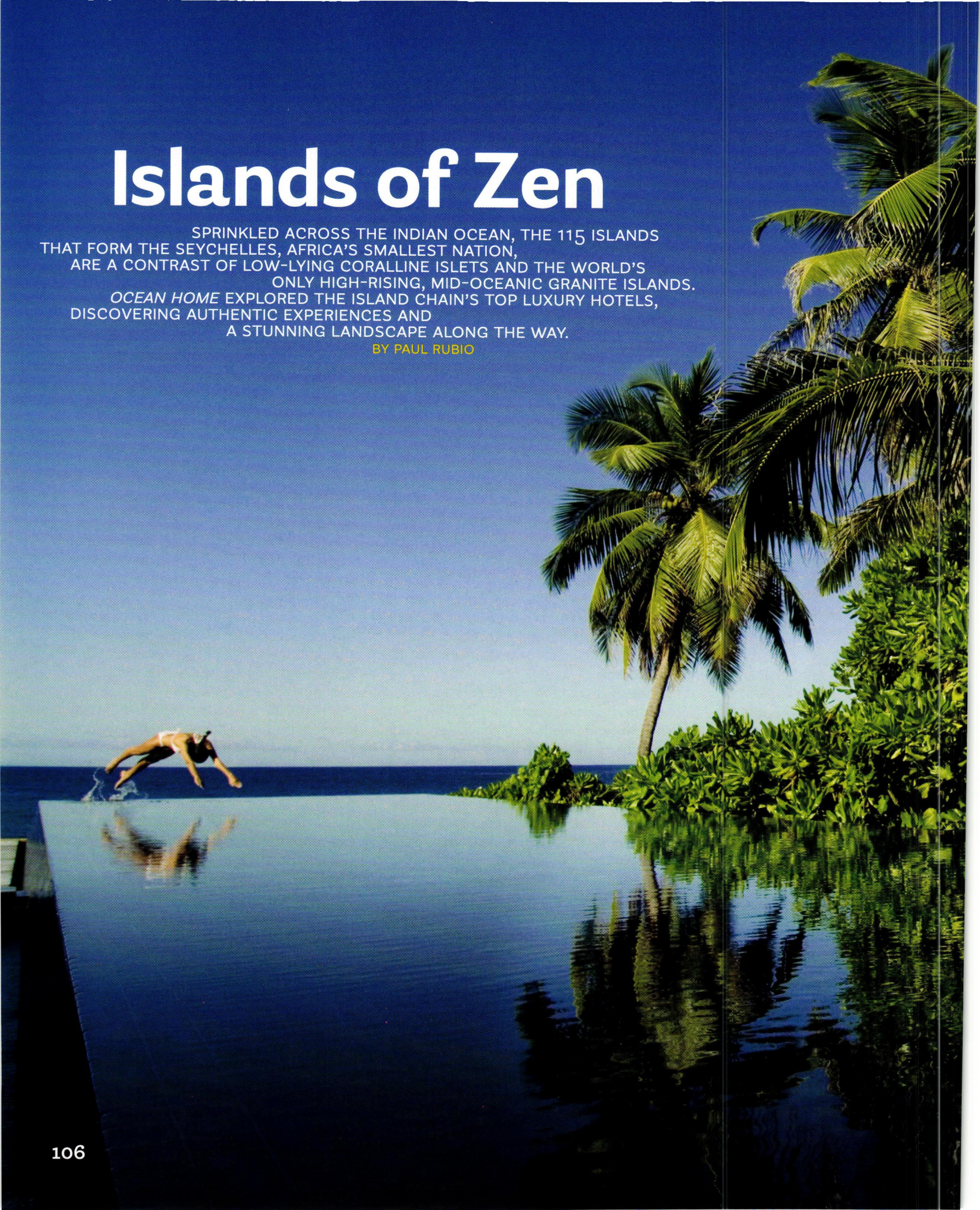


# Islands of Zen

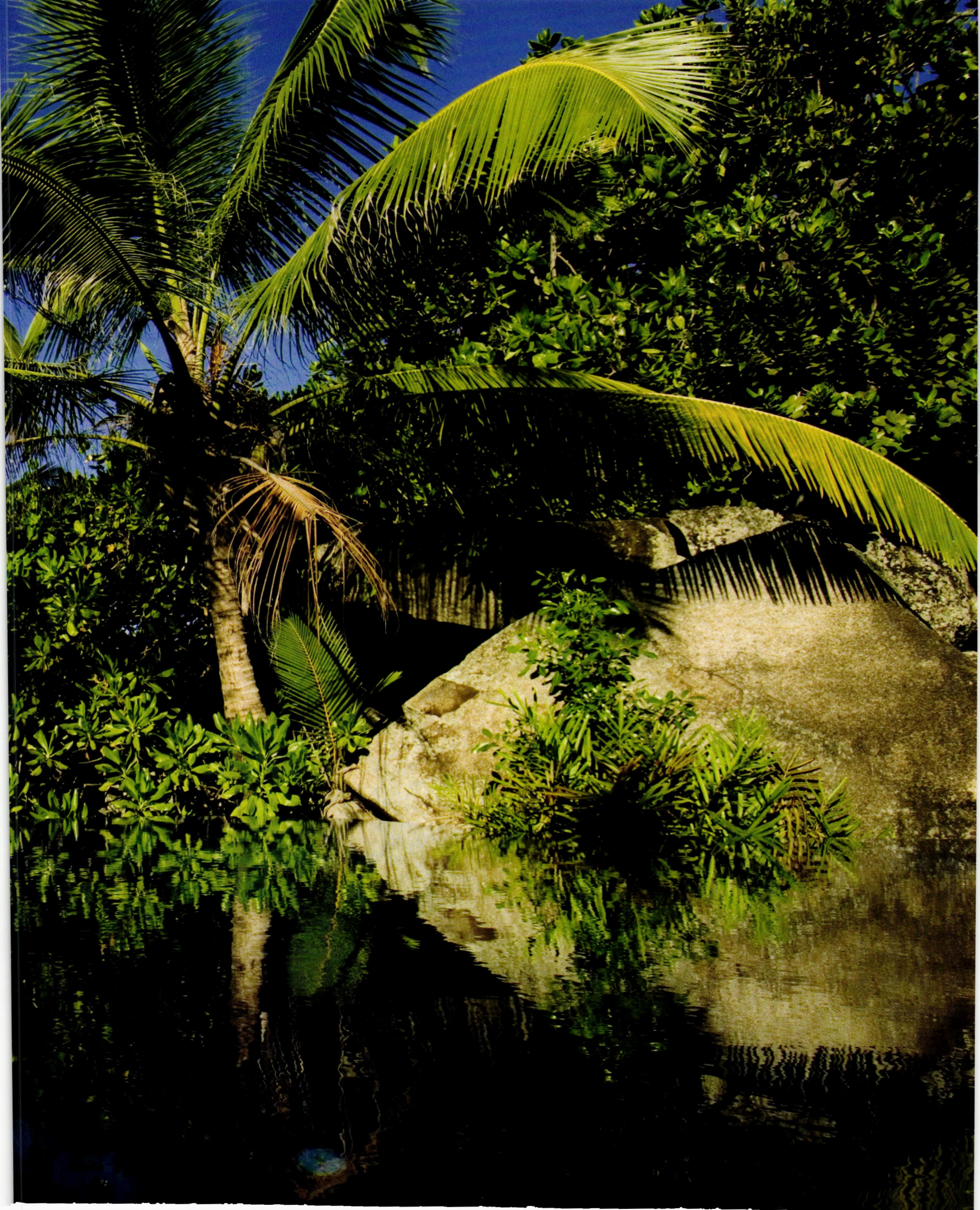
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BY PAUL RUBIO











## FREGATE ISLAND: PRIVATE ISLAND ROYALTY

Island lovers, nature enthusiasts, and jetsetters take note: The elusive and exclusive world of private islands reaches new heights on the Seychelles' Fregate Island.

