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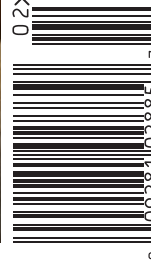
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It Takes a Villa

ON THE ROAD as much as we are at *Ocean Home*, one topic keeps coming up in conversation: villas. It's a word often heard in luxury-travel speak, but what exactly defines a villa? Historically, villas were the country homes of Roman elite. (How appropriate, then, that in this issue Paula de la Cruz profiles the vacation home of the Trussardis, one of Italy's first families of fashion, in "The House That Trussardi Built." See page 62.) After the fall of the Roman Republic, some of those homes evolved into farming compounds or even monasteries. The Middle Ages saw a resurgence of the villa as a country home for the upper class, which closely mirrors how we define and enjoy them today. Although, that those ancient villas were staffed with 24/7 butlers, private chefs, and chauffeurs and that their amenities included poolside yoga sessions or surf lessons is debatable.

Travel expert Lisa Rogak deftly narrowed down her top picks of oceanfront villas to just 20 ("The World's Best Villas," page 52), if only because there weren't enough pages in the magazine to devote to all those that fit this description. A few of our favorites—my own include Nandana in the Bahamas and Hawk's Nest at Peter Island Resort—have appeared in our pages before but were not included in this issue, lest we run out of space for equally notable new favorites. And despite our top-20 listing, we remained faithful to our regularly featured Villa Spotlight (page 22), in which we, well, shine the spotlight on a single spectacular property—in this case, Paradise by the Bay in Marin County, California. If you find your own favorite villas in the following pages, tell us about your experience there. Tell us, too, about those that you don't see here but find worthy. Let's keep the conversation going.

Speaking of travel, we've covered a lot of ground lately. Freelance writer Paul Rubio reports on his visit to the Maldives in "Maldivian Magic" (page 68), and Melissa Gillespie, fresh from a getaway to Los Cabos, Mexico, recaps her favorite features of La Paz ("Pause in La Paz," page 44) and brings us an interview with golf great Gary Player ("Play It Forward," page 80). And from freshening up your infinity pool ("Getting Stoned," page 34) to bringing the ocean indoors ("Money in the Tank," page 28), there's plenty of advice inside waiting to be applied to your own home, be it a country escape or a stunner by the sea. —**Lindsay Lambert, Editor**



CORRECTION

"Pacific Paradise" (November/December, page 18) incorrectly stated that Villa Perezoso has three master suites and four baths. The villa has five master suites and six baths.



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① **CHRIS CASWELL** Journalist Caswell admits to lots of expensive habits: yachts, cars, planes, and upscale travel, not to mention pools ("Getting Stoned," page 34). His jet-setting lifestyle earned him a slot on "The Oprah Show" for what she called "a job to kill for!" ② **REGINA COLE** Of the Maine home she profiled in "Enchanted Forest" (page 36), Cole says, "It is spare and clean-lined, but not cold, and perfectly suited to the location. Architecture brings together art and science; in this beautiful home, you can't tell where one starts and the other begins." ③ **CALEY BROWN** To illustrate "Backup Plan" (page 50), Brown "took the idea of looking ahead and considering that things could go wrong" and "meshed it with something comforting: the peace of mind of knowing you have back-up during your journey." His clients include Target Stores, Coca-Cola, Adidas, Martha Stewart, and Sony Music.

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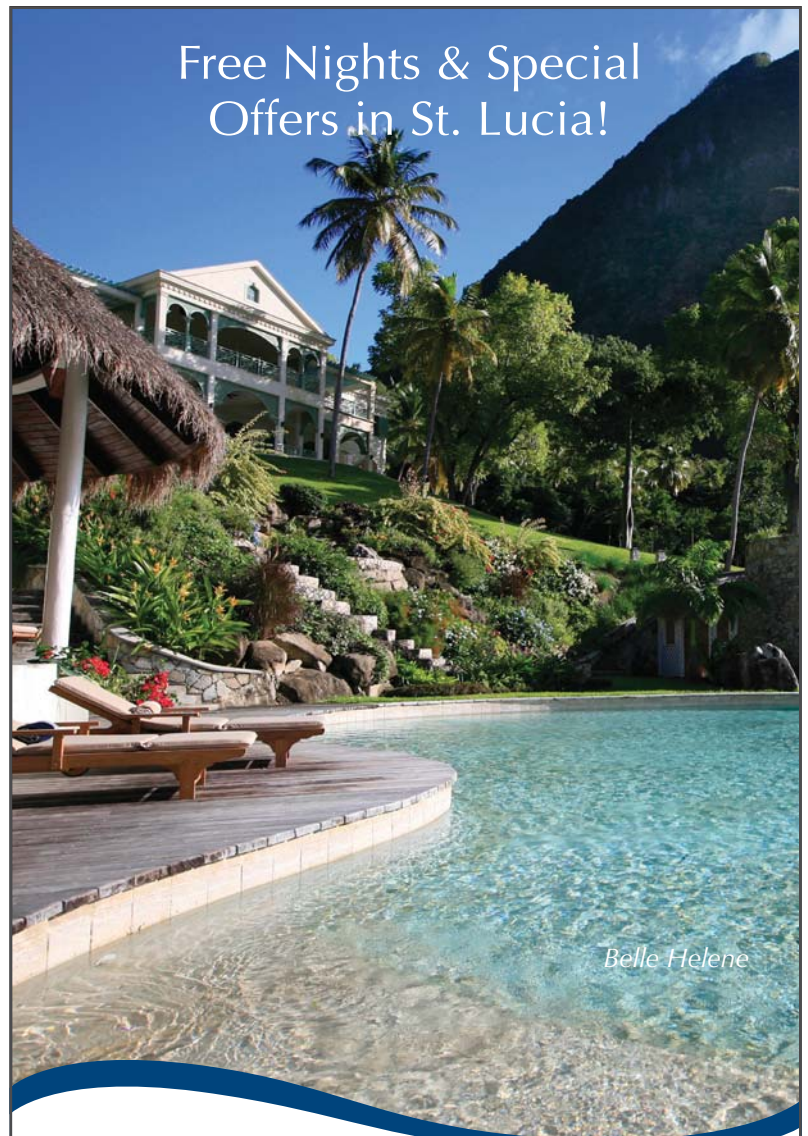
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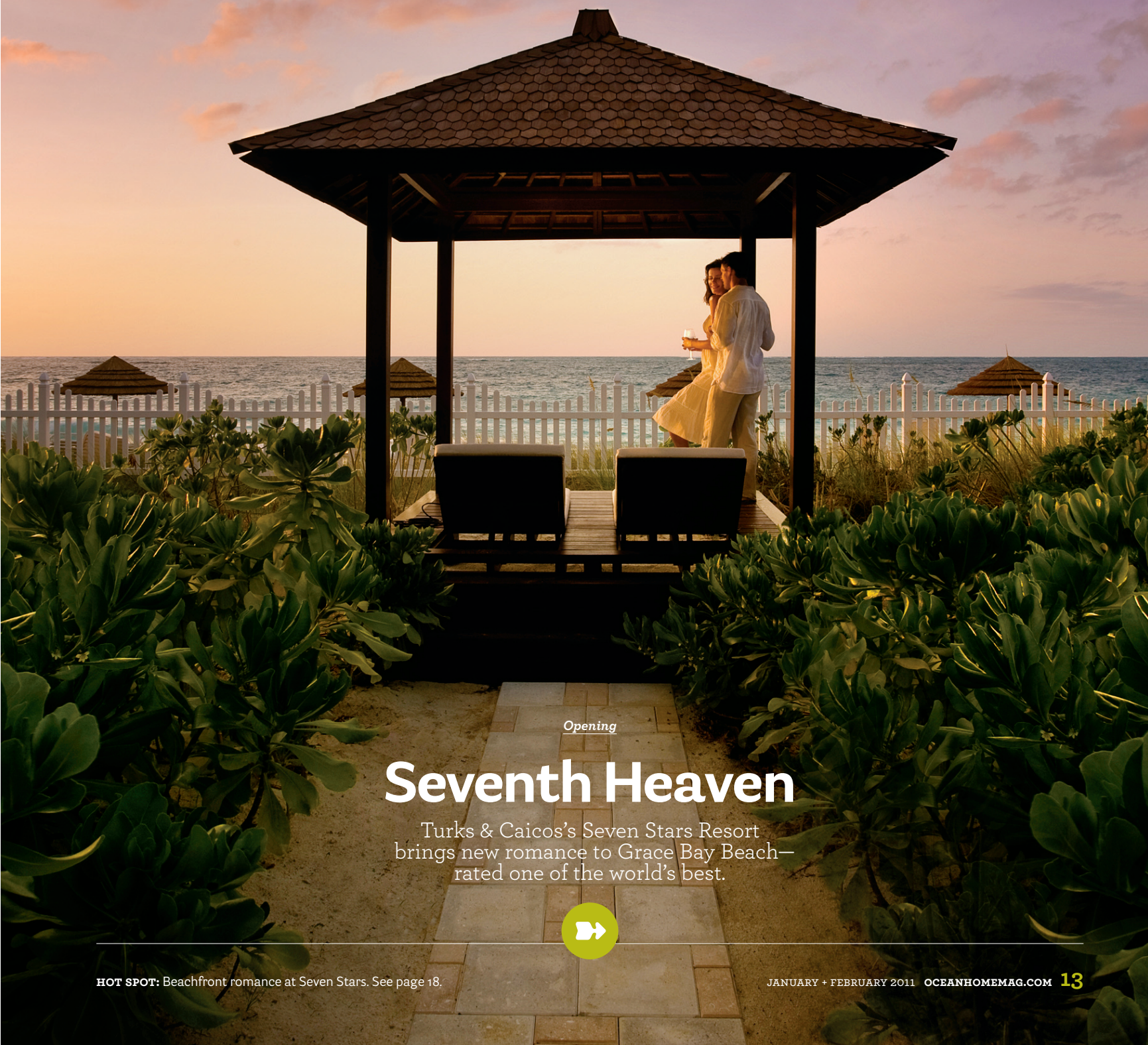


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Los Sueños Resort
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Living the Dream

Costa Rica's latest luxury development is a master-planned paradise. By **Melissa Gillespie**

LOCATED AT HERRADURA BAY on the Central Pacific Coast of Costa Rica, Los Sueños Resort and Marina is a 1,100-acre master-planned destination community. It currently features a private 600-acre rainforest reserve, the 201-room five-star Los Sueños Marriott Ocean & Golf Resort, a 200-slip international marina, exclusive Beach Club for residents, and the 18-hole La Iguana championship golf course.