Arrival by helicopter is simply a grand entrance to this ancient Darwinian dreamland. Next comes paramount service, haute amenities, a 6:1 staff-to-guest ratio, a sensational spa, experiential cuisines, and most importantly, unparalleled natural grandeur. The extraordinary rock-hewn landscape teems with primordial flora and fauna, while the surrounding waters reflect hues of blue never thought possible. A private, personal beach, strewn with gigantic boulders, soaring palm trees, and pillows of sugar-loafed sand casts a heavenly backdrop for fulfilling any and all island fantasies.

Nestled on the island's western reaches, Fregate's 16 villas draw from both traditional Creole and 19th-century Colonial design inspirations. Split by a glass-encased entrance foyer, the villas' distinct partitions of bedroom and living area soon reconnect on the expansive terrace, lined with a dramatic infinity-edged swimming pool. A cushioned bale and alfresco dining pavilion flank opposite ends of the pool, idyllic spots for "in-room" dining or marveling at the sunset, if and when the novelty of the umbrella-capped loungers fades.

While high-profile celebrities tend to confine themselves to their private villas, other guests prefer rewarding days exploring this tangible Garden of Eden. Fregate's daily agenda includes hiking, swimming, snorkeling, relaxing, contemplating, and dining on some of the most precious swathes of planet Earth.

All paths on this treasured island lead to one of seven breathtaking beaches. Even stalwart Maldives, Fiji, and French Polynesia aficionados gush and gawk at the blaz-

ing beauty of Fregate's beaches. The juxtaposition of towering granite slabs, bedrock boulders, white velvety sands, lush jungle, and vibrant turquoise water could be nature's finest panorama. Though you are likely to be the only one on a beach at any given time, you can ensure this by reserving Fregate's most prized splash grounds, Anse Macquereau, as your very own. The single entrance to this secluded beach is easily guarded with a wooden "Do Not Disturb" plaque, an official mark of territory.

The lack of hunting and predation has fostered a secure home for 101 species of seabirds, namely the angelic white terns, whose ubiquitous presence make each moment here feel like a heavenly, dream-like sequence. The scene grows more surreal once you meet the island's "King of the Jungle" James, a century-old wild giant tortoise, who prefers human play dates to tortoise socials. Fregate is one of two islands in the Seychelles where the wild tortoises still roam free, and while you're bound to stumble upon several of the islands' 2200 more conventional reptilian friends, you'll never forget James' affection and curiosity. The King is also joined by a troupe of prehistoric pals—from millipedes to geckos—in this evolutionary dreamland, and a full conservation team offers daily nature walks and lectures for those keen on understanding the island's ecology.

To experience Fregate to the fullest, your private butler will gladly arrange a schedule for exploring the island's most spectacular nooks and crannies. He'll map out beach ambles so that they end in treasure chests filled with cool beverages, including beers and fine wines. He'll arrange an unforgettable breakfast in the treetops, eye-level with the forest canopy, including a spread of fig preserves, coconut-banana jam, homemade breads, star fruit juice, and seafood frittata, all grown or sourced on-island. Expect a bona fide sea-to-table experience, where chef grills the freshest of local seafood and island vegetables tableside. Also on the agenda can be an evening of dining and stargazing at the island boathouse or historical plantation house;

### VIEW TO A THRILL

Fregate Island (pictured in this spread and in previous spread) comprises just 16 luxury villas. The island's unique topography is made up of powdery sand, bedrock boulders, granite slabs, lush jungle, and—naturally—the cerulean waters of the ocean.



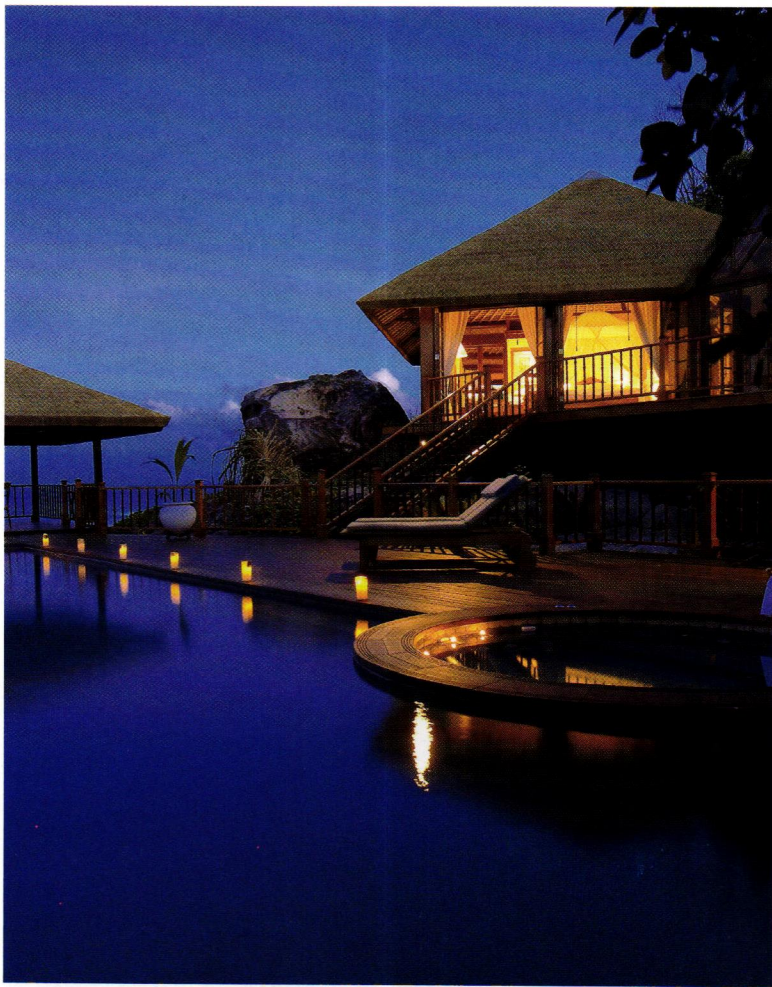






This page, harvesting island-grown produce on Fregate Island. Opposite, clockwise from top left: a villa; a beachfront infinity pool; dreamy sleeping quarters; and essential oils from Rock Spa, all at Fregate Island.







you'll indulge in a mix of traditional and haute Creole cuisine like Lobster Curry with Breadfruit and Millionaire's Salad, a secret recipe that includes fresh shaved hearts of palm and shelled passion fruit, a flavor combination once reserved exclusively for the Seychellois uber-elite.

## SILHOUETTE ISLAND: PUBLIC ISLAND ROYALTY

A short 45-minute speedboat ride from the capital island of Mahé, Silhouette Island prevails as one of the archipelago's most well preserved islands, with a whopping 98 percent of it declared a natural reserve. The local population hovers around 135 people, all living in a single village. In December 2010, the completion of the Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa opened the destination to visitors, consummating a love affair between unspoiled natural grandeur and luxury travel.

Although the official "public" island status precludes the Hilton Seychelles Labriz from marketing itself as a larger "private island resort," the experience here is fairly similar to a private island, where guests are splendidly marooned on the island for the duration of their stay. A total of 50 individual bungalows dot the coastline and gardens of Silhouette's southern perimeter. The whitewashed wooden furnishings set the tone for a theme of understated luxury. Salt and sand quickly washes off in the oversized bathtub and expansive outdoor shower. At close range, lush mountains rise to glory, with trees sprouting from infinite craggy tiers, granting the illusion of palm trees meeting the clouds. Massive boulders cluster along the principal beach of the beachfront villas, immersed in the silkiest of Seychelles' sands.

The common areas of the Hilton Labriz boast levels of style and sophistication one would expect from a high-end tropical resort. A chic swimming pool draws the sun worshippers for elongated tanning sessions. The contemporary alfresco bar speaks to a younger demographic with its avant garde furnishings and artisanal cocktails. Foodies are spoiled with myriad dining outlets, including a Thai restaurant and an elegant and atmospheric Italian restaurant called Portobello.

Though not as indulgent or exclusive as the Seychelles' bona fide private islands, the Hilton Labriz still offers its own inspiring island magic at a more modest price point.