With over 500 luxury single-family homes, lots, condominiums, and villas already sold, Los Sueños began construction on Altavista Los Sueños in December 2010. Potential owners can choose from two unit types: Unit Type 1 has three bed-

rooms and two and a half bathrooms and offers just over 1,750 square feet of living space for \$589,000, while Unit Type 2 features three bedrooms, three and a half bathrooms, and over 2,100 square feet, priced at \$749,000.

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Altavista Los Sueños will join the development's portfolio of luxury resort residences that range from one-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums to single-family homes. Other Los Sueños communities include Riviera and Malibu at Altamira, Marbella Condominiums at Altamira, Montebello Residences at Altamira, Colina Condominiums, Del Mar Condominiums, and Bay Residences at Del Mar.

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PERFECT PERCH: Conrad Koh Samui Resort and Spa.

surrounding landscape of lush coconut plantations. It's also a perfect western-facing vantage point where guests will take in the stunning Koh Samui sunsets. Each villa will have a minimum of 656 square feet of space, complete with private plunge pools and generous outdoor deck areas. There will be a variety of all-day and fine-dining restaurants, bars, and lounges. The spa will combine international treatments with a uniquely Thai spa philosophy and design accents. The property is slated to open in May 2011. conradhotels.com.

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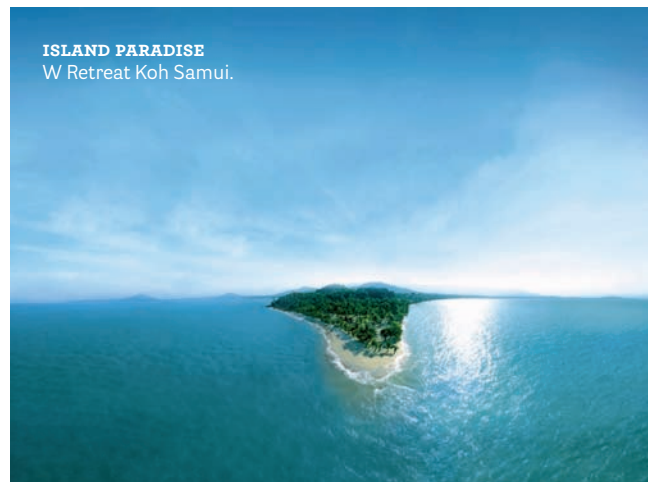
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In December 2010, B Hotels & Resorts debuted its flagship hotel, B Ocean Fort Lauderdale. Located on the famed Fort Lauderdale Beach, B Ocean Fort Lauderdale sets the tone for a spectacular brand experience sure to attract travelers from all over the world. The hotel's location and offerings are ideally suited for business or pleasure. Conveniently located on Sunrise Boulevard and A1A, guests can be downtown or at the Las Olas art and entertainment district within minutes. Food and beverage offerings at B Ocean Fort Lauderdale include a signature restaurant, a bar, in-room dining, pool/patio dining, banquets, catering and the B'Stro, offering a variety of organic menu selections. The hotel began accepting guest reservations in October 2010. A grand opening event is planned for early 2011. boceanfortlauderdale.com



Bahia Beach Beauty

St. Regis's first Caribbean hotel, The St. Regis Bahia Beach Resort, Puerto Rico, opened in November 2010, nestled between El Yunque rainforest and the Espiritu Santo River. The resort boasts 139 guest rooms, including 35 suites with private terraces offering ocean views, as well as 25 private St. Regis Estate Homes. The resort offers signature St. Regis Butler Service and features the Jean-George restaurant Fern, a Remède Spa, and an oceanfront golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. The resort is also the Caribbean's first certified Gold Audubon Signature Sanctuary.



property offers complimentary WiFi; select floors have Macs for guests.

SoHo Beach House is located on the site of the historic Art Deco-style Sovereign Hotel, which has been redesigned and expanded to include a 16-story oceanfront tower. The 50 hotel guest rooms, ranging from 350 to 1,500 square feet, offer ocean and bay views and feature antique furniture, king-sized beds, 40-inch flat-screen TVs, iPod docks, and rainforest showers.

The Cowshed Spa features six spacious ocean-facing mani-pedi chairs; five private treatment rooms, including a couple's suite; steam rooms; a relaxation area; changing facilities; and its first Blow Dry Bar for the perfect 'do. The property's oceanfront gym features floor-to-ceiling windows, a full range of equipment, personal trainers, and Yoga and Pilates classes.

The club pool, which overlooks the ocean and is surrounded by double sun loungers and fans to keep members cool and comfortable, is for use by adult members and guests only. The floor also has its own towel station and showers with an adjacent bar.

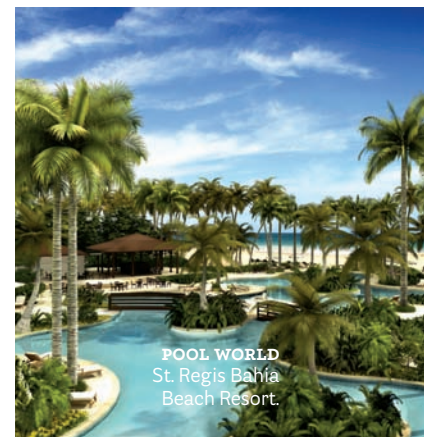
SoHo Beach House also offers a private members' club along with the brand's signature hospitality experience for club members and hotel guests. Local membership for the Beach House is \$1,800 annually, with membership for all SoHo House clubs set at \$2,400. sohobeachhouse.com.

Hot House

SoHo House heads south to Miami.

SOHO HOUSE DEBUTED in Miami last fall. The oceanfront property, designed by Martin Brudnizki, whose resume also includes New York's Le Caprice, comprises 50 guest rooms (including six tower suites), beachside cabanas, a fitness center, and two pools.

With South American influences, all bedrooms are decorated with one-off pieces of antique furniture and feature king-size beds and rainforest showers. Most bedrooms offer water views, and a number have freestanding baths and private terraces. The entire



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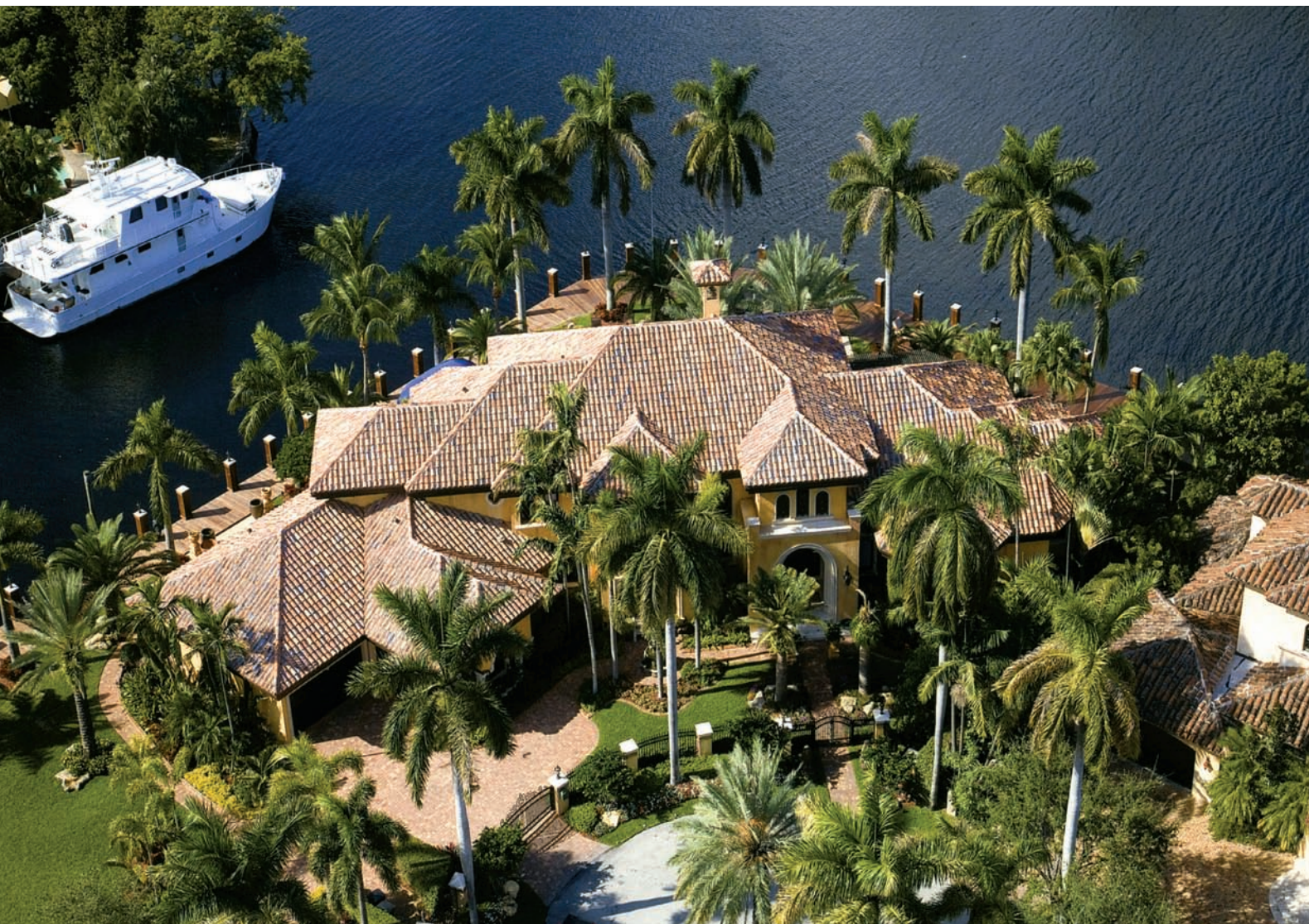
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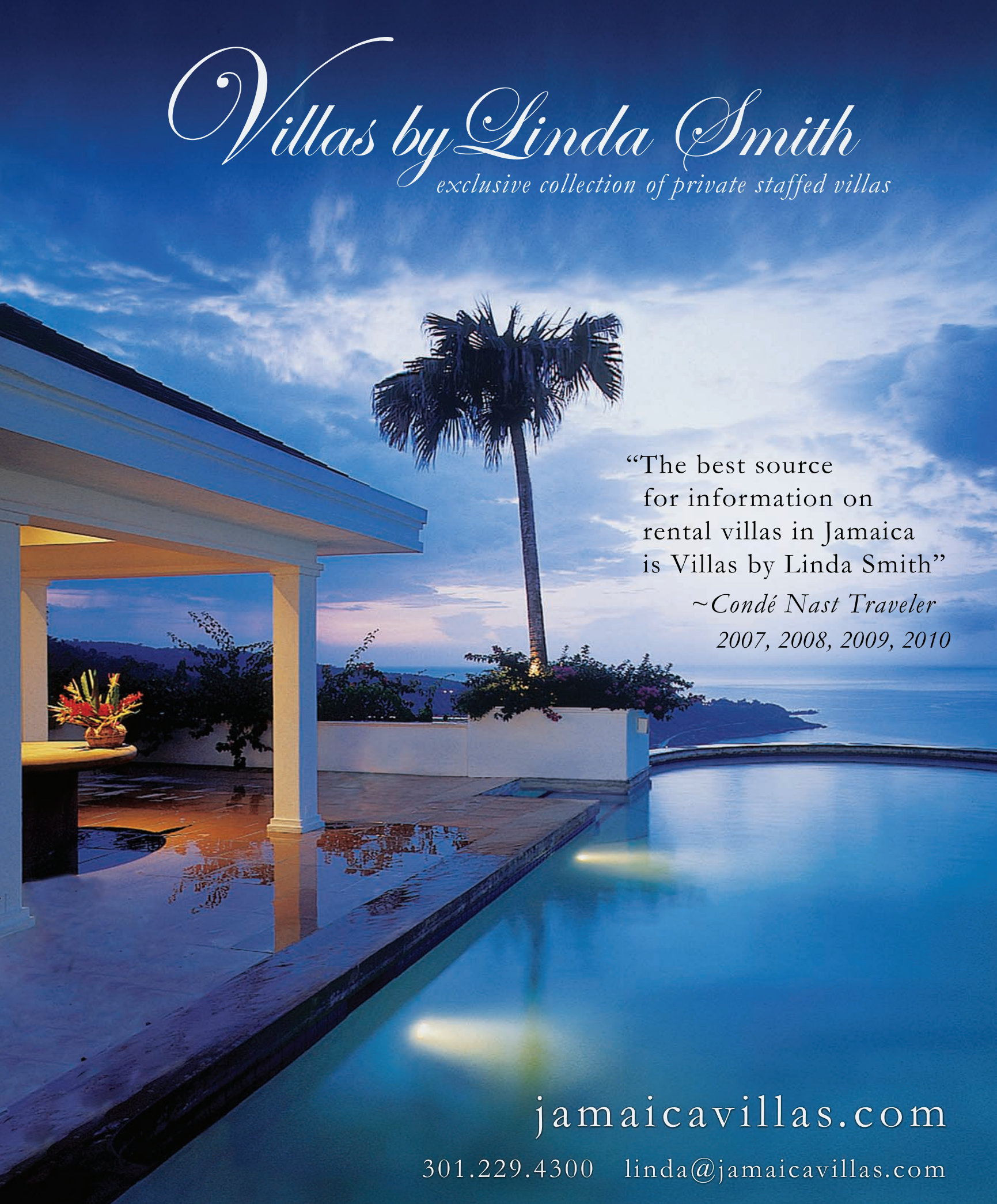
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THE DETAILS: \$9,940,000, Kelly Drum, Drum Realty, 954-764-4242, drumrealty.com.

A photograph of a tropical villa at dusk. On the left, a covered patio area with white columns is visible, featuring a small table with a vase of red flowers. A large, tall palm tree stands prominently in the center. In the foreground, a swimming pool reflects the sky and the villa. The background shows a calm sea and distant hills under a twilight sky with soft clouds.

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Market Watch

BERRY GOOD Academy Award-winner **Halle Berry's** rustic Beverly Hills villa is on the market. The gated 2,274-square-foot home has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, two fireplaces, natural stone and hardwood flooring, and beautifully manicured gardens. The asking price is \$5,000,000.

LIVING LA VIDA VILLA Singer **Ricky Martin's** two-story Mediterranean home in Golden Beach, Florida, is for sale for under \$19 million. The 9,882-square-foot home features five bedrooms, seven bathrooms, and a 108-foot stretch of private beach.

HOLLYWOOD HOST'S HIDEAWAY Radio and TV personality **Ryan Seacrest's** Los Angeles home is on the market for just under \$15,000,000. The 10,000-square-foot hillside estate is equipped with six bedrooms, six and a half baths, a detached garage, a screening room, and a fitness room.



CALIFORNIA DREAM
Paradise by the Bay.

Golden Gate Escape

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This expansive villa is just minutes from San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge, but it may as well be worlds away, given its seven meticulous bayfront acres. Here, guests can roam over hilled knolls surrounded by oak trees and beautiful seasonal flowers or enjoy the brilliantly designed contemporary villa. Paradise by the Bay comprises four bedrooms and five bathrooms and features views of the bay from every room. The villa also features a library and a media room, perfect for those who can't bear being disconnected. The lower terrace provides a

spacious room that can be transformed into an entertainment or game room.

Paradise by the Bay is an impeccable spot for entertaining friends and family: the spacious living room and dining room face the water, thus providing a perfect party backdrop. The home's large deck provides a stunning ocean view, as well. After dinner, why not sit fireside or enjoy the sounds of the Steinway grand piano in the music room?

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—Lisa Rogak and Brooke Neuman

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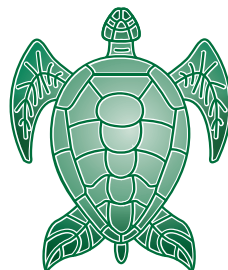


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PAR FOR THE COURSE
Hawaii's Four Seasons Hualalai.

Big Island Bliss

Despite sloping sales elsewhere, Hawaii's Four Seasons Hualalai forges on full-steam ahead. By **Scott Kauffman**

KE'OLU, the Tom Weiskopf-designed members-only golf course at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai, is named for the "gentle breeze" that brings a sense of calm and coolness to the Hualalai Club's "mauka," or mountaintop setting. The name is fitting, as Hualalai's exclusive residential community has been a breath of fresh air for Hawaii's high-end residential real estate market.

At a time when many upscale private and resort-style communities are struggling against recessionary headwinds, Hualalai Realty is having another banner year at the prestigious community located on the Kona-Kohala Coast of the Big Island. Hualalai is reporting \$98 million in closed transactions for the year, a pace to surpass the previous year's \$150 million in sales revenue.

Last August, Hualalai Realty's director of residential sales, Rob Kildow, made nine sales, the community's largest single month

for transactions in its 14-year history. It's just another small sign that the luxury real estate market is slowly regaining its health.

"It's still no picnic," adds Kildow, one of the 300 resident members at Hualalai Club, which costs \$225,000 to join. "We're ahead of last year's numbers but not by tons. Tour traffic is up by 35 percent, though, and prices have started to climb some."

Kildow says the lower-end luxury condominium homes priced from \$2-\$3 million are slow in moving, with the bulk of Hualalai's sales falling in the \$5 million-plus range.