## MAHÉ: GLOBALIZATION, INDIAN OCEAN STYLE

The Seychelles capital island Mahé is the largest of the Seychelles granitic islands. Though its emerald coastlines and

### PERFECT PALACE

This page, from top: a beach scene, a Garden Villa, and the Ocean Pavilion, all at the Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa, which opened in late 2010. Opposite, an up-high view of Banyan Tree Seychelles, which sits beachfront and in the shadows of giant granite slabs on the island of Mahé.















This page, drinking in views of Intendance Bay from the pool of Banyan Tree's Presidential Villa. Opposite, clockwise from top left: a hillside Pool Villa; getting the royal treatment; the lobby; and *Banyan Lagoon I*, all at Banyan Tree Seychelles.







mountainous backdrops impress, visitors gravitate here for more than just beautiful beaches. As the Seychelles' big city equivalent, Mahé is the epicenter of national culture and the Seychellois social scene.

The Seychelles emerged from Colonialism with both strong English and French influences infused into an unwavering Creole spirit. But on Mahé, the English influence trumps the French. This influence is most evident in language, architecture, customs, and cuisine; In Victoria, the capital city, a (much) smaller version of the Big Ben demarcates the city center.

Even as the Seychelles largest island, Mahé is quiet compared to other islands of its size and importance in the Pacific or Atlantic. To put it in perspective, there are only two traffic lights in all of Seychelles, both in Victoria, which serves as the country's business center. Here, you are less likely to see folks in business suits than women in local dress heading to the market for fruits and sundries. The market excitement reaches a peak on Fridays from 4 to 11 pm, when it feels like the entire island has congregated for an evening of shopping, eating, and drinking Tacamaca rum, and then partying the night away on the island's unofficial "party night."

**SWIM FAN**  
Opposite, swimming with a stellar view at Banyan Tree Seychelles. This page, Oceanview Bar & Restaurant at the Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa. At the restaurant, guests can enjoy all-day snacks, as well as lunch and dinner, while taking in Indian Ocean views.

Further north, the town of Beau Vallon serves as the island's social capital. This small beach town hosts the Seychelles' top local restaurants and nightlife venues. Wednesday evenings at the Beau Vallon food market are a national pastime, when locals' gather to serve centuries-old recipes to one another, none more famous than the "fruit bat coconut curry." For those feeling a little less

adventurous, the Creole BBQ at the Boat House restaurant is about as local as it gets minus the "Fear Factor"-type dishes. Though the beauty and beaches of Mahé's northern reaches don't quite reach the grandeur of those in the south, visitors venture here for immersion in local life. The Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort and Spa is ideally located near the thick of Beau Vallon's action. The hotel's 30 stand-alone thatched roof villas recall a rustic style of French Polynesia's overwater bungalows. With all villas facing the ocean, sunsets here are hours-long affairs, best enjoyed in the ensuite bathtub or with drink in hand at the award-winning Les Cocotiers restaurant.

The majority of high-end resorts lie on Mahé's quieter southern reaches, and for good reason: The region flaunts the



iconic imagery of every Seychelles post card without having to travel to smaller, lesser-known islands. Case in point: The Banyan Tree Seychelles, which nestles a picturesque cove with an incredibly long and wide swathe of beach in the shadow of massive granite slabs. The resort evokes a traditional Colonial style, completely white in color, stacked through the hills as a series of freestanding, archetypal Creole houses adorned with local handicrafts.

Each of the 22 beachfront and 22 hillside villas offers the type of privacy and space you'd expect from a lavish private home. In the hillside villas for example, a large wooden entrance opens to a view-heavy private terrace, infinity pool, and lounge area, which then connects to the chic Asian- and Creole-inspired bedroom and bathroom. Much like in the lobby and recreational areas, fresh hibiscus flowers decorate all corners of the villa. Beachfront villas come with an added outdoor shower bonus, and all units across the property boast haute amenities as the standard, such as the private swimming pool. For this reason, most guests choose to experience meals in their own villas, which carries no extra charge.

Though the Banyan Tree brand is renowned for its Thai cuisine, the Seychelles property also prides itself on Creole cuisine. Try to coordinate your stay over a Tuesday night, when the Chez Lamar restaurant offers an experiential Creole home-style buffet. You'll stuff yourself on snake gourd salad, golden apple salad, salted fish curry with breadfruit, head-to-tail snapper, Sunday soup, and unbelievably moist steamed banana and pumpkin cakes.

## THE DETAILS SEYCHELLES

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## BEACH-READY BLUEPRINTS

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Looking upward into a cupola designed by Judd Brown of JBD Designs.

**A common myth about coastal architecture you've proven wrong:** Thanks to seasonal storms and hurricanes, there's a paranoia associated with coastal architecture that keeps buildings from being as "liberated" as is possible when it comes to windows and doors. My solution with Punto de Vista was the introduction of cantilevered corners throughout the building, which bring the outside in like no other structural system can with a glazing solution that still protects the villa's occupants in the event of an occasional storm.

**An idea that still has a client talking:** Turning the nautically shaped roof over the Jacuzzi on the villa's sixth floor into a water collector. When it rains, the collector sends a tight trail of water six stories down into the reflecting pool at the villa's entrance. Our clients simply love it and don't regret booking the villa in the off-season.

**A project that best represents your individual coastal architecture style:** Punto de Vista's ship-like form is in reference to the fact that the villa is "chartered" by its guests and serviced by its "crew." I also wanted the tropical birds of the rainforest to be honored with the "wings" of the building. Together you have a yacht that flies gracefully over the rainforest.

**I love designing coastal homes because:** There is a breezy liberation of mind and body when at the sea that few other geographies can match. That said, I see an ocean of possibility in all projects when a client is open to a building becoming what the site tells us it must be.



A photograph of a tropical villa with a large, dark-tiled roof and a white exterior. A large, rectangular swimming pool is in the foreground, reflecting the sky and the villa. On the left, there is a covered patio area with a wicker chair and ottoman, both with red cushions. In the background, several palm trees are visible against a blue sky with some clouds. The villa is situated on a hillside, and the ocean is visible in the distance.

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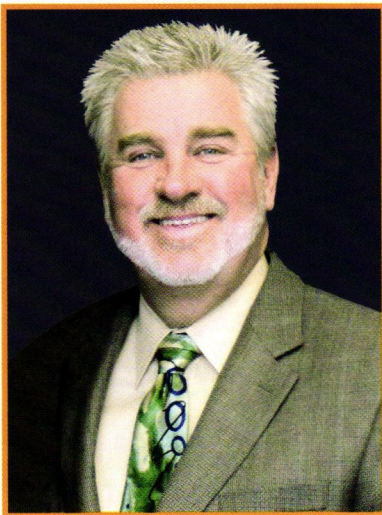
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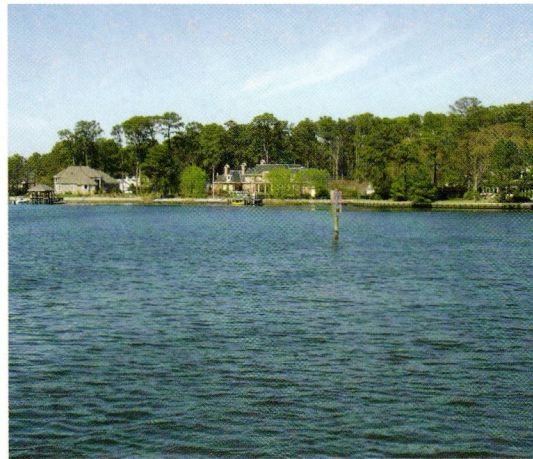
# Local Knowledge

Tim has lived on the water in Virginia Beach for most of his 20 years as a Realtor. He is a dedicated asset to his clients as well as a devoted family man and friend. Tim's number one goal in his business is to make his clients happy and stress free. Tim currently lives in The North End area of Virginia Beach and has lived all over the city from Cape Henry Shores to Bay Island and Great Neck Point with his wife Suzy. They have three children; Sabrina, Maddi & Chad. Tim enjoys boating, skiing, golfing and visiting Florida in his free time. Tim has made it his mission to specialize in waterfront property and has built a successful business based on his knowledge of the waterways, local market, past building experience, proven marketing strategies and his dedication to keeping his clients informed throughout their transaction. Tim has a 3 person real estate team comprised of himself, his wife Suzy and his long time licensed assistant Amiee. Together they have a proven track record for their knowledge of selling waterfront properties in the Virginia Beach area.



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## Virginia Beach Boating and Beaches

*article written by Tim Cochran / Amiee Carr*

Virginia Beach has the ideal waterways for a relaxing fun filled day of boating or enjoying the sandy beaches of the Atlantic Ocean and Chesapeake Bay. There are five main bodies of water within the Virginia Beach city lines that help create the fantastic ambiance of this coastal area.

The Oceanfront area of Virginia Beach is the most well-known area for vacationers. The area is vast and features resorts, shopping, dining, a boardwalk and beaches! There are some great opportunities for off shore fishing as well as deep sea fishing by boat from the Rudee Inlet into the Atlantic Ocean. Our

Beaches don't stop at the Oceanfront. The shoreline runs north into the Chesapeake Bay. The Bay is a more calm body of water and is a local's favorite for a relaxing day at the beach, crabbing and fishing by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel or dropping your boat in at the marina and cruising the waterways inside the Lynnhaven Inlet. For those looking for a more thrilling, playful waterfront experience the Lynnhaven River, Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay bodies of water are ideal for wakeboarding, water skiing, tubing and jet skis! These bodies of water are lined with beautiful waterfront communities that put the waterfront lifestyle in

your backyard. Virginia Beach is well equipped with a wide variety of Marinas to choose from that offer a full service of features and amenities for transient and local boaters to enjoy while exploring and cruising the Virginia Beach waterways. When you need a break from your day of fun you can always stop by a number of great waterfront restaurants for a bite to eat. Virginia Beach's waterways offer multiple restaurants to choose from whether you prefer a more relaxed casual environment or a more luxurious fine dining restaurant; there is something for everyone, just dock your boat and enjoy!  
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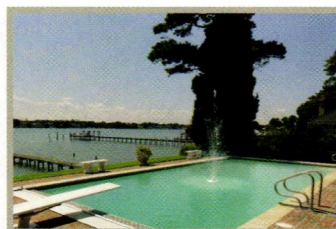
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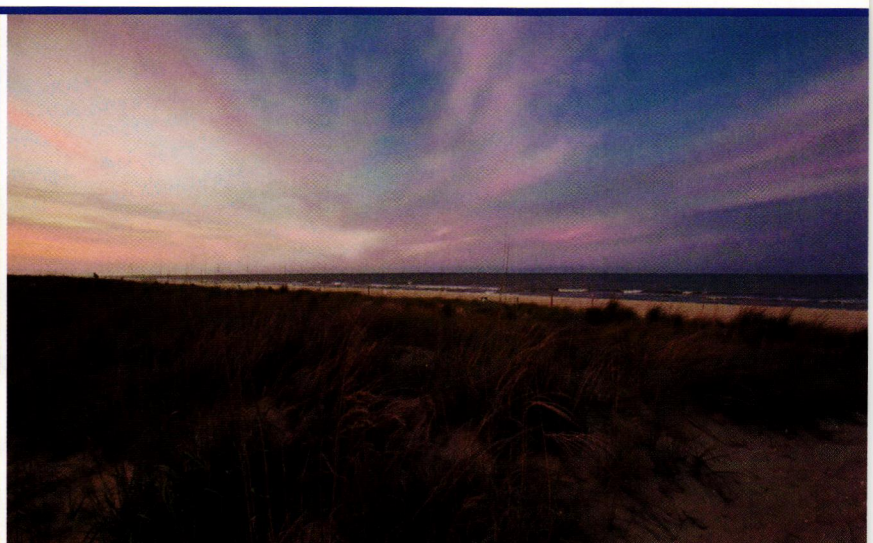
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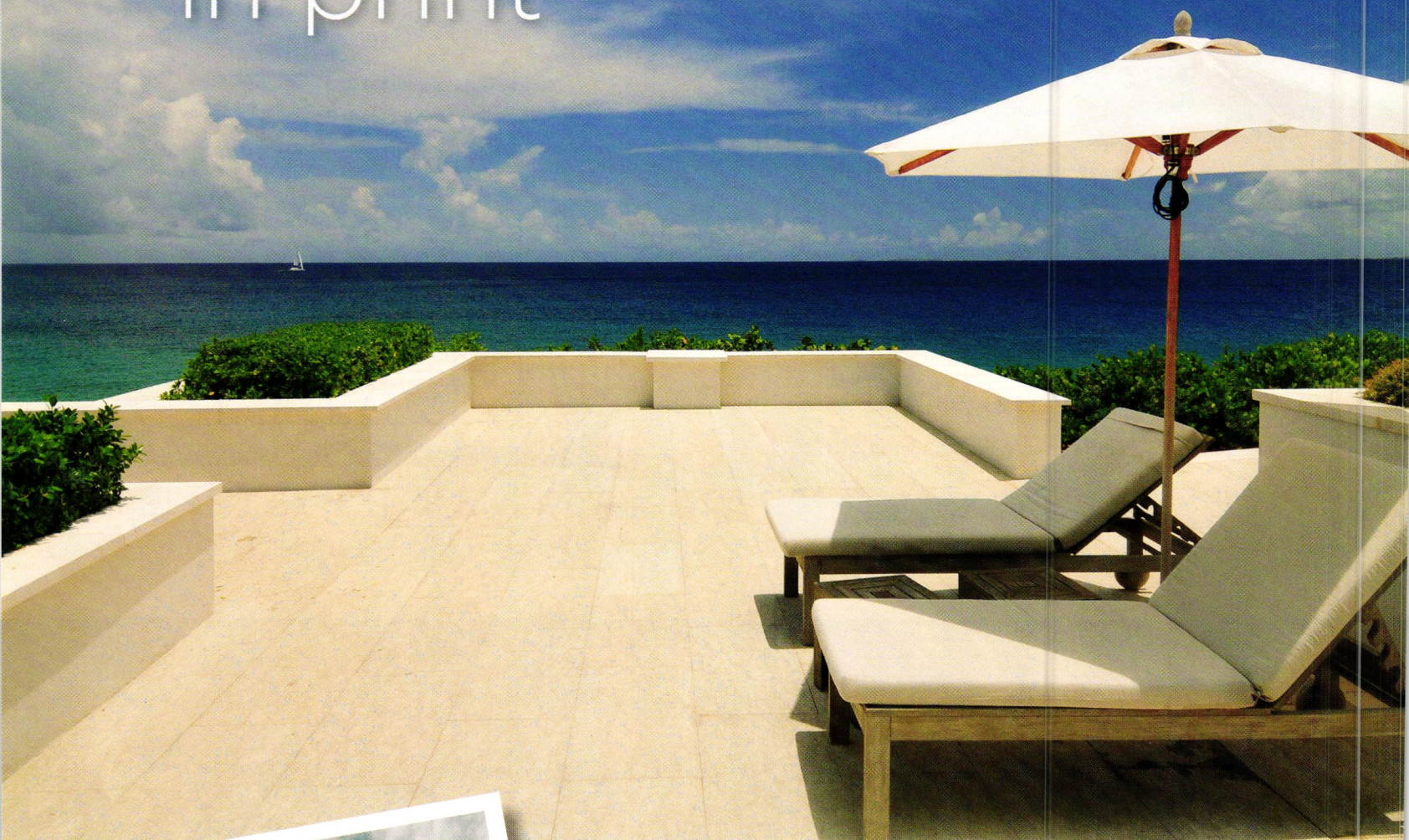
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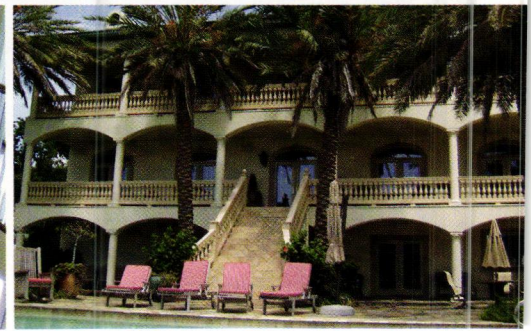
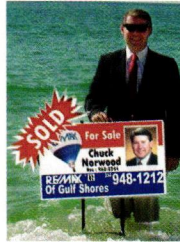
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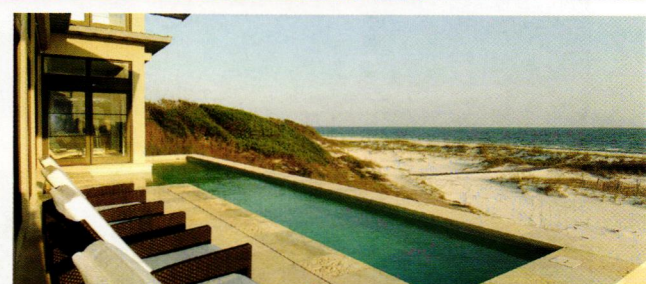
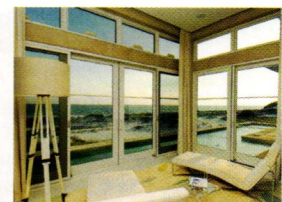
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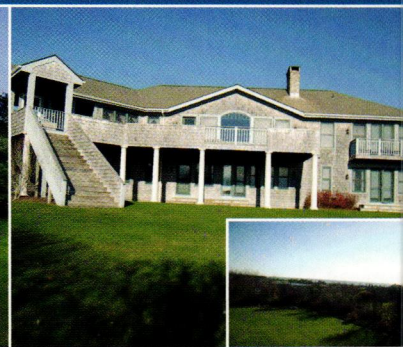
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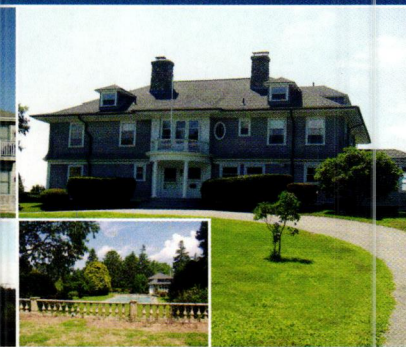
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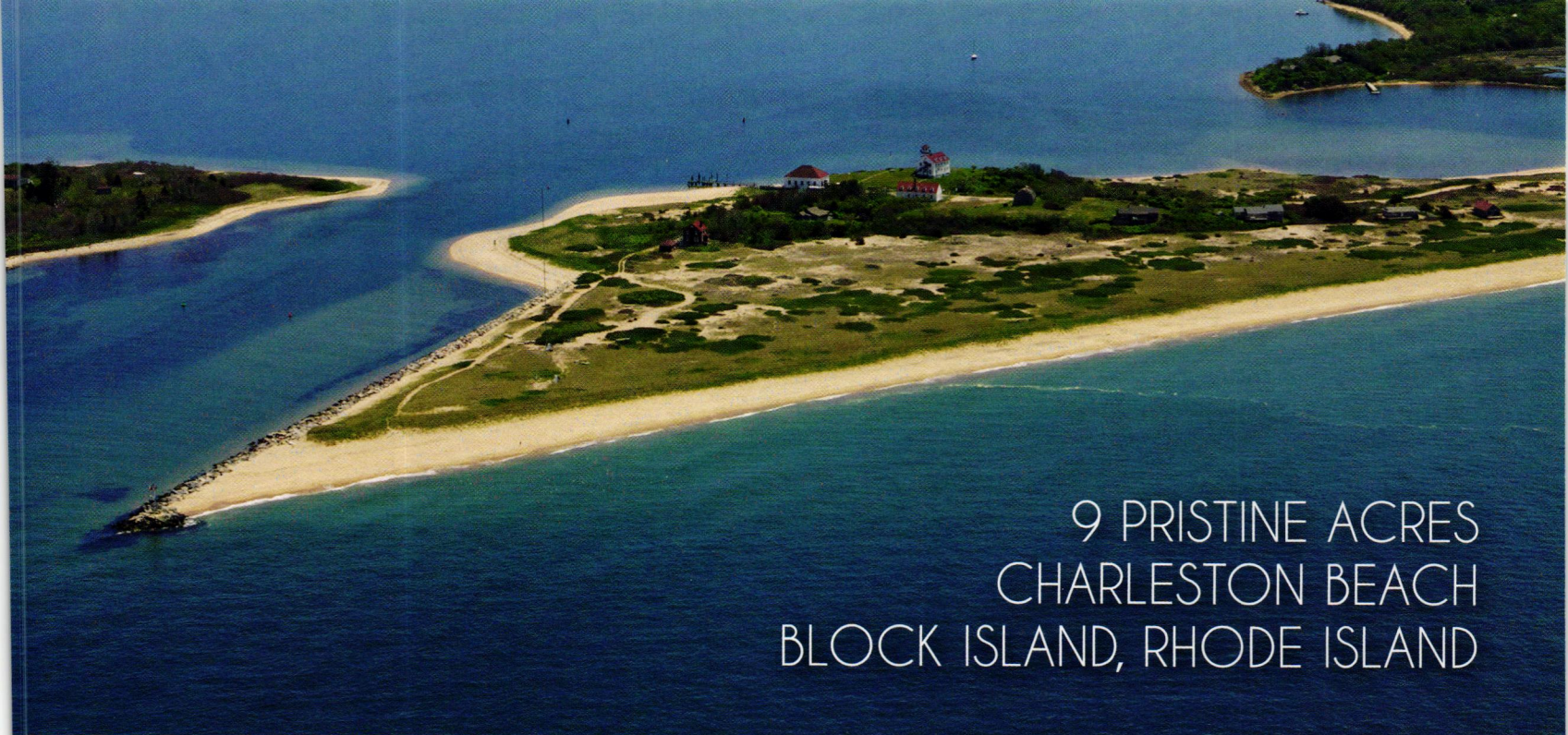