"Instinctively, [Hualalai members] know now's the time to get great values," Kildow adds. "We haven't pulled back 40 percent like others. Plus, we've got an obvious 15-year track record and we're so diverse. We're not staking the value or experience of Hualalai on one or two things." *Rob Kildow, Hualalai Realty; 800-983-3880; hualalairealty.com.*

Must Sea

HÔTEL LE TOINY'S RESTAURANT LE GAÏAC

St. Barts' Hotel Le Toiny is home to the island's first greenhouse, as well as the popular Restaurant Le Gaïac, which features French cuisine with Creole accents. So successful was the 1,000-square-foot greenhouse's first growing season that Le Toiny added two more greenhouses in 2010. Each day, Executive Chef Stéphane Mazières incorporates fresh-from-the-garden herbs and veggies into his daily menu. "When we moved to St. Barts last year, we marveled at how much it cost to ship tomatoes to the hotel," says General Manager Guy Lombard. "We felt we could have fresher and more economical produce by growing our own." The resulting greenhouses produce everything from basil and coriander to lemongrass and licorice. Future plans include a nursery for bananas, papayas, and mangos. When they're not dining, guests at Le Toiny can retreat to 15 suites offering ocean views, large terraces, private swimming pools, and kitchenettes. letoiny.com.

—Melissa Gillespie

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The Vixen Telescope ED81.
See page 30.



Money in the Tank

Over-the-top aquariums bring the sea inside with a focus on architecture and design.

By **Brooke Neuman**

THERE ARE FEW BETTER WAYS to emulate the tranquil elements of the ocean in your home than by adding an aquarium. Nowadays, aquarium designers are thinking outside the box (or rather the rectangle), finding new ways to incorporate design into their aquatic works of art. Richard Bilow, director of California-based Aqua Terra Studios, combines his passions for architecture and art to turn out some of the most forward-thinking fish tanks around.

Bilow's design philosophy centers on his unique creative perspective as an artist and sculptor. Each aquarium is created as a multi-dimensional mixed-media art installation and includes innovative concepts such as glass art, illuminated photography, sculpture, and even cinematography.

Bilow's A-list clients have included Shaquille O'Neal, Courteney Cox, the San Diego Marriott Hotel, and The Friars of Beverly Hills. He finds his "greatest strengths come forth when working with people who love art, architecture, and design."



LIQUID ART
A driftwood-inspired display by Bilow.

Placement is a key design element when building an aquarium, Bilow says. Indoor aquariums can act as a focal point in any space, or they can just add a special touch to any area in your home. "Whenever possible, it is helpful to place an aquarium away from direct sunlight and out of extremely bright environments," says Bilow. Lots of direct sunlight can increase the growth

of algae, which makes maintenance difficult. However, Bilow once created an aquarium exhibit that acted as a room divider and focused on the sunsets and ocean views of a client's backdrop. "The visual effect made them well worth the extra maintenance," he says.

Also key when designing an aquarium, Bilow says, is accommodating the necessary equipment to ensure easy access for maintenance. "Large saltwater aquariums, for example, require lots of equipment and regular care. If there is nowhere to place the components required and exhibits are created without the parts they really need, problems are inevitable."

With all the right parts and conditions in place, however, these over-the-top indoor aquariums are the perfect way to bring the things you love most about the ocean into the comfort of your own home. *Aqua-Terra Studios, 310-314-2216, aqua12.com.*



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Early on in his career, Carl F. Bucherer adopted a theory, “Ahead of the Times,” which embraced technology and its advancements as a cornerstone for growing the brand. He coined the company phrase “Evolution Technology” and it embodied a philosophy of set establishments for the development and manufacture of enchanting mechanisms and additional functions of use for all his editions. Today the abbreviated version of that term—EvoTec—describes the company’s signature line of watches, which includes the Patravi and TravelTec editions, two of the world’s most sought-after and best-selling lines.

Recently, Carl F. Bucherer unveiled one of the industry’s most cutting-edge

technological developments, the CFB A1000 Manufacture movement. Complementing the 90-year tradition of technological innovation, the A1000, with the help of the peripheral rotor, successfully combines the aesthetic appeal of a hand-wound movement with the comfort of an automatic winding. It boasts a mechanism that changes the date with the support of the rotating disk, using the second digit while the first disk remains still. Watch enthusiasts and customers alike have marveled at this new innovation.

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Ron Stoll, President of Carl F. Bucherer in North America

THE DISH
Beef Fillet with “Mojo” Verde
and Fried Plantain.



First-Class Fillet

At the Bristol Panama in Panama City, Cuquita Arias, the “Martha Stewart of Panama,” creates her signature dish.

PANAMA CITY IS UNDERGOING a building boom so robust that the biggest crop in town seems to be construction cranes. From some rooms at the Bristol Panama hotel in the financial district, no fewer than nine new buildings in various states of completion can be viewed.

Down in the hotel’s Barandas restaurant, Chef Cuquita Arias has been conducting a building boom of her own among visitors and residents who turn up for her sophisticated Panamanian fare. After 10 years at the hotel, Arias has become a bit of a celebrity in Panama: she’s starred in her own cooking show, authored several cookbooks, and

even published her own food magazine. It’s all not too surprising, considering that Martha Stewart served as her mentor back in the 1980s.

Cuquita is currently in the process of incorporating more Chombo dishes into her menu. Chombo is an Afro-Caribbean culinary style similar to Creole, but it also uses Asian and Indian spices, influenced by the workers who came from all over the world to build the massive Panama Canal almost a century ago. In the meantime, Arias’s Beef Fillet with “Mojo” Verde and Fried Plantain is a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

—Lisa Rogak

Beef Fillet with “Mojo” Verde and Fried Plantain

SERVES 6

GREEN “MOJO”

- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 pinch pepper
- 3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp. cherry vinegar
- 1/2 c. olive oil
- 1/2 c. canola oil
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped chives
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped parsley
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped cilantro
- 1 tbsp. finely chopped dill

In a medium bowl, mix the mustard, salt, pepper, and both vinegars. Whisk constantly while adding the oil in a thin stream. When thoroughly incorporated, add the fresh herbs and refrigerate.

FRIED PLANTAIN

- 2 c. cold beer
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- Ice cubes
- 3 c. peanut oil
- 1 green plantain, peeled, cut into 6 slices
- Salt

In a medium bowl, pour the cold beer, the crushed garlic, and enough ice cubes to fill the bowl. Set aside. Heat the oil in a large, deep skillet. Add the plantain and fry until golden brown. Remove with slotted spoon and set on paper towels to drain. When cool, flatten each plantain with the bottom of a drinking glass until 1/2-inch thick. Soak in ice-beer mixture for 10 minutes. Fry again until crispy and pat dry with paper towel. Sprinkle with salt and keep warm in a preheated 200° oven.

BEEF FILLET

- 3 lbs. beef fillet, sliced into 6 pieces
- Salt and pepper
- Olive oil

Season the fillet with salt and pepper. Heat the oil and cook fillet on both sides to temperature. To serve, sprinkle the fillet with the green “mojo” and garnish with fried plantain. Served with grilled baby vegetables, if desired.



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Expert tips for applying the perfect pebble finish to your oceanfront infinity pool.

WHEN BUILDING A SWIMMING POOL, most home owners would focus on the shape and the depth, on waterfalls and tile and diving boards. But the pool finish itself often got short shrift. That trend has changed, however, and the old plastered pool finish (and its '50s-era pale-blue look) has been replaced by the luxurious elegance of pebbled finishes.

"Only one percent of the pools we build or rebuild get the old-style finish. The other 99 percent get a pebbled surface," says Frank Juliano, a highly respected pool contractor in Florida. "It's a no-brainer," adds Juliano, whose Pool Tek of the Palm Beaches has been installing the patented Pebble Tec finish for two decades. "With the usual plaster finish, you have to re-do it every few years. With Pebble Tec, it has a lifetime warranty, comes in 40 colors, and is naturally beautiful."

"We wanted a reflecting Taj Mahal look with an infinity edge," says Rhea Harrison, whose waterfront lap pool was finished in dark-blue Pebble Tec (shown above). "It looks great, it's natu-



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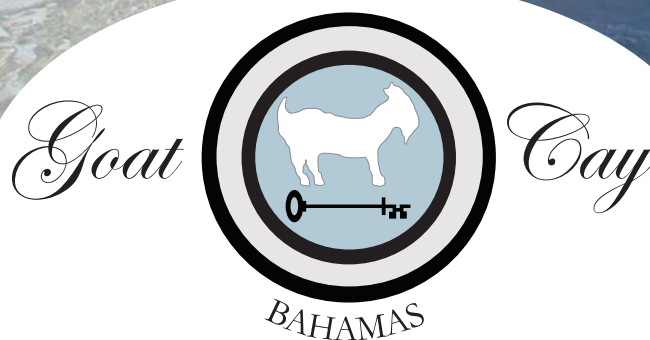
rally heated by the sun, and I love the feel of it, too."

A Pebble Tec finish is just that: lots and lots of tiny pebbles. As many as 40 million for a single pool, in fact, all carefully selected from as far away as Chile and New Zealand. Sorted by color and then polished, they are applied via a proprietary process; Pebble Technology, which holds the patent, requires that only licensed and trained experts install the finish. Once installed, it requires no special maintenance other than the usual pool cleaning.

Pebbled finishes were first used with beach-entry pools, but for today's backyards and patios, the entire pool receives this finish. The stain-resistant stones provide a natural non-slip surface and the texture adds a lustrous look as sunlight plays on the water.

Pebble Technology also offers Pebble Sheen, which uses smaller pebbles for a more finely textured feel, as well as finishing touches such as glass and porcelain waterline tiles, or fire opal accents for steps and spas.

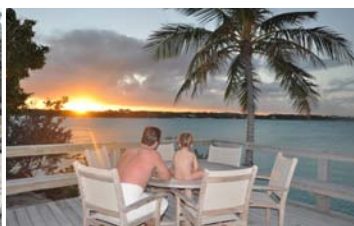
Whether you're building a new pool or giving an older pool a facelift, a pebbled finish is probably in your future. —Chris Caswell



Goat Cay is located on Great Exuma, a jewel in the Bahamian necklace of over 700 Islands. Nestled on the tip of a secluded peninsula, it is only minutes away from the historic village of George Town.