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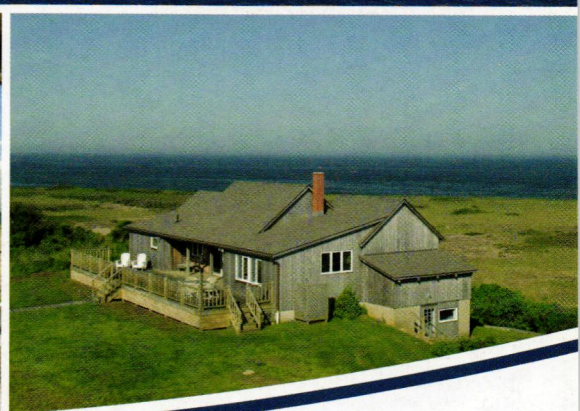
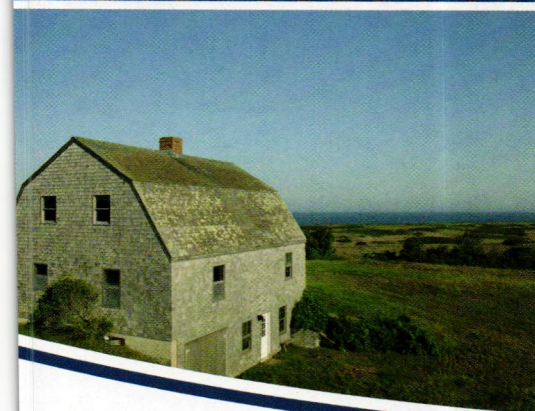