The property, which rests atop a coral point, is surrounded by lush tropical foliage and a spectacular ocean view. It is a special haven for those who enjoy their privacy.

The surrounding area is renowned as a fishing and boating paradise and offers some of the best snorkeling in the Bahamas. George Town can be reached by air from Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and Atlanta in less than 2 hours.



For more information or to book a reservation please go to
www.goatcay.com



Enchanted Forest

A contemporary Maine home is a light-filled link between woods and water. By **Regina Cole**

“THIS HOUSE REACHES UP, grabs the afternoon light, and brings it into every room,” says architect Peter Forbes of Mount Desert Island’s most compelling vacation home.

For a Boston-area client, Forbes designed a 7,000-square-foot house that emerges from the woods, then breaks and bends as it approached a ledge high above the Atlantic. Curving and cantilevered walls wear traditional white-cedar shingles, but as the house approaches the view, it becomes transparent. A length of clerestory windows crowns the ridgepole, giving the slender structure an elegant height while grabbing sunlight.

“In Maine, light is the most precious commodity,” says Forbes. “Those old coastal Maine summer homes are full of sunshine in the morning, but are gloomy in the afternoon.”

The house perches on steel pilings tied into a granite ledge. Various curving and slanting walls float on the “structural spine,” as Forbes calls it, creating a delicate footprint on a yard. With tall spruce and balsam fir trees, lichen-covered boulders, ferns, and low-bush blueberries, it resembles Longfellow’s forest primeval, especially when enshrouded with coastal Maine’s ubiquitous fog.

“Our goal was to make it seem as though the landscape had never been touched,” says landscape architect Michael Boucher of Freeport, Maine. Boucher’s work with modern structures, in particular, redefines traditional notions of landscape design. “I create landscapes that are extensions of architecture. I don’t like ‘landscaping,’” he says.

A gravel path meanders past maple and birch trees toward a front door at the axis of the house. The path leads into a glass-enclosed stairwell, which literally floats in space. “You can walk under the house,” Forbes says. “In the springtime, water rushes under the bridge. The two sections and the curves diminish the building’s size. You never see a big block of house.”

To either side of the stair hall, walls peel away into curves enclosing porches, decks, and outdoor stairs. One wing holds the kitchen, dining room, living room, and master bedroom. Guest rooms occupy the opposite section. In the living room and the master bedroom, walls melt away. The glass, manufactured to stringent specifications in Italy, has none of the green hue common to the material. The long, narrow clerestory features built-in fold-down seats, a feature the owner finds conducive to bird watching, looking out at the night sky, and, one might guess, sitting back and soaking in each and every marvel of the incredible home around him.



MODERN MARVEL: Clockwise from top: clerestory windows let in ample light; a staircase disappears upward; a living area; the floating stairwell’s exterior.

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LOVE NEST
Manny Khoshbin, his fiancée Leyla, and their Pelican Hill residence.



American Aerie

When his dream house high in the hills came on the market, this young real estate developer leapt at the chance—and hasn't looked back. By **Diane M. Byrne**

SOMETIMES DREAMS REALLY DO come true.

For 10 years, Manny Khoshbin lived among the sights and sounds of Newport Beach, California. As nice as his 2,400-square-foot residence was, he longed to live at either Pelican Hill or Pelican Crest, two nearby resort-like properties with villas that featured spectacular sunset vistas over the Pacific Ocean. "There's no comparison," he says, explaining that while city views are great at night, the ocean is inviting all day. "You've got sailboats on Sundays, all sorts of activity that changes the view," he says.

Khoshbin got the "grab your checkbook" call during the summer of 2008; a place at Pelican Hill within his price range was available. A few months (and a few more checks) later, he'd renovated it to include a gym, a nine-seat cinema, and wireless automation of audio-visuals in every room.

Khoshbin and his fiancée, Leyla Milani, enjoy the flexibility that the more than 10,400 square feet of space on half an acre affords them. Even with a five-car garage and a guest house that features white marble and Japanese furniture, this is anything but a trophy house. It's the ideal respite, given their

busy careers in real estate and television, respectively (Milani is Lucky 13 on the TV game show "Deal or No Deal"). They also enjoy hosting charity events and entertaining Khoshbin's sister and her kids for movie nights.

Above all, the couple appreciates that they were able to arrange their comfortably elegant furnishings to make the most of the layout. "I wanted it to have that open feel, like a hotel lobby, when you come in," Khoshbin says. In addition, the doors in the living room open to the outside. "I love indoor-outdoor living," he adds.

Then how does he explain the pirate room, populated by wax figures of buccaneers? Khoshbin laughs as he recalls how he was a single man when he bought the house: "It was overwhelming," he says of his choice of décor. "I had too many rooms to deal with!"



Prime Meridian

Nestled in a magical part of the Caribbean is a wondrous island with a world-class resort known for its tranquility and understated elegance.

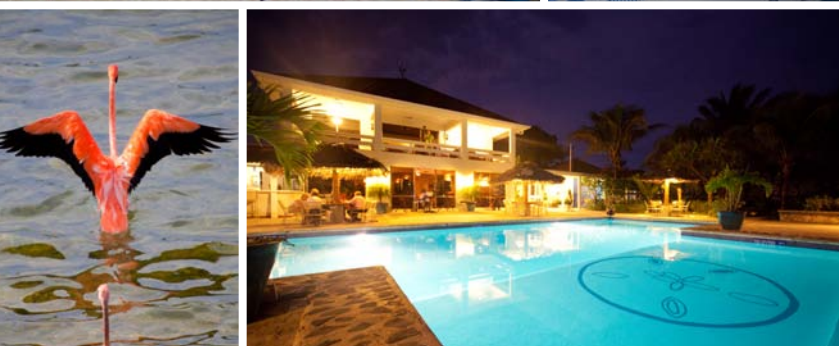
Once the reputed sanctuary of Anne Bonny and Mary Read, the famous lady pirates, Pine Cay is an 800-acre private island off the Turks & Caicos that was developed into a planned community in 1971 by The Cays Development Company. The development included privately owned houses, as well as The Meridian Club, a small luxury resort that also serves as a social center for its members and guests.

Just 560 miles southeast of Miami, the Meridian Club on Pine Cay is favorably positioned on what many in the know consider to be the finest two-mile stretch of beach in the Caribbean. Known for its powdery sand and soothing, melodious trade winds, Pine Cay has a serene, relaxing quality that Robinson Crusoe would surely appreciate.

The only resort on the island, The Meridian Club is not your average heavily accessorized luxury getaway. Known as a “barefoot community inside and out,” The Meridian Club embraces a casual atmosphere where a handful of guests can indeed wander barefoot throughout the grounds, even while enjoying world-class cuisine in the dining room. Cars, cell phones, televisions, and radios are nonexistent on this island, giving guests more time to enjoy the natural beauty of the island and the simple, relaxing activities taken for granted back home. The guest rooms and cottages, tucked along the shoreline and dunes, all offer panoramic views of the ocean and the island. Guests can choose to relax in one of just 12 spacious beachfront guest rooms, the secluded Sand Dollar cottage, or an intimate collection of private cottages.

The Clubhouse is home to the main restaurant and bar and overlooks a sparkling pool with the Caribbean horizon behind it. Surrounding waters teem with exotic, indigenous marine life, and underwater visibility is exceptional, with miles of coral within easy reach. Guests enjoy many island activities, like swimming in the ocean or fresh-water pool, biking, sailing, shelling, snorkeling, tennis, and relaxing by the beach. Staff can arrange exceptional bone-fishing, and deep-sea fishing as well as excursions to nearby islands.

For more information about The Meridian Club or to make reservations, visit www.meridianclub.com or call 649-946-7758 or 866-746-3229.



CLASSIC CRAFTS
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J CRAFT TORPEDO These colorful craft combine today's technology with looks of yesteryear. They're the Torpedo speedboats built by Sweden-based J Craft. Measuring 41 feet, the Torpedo is equally suited to being a primary boat or a tender for a large yacht. The open seating area and aft sunbed allow you and a handful of friends to enjoy fun in the sun while harbor hopping. The boat's top speed is reportedly 44 knots, thanks to twin Volvo Penta IPS500s, a propulsion system renowned for its intuitive joystick control—so simple that a novice can learn to operate it in minutes. Should you wish to overnight on the boat, there are berths for four, plus a captain. Craving just a bit more speed and luxury? Opt for the Torpedo R pack boat. Volvo Penta IPS600 engines should push it to a 50-knot top speed. Luxe touches include a leather-stitched steering wheel, rose polished stainless-steel dashboard, and a luggage set crafted of the same material as the interior. That interior is up to you; J Craft will tailor any area to specific tastes. Two things that won't change, however: the hull is fiberglass and topped by a mahogany-laid deck that's lacquered 18 times. *Base price is €750,000 (about \$1.047 million at press time). The Torpedo R pack is €800,000 (about \$1.113 million at press time). j-craftboats.com. —Diane M. Byrne*

Yacht Watch

The perfect new toy for your yacht, the **Island Hopper Red Shark** is a lean, mean, toothy-faced shark. Six- and 10-passenger models are available, each measuring 18'6" long by 4'6" wide. Each sled is handmade using glue-bonded overlapping seams, while areas of high stress are double reinforced. The same is true of seating, foot areas, and hand holds, as they're likely to get hard use. A foot pump and repair kit come standard. Suggested retail price is \$999, available via multiple retailers. The manufacturer, Water Trampolines, will sell directly to consumers if there is no authorized retailer in your area. watertrampolines.com —D.B.