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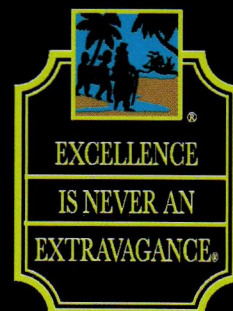
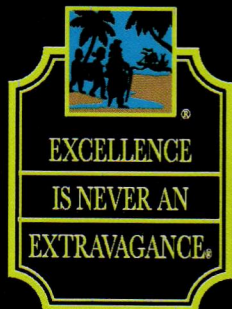
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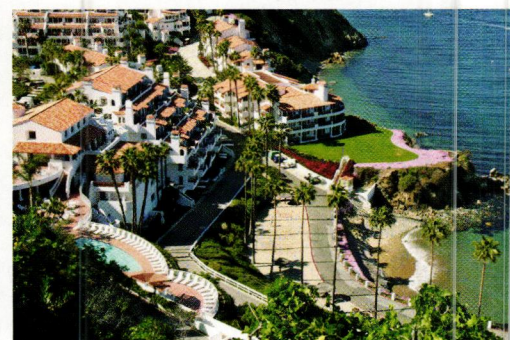
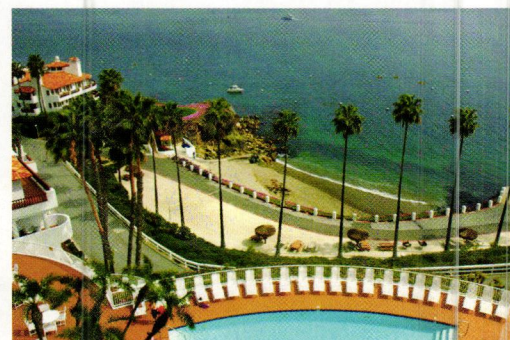
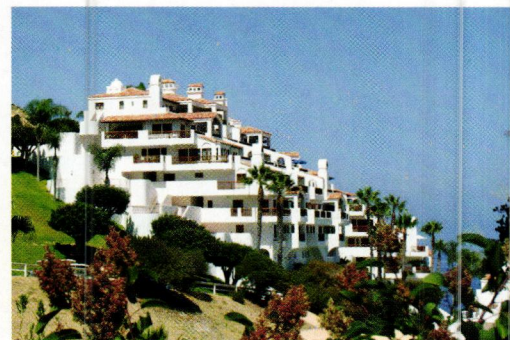
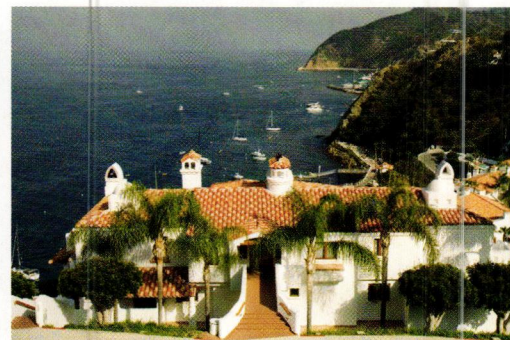
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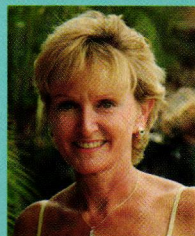




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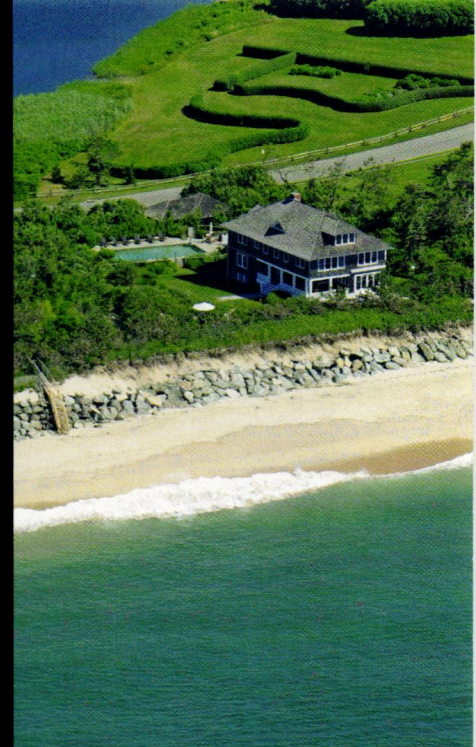
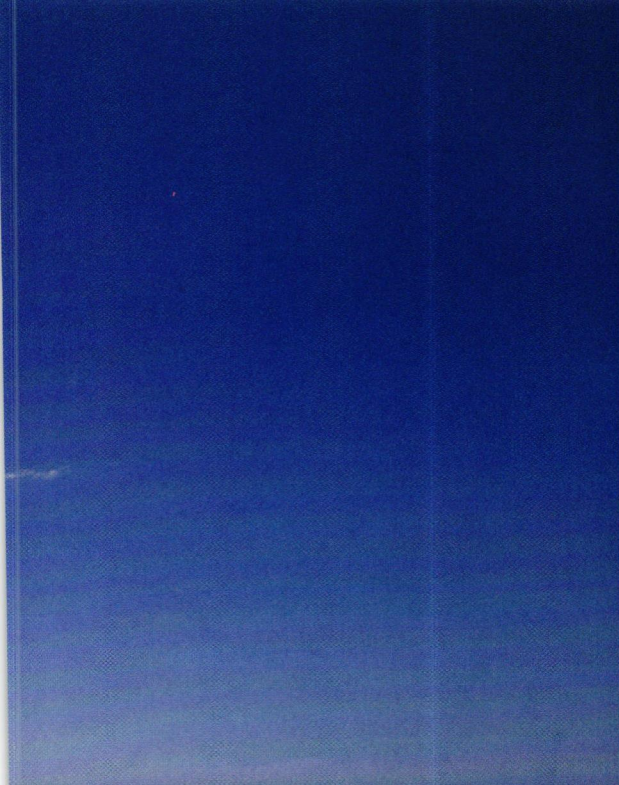
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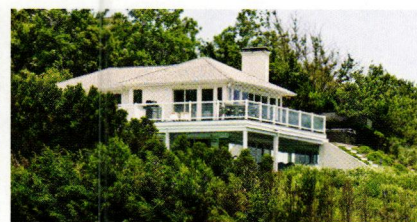
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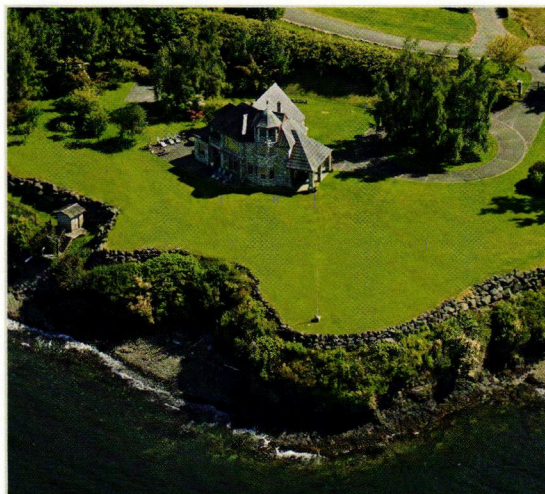
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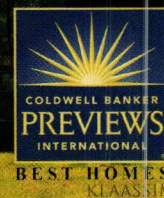
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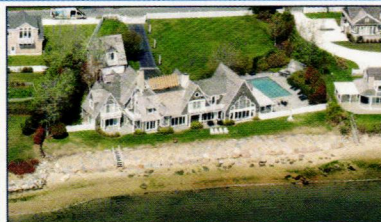
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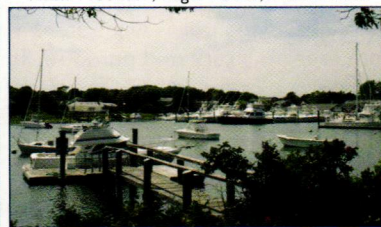
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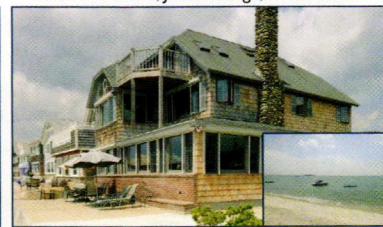
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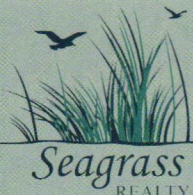
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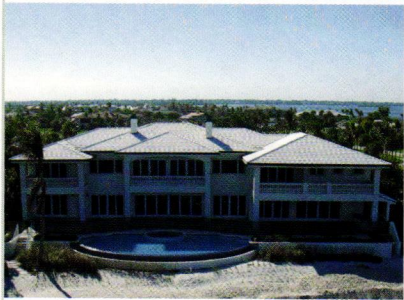


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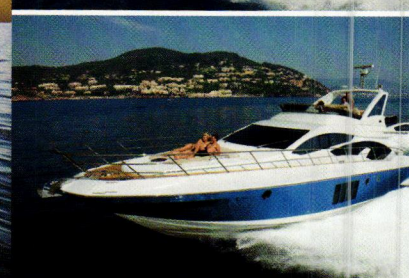
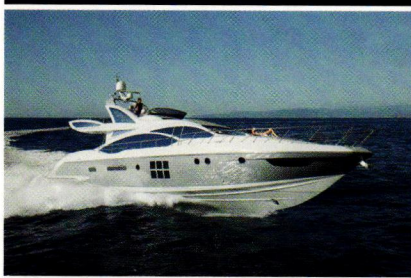
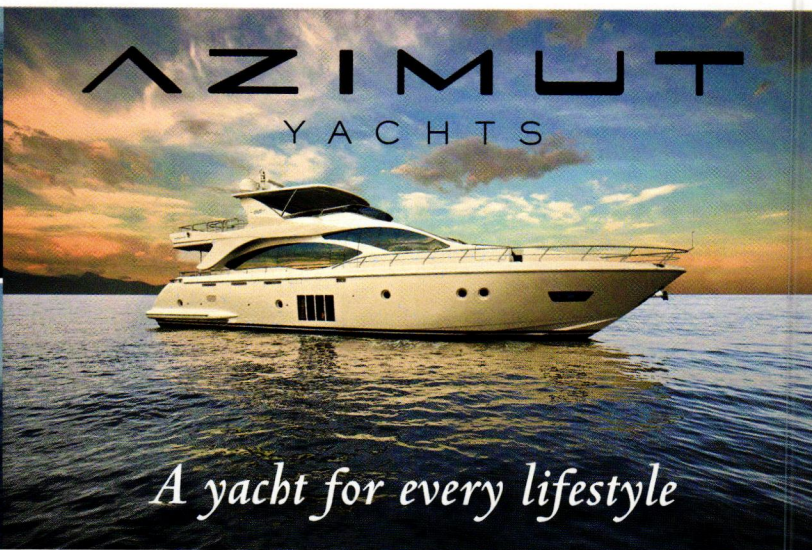


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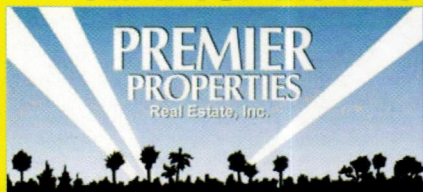
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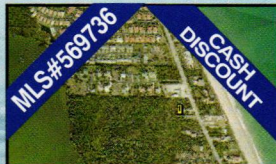
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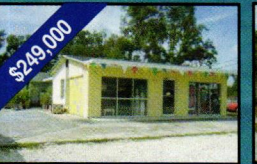
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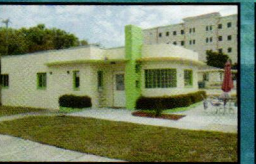
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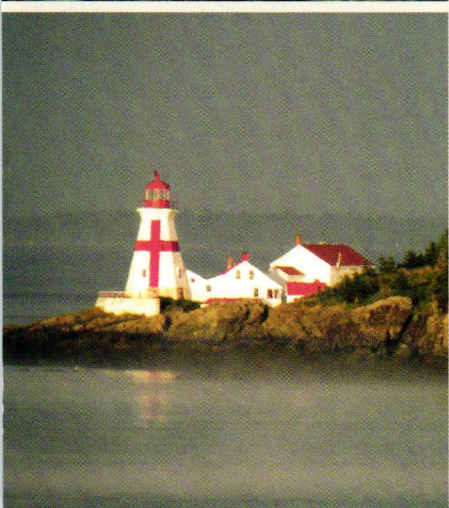
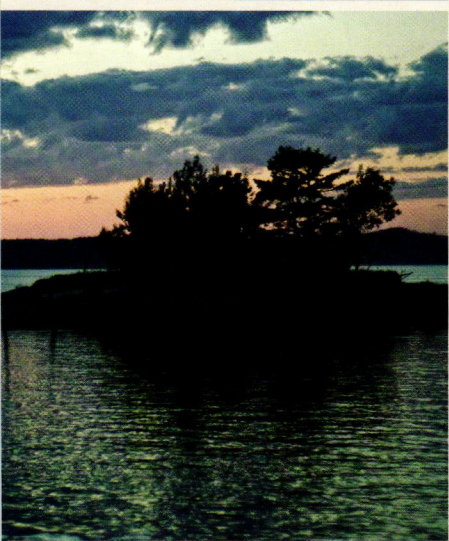
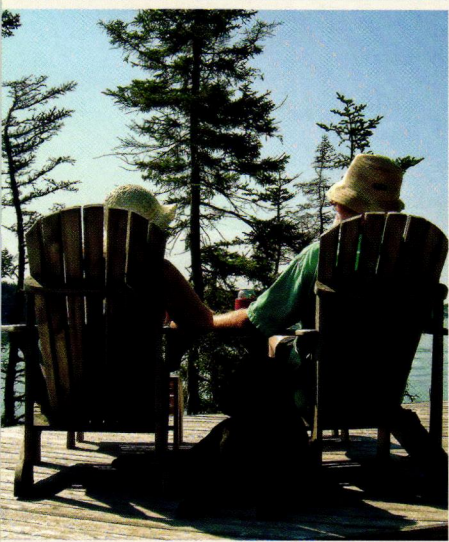
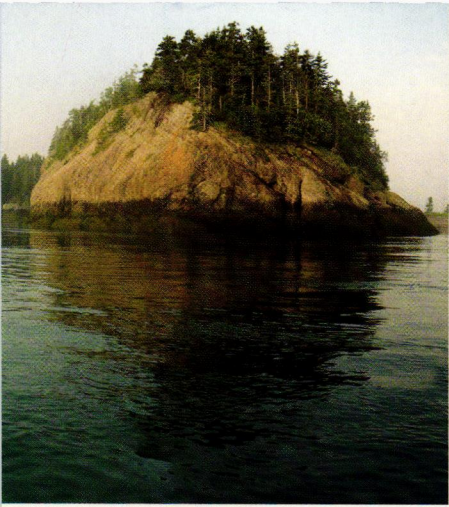
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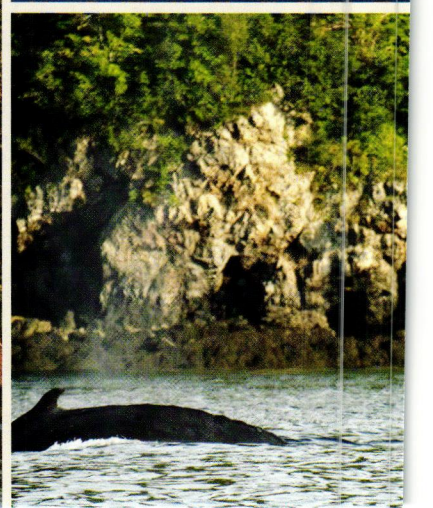
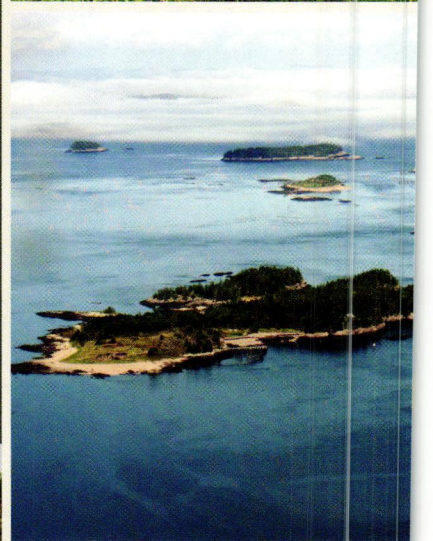
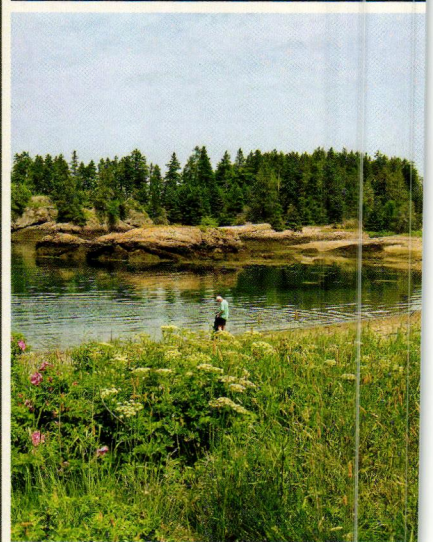
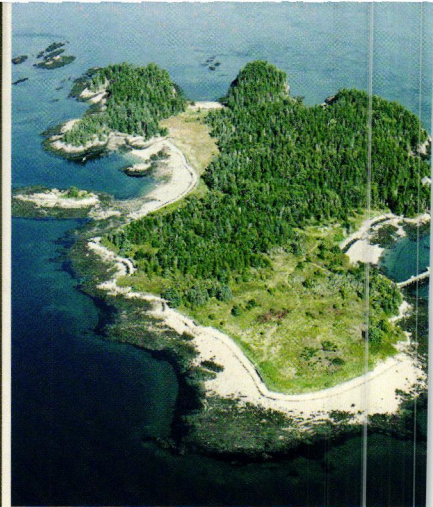
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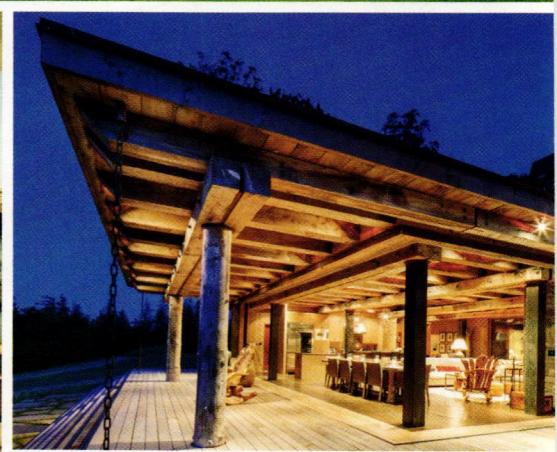
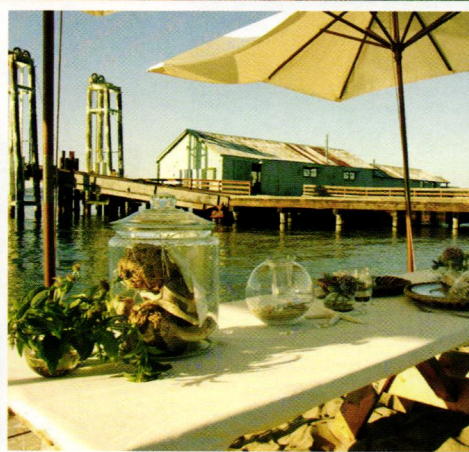
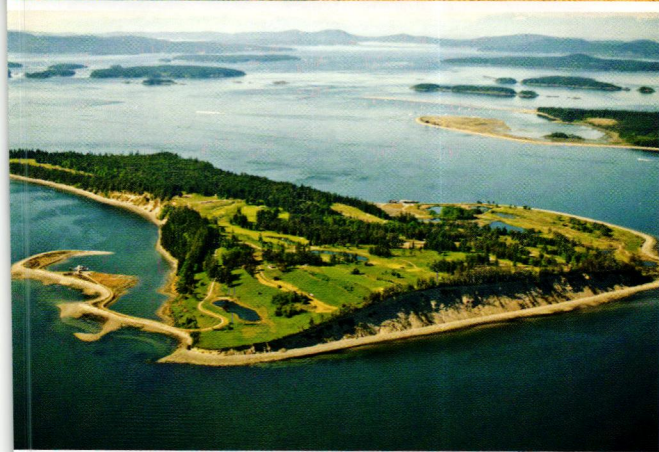
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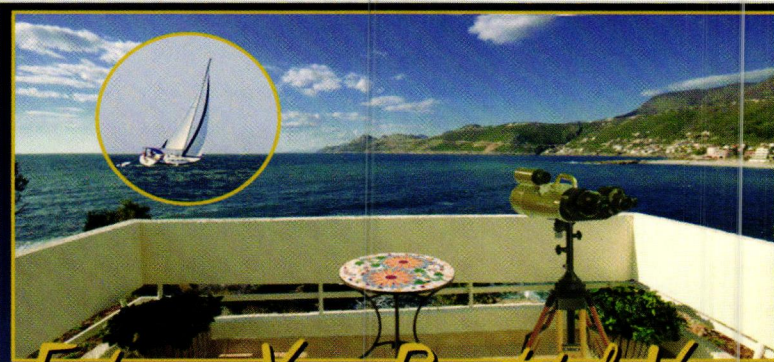
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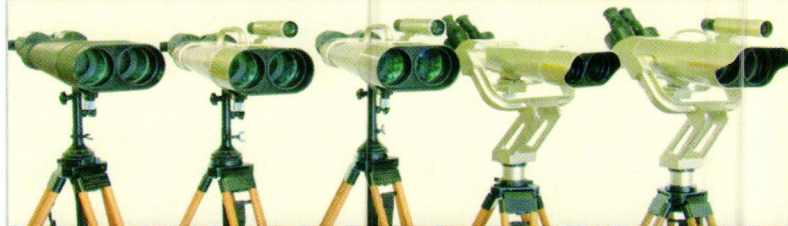