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Splash



Waterfront on Great Cruz Bay. Take a swim from your shoreline or watch the boats sailing by. Uniquely crafted of rich mahogany and native stonework, "SPLASH" exemplifies tropical island living with an open style layout featuring an exotic indoor garden pool. Two large bedroom suites and a charming 'crows nest' bedroom with full bath on the upper

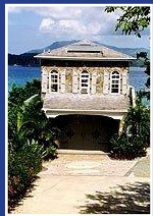
level, all with views of the bay. Office can easily be converted in to 4th bedroom. Lush tropical landscaping, open sun decks, spa. Hand-crafted entertainment center, hi-speed internet, fully air-conditioned except upper bedroom. Close to town. Excellent rental income. **\$2,575,000**

Poseidon's Secret

WATERFRONT "Poseidon's Secret" is an elegant and private 5-bedroom Mediterranean style villa with its own private sandy beach, swimmable shoreline and lush tropical landscaping including unique fountains. All rooms are elegantly furnished and air-conditioned. Villa has DSL, satellite TV, mahogany cabinets, granite counter tops and more. **\$3,299,000**



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Villa Mollo

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Reef Bay Lot On St. John's South Shore



WATERFRONT lot with 270 feet of shoreline and National Park boundaries make this property a rare find. Easterly sunrise and moon rise views including views to the south with the island of St. Croix on the horizon. Private location yet only minutes to Cruz Bay. **\$2,250,000**

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Gentle building site with views of National Park land and waters. Swim from your door step and walk to the adjacent deeded beach parcel. Lush vegetation, quiet and private East End property with easy access and utilities. Buyer of this property can offer to purchase adjacent parcel. **\$635,000**



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BAJA OR BUST: La Paz lures travelers with its architecture, its beautiful natural scenery and adventure options, its culture, and its world-class amenities.

Pause in La Paz

Baja's capital is a luxury-loaded adventure destination.

JUST UNDER TWO hours north of Los Cabos by car, La Paz is the capital of Baja California Sur, the state boasting the greatest length of Mexico coastline. La Paz, Spanish for "peace," has a rich history, delightful people, delicious food, and an easy-going lifestyle.

Thousands of people sail to La Paz every year, enticed by the calm, warm waters of the Sea of Cortez, which is home to reefs, underwater caves, and exotic sea life. It is considered one of the premier diving, snorkeling, and sport-fishing locations in the world. Nearby Isla Espiritu Santo, an oasis of secluded coves and dramatic sandstone cliffs, has been protected as a biosphere national reserve and is well-populated with friendly sea lions.

La Paz, although quaint and quiet, has the services and amenities for a comfortable and relaxing visit, from elegant dining and a full-service spa to the direct flights from several cities.

Long known for its exquisite coastline and abundant fishing, La Paz is also making a new name for itself as a second-home destination for mainland North Americans.

Most recently, the destination welcomed the CostaBaja Resort & Spa, home to Gary Player's first golf course in Mexico; several oceanfront and oceanview condominiums, villas, and custom home lots; and a full-service hotel. The resort is a town within itself, offering exquisite dining in the marina at Azul Marino and La Barcaccia and oceanfront relaxation and activities

at its beach club. La Paz is also home to Paraíso del Mar, a 1,700-acre resort community with an island lifestyle and an award-winning Arthur Hills championship golf course. Development plans over the next year include the completion of an additional 102 beachfront condominiums.

High tourist season in La Paz is from mid-November through May. However, there are several sporting events year round and in the off-season, most notably the Fishing Tournament Dorado La Paz, attracting fishermen from around to world in June. —*Melissa C. Gillespie*

THE ESSENTIALS LA PAZ

① WHERE TO STAY

The condos at **Hotel La Concha Beach Resort & Condominiums** range from one to three bedrooms. Children under 12 are not allowed. *laconcha.com*, 612-121-6161 (USA), 01-800-716-8603 (Mexico). **CostaBaja Resort & Spa** is the first five-star property in La Paz, featuring a signature restaurant, a 250-slip marina, a beach club, a golf course, and a spa. Rates are dependent on season,

view, and size. *costabaja.com*, 866-409-9940 (USA); 01-800-267-8222 (Mexico).

② **WHERE TO EAT** Enjoy the casual patio seating at **Lumière** in the Plaza Real: try the Quatro Quesos (four cheeses) crepe for a satisfying mid-afternoon snack. For a more traditional La Paz dining experience, locals and tourists agree on **Bismarck II** for the fresh catch of the day. **Las Tres Virgenes** serves

up "Baja High Cuisine," featuring a diverse selection of international fare and an excellent wine selection as well.

③ **WHAT TO DO** If you're not into sport fishing or snorkeling, two of the most popular activities here, stroll the historic malecón (seaside boulevard), relax at the beach, or let the profes-

sionals at **Fun Baja** take you on a whale-watching expedition. *funbaja.com*. La Paz is home to two 18-hole golf courses: one at **Paraíso del Mar** (*paradisiofthesea.com*) and the other at CostaBaja Resort & Spa.





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In addition to earthly amenities, Cotton Tree offers a wealth of water activities. Guests can snorkel, kayak, or dive along Cotton Tree's shore or at Seven Mile Beach. A concierge staff can arrange horseback riding and boat charters, as well as activities

like cooking classes and art lessons. For true R&R, guests can nap by the freshwater pool or enjoy a massage in an alfresco cabana.

To provide not only five-star amenities in a home-like setting but also upscale, authentic dining, Cotton Tree offers private chef services and partners with caterers Misé en Place to create customized menus using fresh, local ingredients. An in-house sommelier expertly pairs wines to bring out the dishes' flavors. The perfect setting in which to enjoy Cotton Tree's culinary offerings is in the resort's beachfront pavilion, where the ocean, sun, and stars—like the resort itself—provide a picturesque background. *caymancottontree.com. —Lindsay Lambert*

The Agenda

STINGRAY CITY Swim with and feed the gentle giants amid coral reefs and tropical fish. *stingraycitytrips.com.*

SEVEN MILE BEACH Rated among the Caribbean's best beaches, Seven Mile Beach is home to popular restaurants and offers snorkeling, sailing, kayaking, and diving. *seven-milebeachgrandcayman.com.*

GEORGE TOWN Heart of the Islands' finance industry and government, George Town is also a popular cruise port. Shop and dine on its main thoroughfare, The Paseo. *caymanislands.ky.*

NATIONAL GALLERY The National Gallery exhibits works by local and international artists and offers lectures, tours, and a workshop series. *nationalgallery.org.ky.*

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EXPLORING GRAND CAYMAN *Three more must-stay resorts.*

Turtle Nest Inn More affordable and less opulent than other resorts but widely beloved, Turtle Nest Inn offers apartment- and condo-style rooms with kitchens. Thanks to its location in the slightly more removed Bodden Town, guests can take in the property's offerings without feeling crowded. 345-947-8665, *turtlenestinn.net.* **The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman** In terms of size and location, the Ritz-Carlton is everything that Cotton Tree is not. Its location on Seven Mile Beach places the hulking hotel right in the island's commercial district, but its vibe is relaxed nonetheless. 345-943-9000, *ritzcarlton.com/en/properties/grandcayman.* **Caribbean Club** On Seven Mile Beach, Caribbean Club comprises 37 three-bedroom, three-bath, condo-style rooms with balconies. Caribbean Club offers provisions upon request, plus babysitting services. Other perks include a beachfront pool, cabanas, and a 24/7 concierge. 345-623-4500, *caribclub.com.*



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\$4,000,000

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Waterfront living in The Bahamas

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Backup Plan

For a fraction of your vacation cost, travel insurance can not only get you out of a jam, but may even save your life.
By **Diane M. Byrne**

AS VICE PRESIDENT of Travel Guard North America, Dan McGinnity has heard plenty of tales of travel woes. Some have been minor inconveniences, but others have been considerably more dramatic.

In one such case, a particular family lost their IDs, passports, and other personal effects when a catamaran they were on started to sink. Unfortunately, McGinnity says, the family had not purchased travel insurance. If they had, Travel Guard would have covered the cost of replacing their passports, plane tickets, and possessions, plus the unused portion of the trip.

While situations like this are few and far between, McGinnity says travel insurance allows travelers to be prepared for the unexpected.

Travel insurance is not expensive.

In fact, McGinnity says, “six to eight percent of the trip cost” plus calculations based on the travelers’ ages is the rule of thumb. For example, a \$20,000 trip with four people ages 40 to 55 is \$375 each for the most comprehensive Travel Guard coverage plan, called Platinum. This includes medical emergencies and trip cancellation due to job loss or other work-related reasons.

Most claims are for last-minute trip cancellations. A common scenario: “Two days before your trip, your mother, father, child, or travel companion becomes seriously ill,” McGinnity says. Travel insurance lets you rebook without losing money. The same holds true for hurricanes.

Acts of God are covered. Remember



the Icelandic volcano eruptions last summer that wreaked havoc in Europe? News reports stated that flyers couldn’t get reimbursed for canceled flights—not so for those with travel insurance. “Our call volume during that period was up over 300 percent,” McGinnity says, adding that anyone whose trip was interrupted or postponed received coverage regardless of the plan chosen.

Personal medications and even medical evacuations back home are provided. Coverage is particularly

important for travelers with health issues. McGinnity says that during the volcanic eruptions, “We helped coordinate prescription drugs for people running out of blood pressure medicine.” Even for healthy travelers, if they’re adventurous, McGinnity recommends upgrading medical coverage to allow for MedEvac or other transport to the hospital of your choice. “Depending on where you’re traveling, you may not want to go to the nearest medical facility,” he says.

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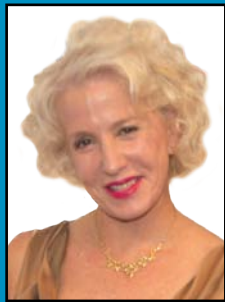
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A woman with dark hair and sunglasses is lying in a green woven hammock on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white patterned top. The background features a clear blue sky with some clouds, a turquoise ocean, and a line of palm trees on the horizon.

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ANTIGUA

Jumby Bay: Frangipani Point. This villa is the newest estate home at this long-admired Caribbean resort. At 6,500 square feet, this four-bedroom villa occupies an astounding 3.2 oceanfront acres—with its own private beach, of course—allowing you to relax with friends and family in a fairy tale-like home that is as secluded as it gets without it being a private island. The villa is made for entertaining, with a huge first-floor pavilion that combines a living room, dining room, and fully equipped gourmet kitchen. The lush outdoor courtyard fits the bill as well, with a pool and BBQ porch that contains a massive 36-inch grill, big enough to cook for up to 12 guests perched at the outside dining table. JUMBYBAYRESORT.COM

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TORTOLA, BVI

Frenchmans Lookout. The Villa at this ultra-luxe resort on the west end of Tortola measures in at no less than 10,000 square feet, with 15 rooms in all, including five bedrooms, a state-of-the-art gym, a freshwater pool, and best of all, a nearly 360-degree view of the Caribbean. In fact, every single room in the villa is mere steps away from the wraparound deck, which has been thoughtfully equipped with eight hammocks. The Villa is extremely private, yet it's also accessible to local beaches and the main shopping district. You'll be in good company, as more than a few celebrities have stayed here—but our lips are sealed!

FRENCHMANSLOOKOUT.COM



CABO SAN LUCAS, MEXICO

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Casa Bella. Three of the four bedrooms in this three-story villa have stellar views that look out onto the Sea of Cortez, but that's only the beginning. Casa Bella indeed lives up to its Italian description; this beautiful home is custom built with 6,500 square feet of living space nestled in the exclusive community of Cabo Colorado near Palmilla. Adding to the appeal are

the bathrooms stocked with L'Occitane toiletries, as well as your own personal concierge, who is on call 24/7. To get in the mood for endless days of lolling around and enjoying the ocean views, you'll be greeted with freshly made salsa, guacamole, and margaritas upon your arrival. **WIMCO.COM/VILLA-RENTALS/MEXICO/CABO-SAN-LUCAS/CABO-COLORADO/CASA-BELLA.ASPX**

PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS

White Sands. A quick look at the numbers can tell you all you need to know about what it will be like to stay at White Sands. Aside from the four bedrooms, this oceanfront villa is pretty much hidden from public view on its two acres of tropically landscaped grounds. You'll be able to relax on 200 feet of your own private beach or ramble around a 9,000-square-foot villa with up to 10 of your closest friends and family members. Terraces, gazebos, and a lagoon-style pool complete the picture outside. Hide out all you want, but the fact that the storied Grace Bay is only three miles away makes White Sands an easy choice. HOSTEDVILLAS.COM

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KALKAN, TURKEY

White Lodge. Sophisticated European travelers have been flocking to Turkey's southern coast for decades for Mediterranean oceanfront splendor combined with the exoticism that is part and parcel of this ancient land. As more people around the world catch onto Turkey as a coastal vacation destination, finding an untouched, private place that still respects the sea is increasingly difficult. White Lodge is that place: a stunning eight-bedroom oceanfront villa that was built from local white stone and marble. A private garden, gourmet kitchen, and white grand piano complete the picture. Though beaches and bustling neighborhoods are a short drive away, the ocean and mountain views from the villa's infinity pool will make it difficult to leave.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

The Villa by Barton G. Stay in one of Miami Beach's most renowned and lavishly decorated villas, the former residence of the late fashion designer Gianni Versace.

Everything throughout the 19,000-square-foot mansion and its 10 custom-designed suites is over the top, from the nine-foot double-king-size bed in Versace's former bedroom to the European continental cuisine served on Versace-Rosenthal china in the villa's restaurant.

The spa services are also personally designed for each guest and can be enjoyed poolside or atop the Rooftop Lounge. As Versace would have wanted it, a private British-trained butler is available for each suite.

THEVILLABYBARTONG.COM

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PAROS, GREECE

Villa Jasmine. If Greek islands are your thing, head for Villa Jasmine on the Cyclades island of Paros, where you'll be able to imagine life as a Greek sea baron on this relatively uncrowded island of 13,000. The villa is built in the Cycladic style: plenty of swooping arches, soaring ceilings, and, of course, white marble, as Paros is renowned worldwide for its exquisite stone. Low-slung couches on the villa's terraces are strewn with countless pillows, and no matter where you wander on the villa's six acres, you'll have an enviable view of the Aegean Sea. WHITEKEYVILLAS.COM



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NASSAU, BAHAMAS

Plantation Beach Estate.

Nestled within a private club on the west side of New Providence, Nassau, Plantation Beach Estate charms visitors with gardens that overlook the water. Guests are welcomed to the 14,000-square-foot three-acre estate through large antique wooden doors, behind which is a quaint courtyard that doubles as an alfresco dining space. Amenities

at the eight-bedroom villa include a gourmet kitchen, a bar, an infinity pool, a gym, a game room, and an “Ocean Terrace,” which features two glass-bottom openings for easy viewing of sea life below. Should you be inclined to venture off site or sample beach activities, be sure to ring your dedicated butler. **VILLASOFDISTINCTION.COM/VILLAS/BAHAMAS/PLANTATION-BEACH-ESTATE/**



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PUERTA VALLARTA, MEXICO

Castle Sol de Oriente at Costa Careyes. It’s not easy to reach Castle Sol de Oriente at Costa Careyes—fly into Puerto Vallarta and drive for a couple of hours, or fly into Manzanillo and drive for an hour—but once you settle in at one of several luxuriously appointed villas, it’ll be more than worth the effort. Each villa offers six bedrooms, with two in separate bungalows connected by an electric gondola. The lemon yellow exterior of the Castle presents a striking picture against the cobalt blue sky. The Castle is fully staffed with a chef, housekeeper, and butler, so all you have to do is focus on the task at hand; that is, taking in the ocean view. **CAREYES.COM**



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RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO

Hacienda Kukulkan. This oceanfront retreat is named after Kukulkan, a Mayan god in the form of a feathered serpent; indeed, just outside is a stone mural with a carving of the fierce god. Kukulkan must have been quite a fitness buff, because the villa comes equipped with a wealth of activities to keep you and up to 16 guests in shape. The villa boasts a full-size tennis court—in fact, it’s the only villa in Riviera Maya to have one—as well as a fully equipped gym that overlooks the ocean and beachfront putting green. Need something? A concierge, a gardener, and housekeepers are on call.

PUERTOAVENTURASRENTALS.COM/HACIENDA-KUKULKAN.ASPX



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VIRGIN GORDA, BVI

Villa Aquamare. Choose from one of three ocean-front villas at this private resort on Mahoe Bay; better yet, rent them all to create an extensive and elegant retreat for you and 35 of your closest friends. Each 8,000-square-foot villa has five bedrooms, and with the Concierge House unobtrusively situated nearby on the compound, whatever you desire is within your grasp. Bulgari toiletries, Frette linens, and a large gourmet kitchen are part of the package; each villa is situated on slightly different levels, providing varied views of the Sir Francis Drake Channel. VILLAAQUAMARE.COM

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Isla Vista. On a private gated hillside on Caneel Bay, everything about Isla Vista is top of the line, from the mahogany four-poster bed to the ice cream maker in the kitchen. Adjacent to the Virgin Islands National Park, the villa takes full advantage of its location, from the private garden overlooking the sea to the outdoor pavilion where you can rinse off the sand while birds nest nearby. With just two bedrooms, the villa's size and secluded location make it the perfect romantic retreat. WIMCO.COM/VILLAS/VILLA.ASPX?PID=902586



Isla Vista photographs, Steve Simonson

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ST. BARTS

Le Sereno: La Villa du Pêcheur.