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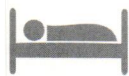
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**FOR WINDSURFING NATIONAL CHAMPION** of Belize Dane Dingsen, there's no place like home, especially when his home happens to be surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. Dingsen is the founder of the Caye Caulker Nature Reserve ([cayecaulker.org/reserve](http://cayecaulker.org/reserve)), established in 1989 on the small limestone island off the coast of Belize. With an amphibious nature, Dingsen is equally at ease navigating the eye of the wind, planing the perfect wave, and planting tropical gardens. No matter the venture, he's living Caye Caulker's island lifestyle to its fullest. —Kiley Jacques

**You have had such a diverse career history, from Windsurfing National Champion of Belize, to Founder of the Ocean Academy and the Caye Caulker Nature Reserve, to CEO of Eden Isles, Inc. What inspired you to take on so many things?** I began traveling in college as part of my education, and found the world full of opportunities unavailable to those who prefer to stay home.

**Why Belize? Why Caye Caulker Island specifically?** I am a curious traveler and often ask other high mileage travelers, "Where is the best place on earth?" A doctor in India, who has been to more than a hundred countries, once told me, for her, it is Caye Caulker. Many years later, I went and found she was right. I've stayed for 30 years.

**What do you love most about the island?** The whole island is white sand. No matter how deep you dig, there are no rocks or dirt. The water is clear and warm because the nearby reef encloses and protects us from waves; sometimes when fishing, you can actually see the fish you are trying to catch.

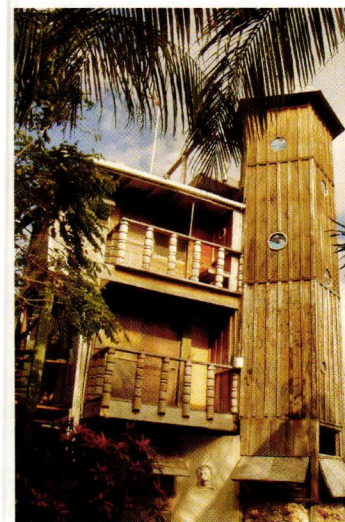
**Describe your home and its immediate surroundings?** We have a good bit of direct oceanfront property because land here is very affordable. We live on a place about 300 feet from the ocean, and we have five

small decks from which we savor our forest and coastline proximity. The vegetation grows fast, and we allow it to crowd the house to provide natural cooling from shade and evaporation.

**What is Caye Caulker's appeal?** Slow development is sometimes best; it allows the local culture to survive and evolve in a natural way. There is an island nearby named Ambergris Caye, which attracts travelers who enjoy luxury resort vacations. But Caye Caulker is for people looking for a true Belize-style vacation. It's the kind of place that makes people dream about staying forever.



### THE DETAILS



**Bedrooms:** 2. **Bathrooms:** 2. **Year purchased:** 1990. **Square footage:** 1,200. **Location:** Caye Caulker, Belize. **Special features:** Windsurf repair shop, observation deck on roof.