This villa with a French accent is small—it has just one bedroom with 900 square feet—but it's perfect for a private romantic stay where it's easy for the rest of the world to fade into the background. You'll have your own garden, a pool, and a 600-square-foot deck all to yourself, as well

as a solitary stretch of beach with your name on it. With the daybed on the deck looking out onto the lagoon, it'll be hard to resist spending every minute outside. If you want to expand the hospitality, you can add a few suites from the adjacent Grand Suite Plage to create your own oceanfront villa complex. LESERENO.COM

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GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

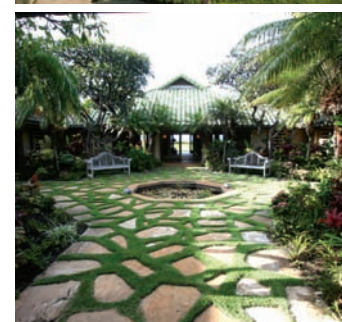
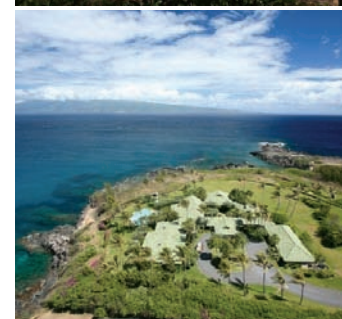
Villa on Santa Cruz Island. The luxury tour operator International Expeditions offers guests a rare chance to indulge in the glorious natural world of the Galapagos while doing it in utmost luxury and style. The Villa's five bedrooms provide an unmatched view of the water and is the only villa on the list to provide a staff naturalist, which means that a veritable expert will lead you on a variety of hiking and biking excursions. You'll also enjoy personal introductions to the giant tortoises that are the trademark of the Galapagos Islands. IETRAVEL.COM/GALAPAGOSVILLA/HOME.ASP

MAUI, HAWAII

Island Palace. At this 12,000-square-foot palatial villa on a whopping 10 acres of Maui's best beachfront in Kapalua, it's easy to think you've died and gone to heaven. Absolutely nothing is overlooked here, from the Chinese courtyard complete with a lotus pond to the game room and wine cellar. There are five well-appointed bedroom suites, plus a media room, yoga and exercise room, and freshwater pool and Jacuzzi perched directly over the ocean. Don't forget about the killer view of mountains that loom in the distance.

HAWAIIHIDEAWAYS.COM

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PROVIDENCIALES, TURKS & CAICOS

Turtle Breeze. Situated on Providenciales in the Turks & Caicos islands, Turtle Breeze villa comprises five bedrooms, each with a private bathroom, and is surrounded by sugary white beaches and turquoise waters. The villa, each of whose bedrooms has its own private outdoor entrance, occupies two beautifully landscaped acres along Grace Bay beachfront, providing easy access to water-based activities like snorkeling, scuba diving, sailing, and fishing. The climate on Provo, as it's known to locals, is practically perfect all year round, meaning guests can partake in activities like golf or enjoy alfresco dining. Perfect for those who plan to bring along private staff, Turtle Breeze also offers a separate one-bedroom suite with its own kitchenette. Feel like taking a dip but without going far? Turtle Breeze boasts its own private swimming pool that's surrounded by waterfalls and lagoons and is outfitted with a swim-up bar. TURTLEBREEZE.COM



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MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

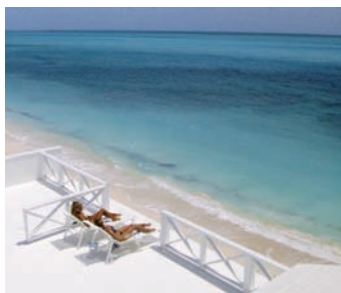
Noble House. The sprawling beachfront Noble House on Jamaica's Montego Bay clocks in at 15,000 square feet, which includes four bedrooms and six baths, all on five acres of waterfront. Guests of Noble House can lounge on 500 feet of private beachfront, bob in its free-form swimming pool, or explore their surroundings in two single-seat sea kayaks. When they're not taking advantage of the villa's natural surroundings, guests can laze on the villa's verandah (it's outfitted with its own TV), take up a game of ping pong, or sample the amenities at nearby Round Hill (think tennis, gym, heated pools, jogging trails, bars, restaurants, and a salon and spa). However, with its breathtaking setting and its unique architecture and grounds, which comprise a series of airy pavilions that are connected by water gardens and bridges, guests just might not want to leave.

JAMAICAVILLAS.COM/VILLA-LISTING/NOBLE-HOUSE-ON-THE-BEACH

GREAT EXUMA, BAHAMAS

Bougainvillea House. At the edge of a lush, tropical landscape where sand meets the sea, Bougainvillea House comprises two beachfront homes, available weekly either individually or combined. A separate garden cottage can host a couple, a nanny, or private staff. All told, the property features six bedrooms with private baths, plus three suites with shared baths for a total capacity of 18 adults.

Interiors impart an island-chic feel thanks to Tommy Bahama furnishings and linens, but the major draw here is its beachfront location and outdoor deck, which comprises 8,000 square feet of space in which to relax or to host friends, family, or the ultimate special function. When it comes to leisure, guests can enjoy boating, fishing, shell collecting, snorkeling, and scuba diving. BOUGAINVILLEAHOUSE.COM



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EUSTATIA ISLAND, BVI

Villa Far Niente & Casa de Playa.

Until recently, the only way to snag a stay on this private island was by invitation from its owner. Now, travelers can book the island's two villas at their own volition. Perched on a hill 117 feet above the Caribbean, Villa Far Niente comprises three bedrooms, a professional-grade kitchen, outdoor living areas, a pool, a hot tub, and panoramic sea views. At the water's edge, Casa de Playa consists of two bedrooms and is outfitted with up-to-date amenities, appliances, and fixtures, and, best of all, offers direct access to the beach and sea. A third, discreetly situated villa is dedicated to service staff, who will see to it that guests have their pick of activities—from yacht charters and windsurfing to kayaking and paddle boarding—during their villa vacation. EUSTATIA.COM

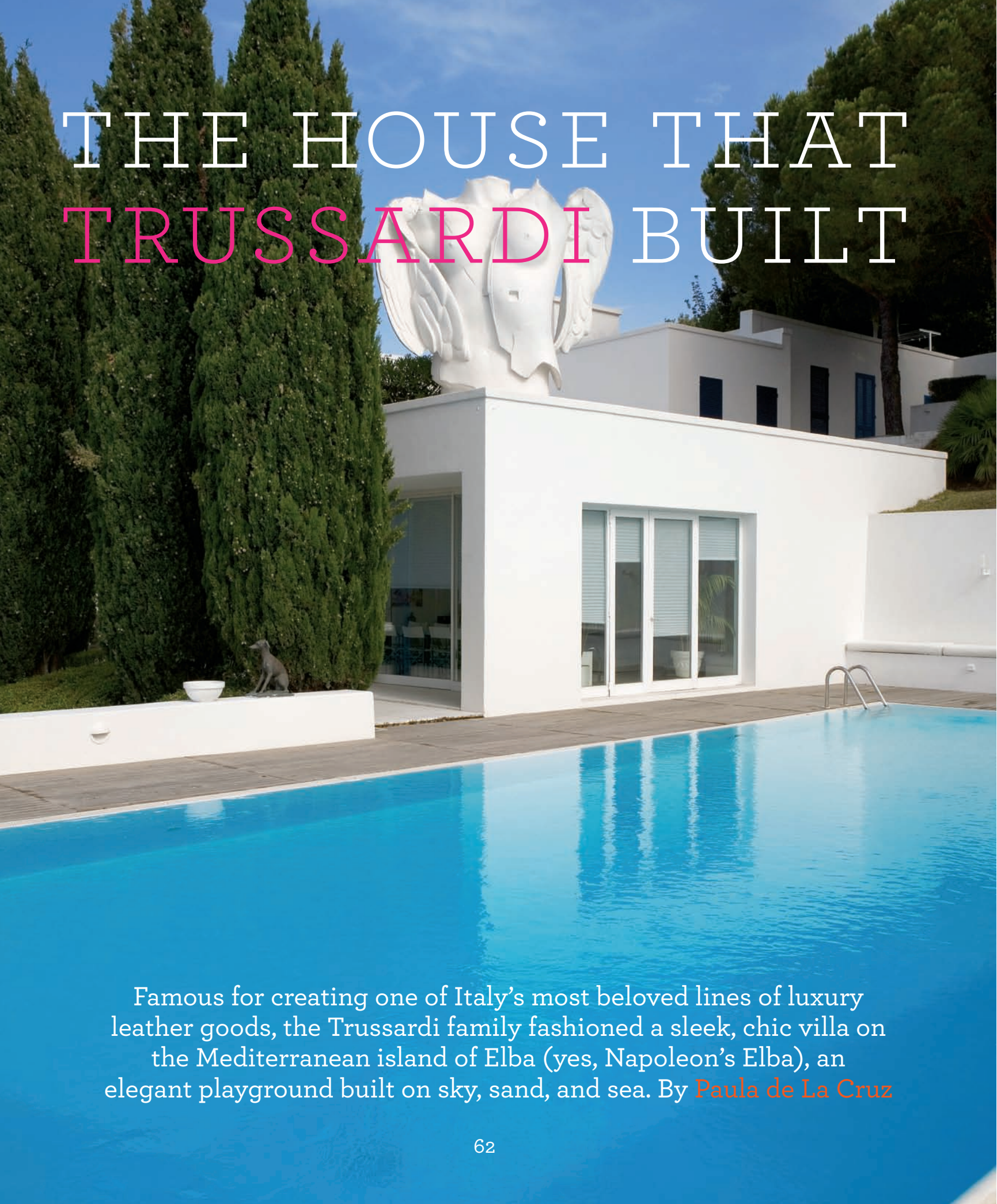


HILL BAY BEACH, ANGUILLA

Bird of Paradise. On Anguilla's Sandy Hill Bay Beach, Bird of Paradise features lagoon-style pools, carved rock walls, and art from Papua New Guinea. Guests can stay in the four-bedroom suite equipped with three king beds and two queen beds, or rent the villa as a one-, two-, or three-bedroom unit. Four flat-screen TVs, a gourmet kitchen, wireless Internet, and two whirlpool tubs and outdoor showers are among its creature comforts. Fold-back walls transform indoor living space into an outdoor experience, and an outdoor living room has a fireplace, lounge chairs, a wet bar, and a treetop deck. Guests can take in spa treatments on daybeds overlooking the ocean or enjoy a sunset cruise or fishing on the villa's privately chartered boat. ANGUILLABIRD.COM



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THE HOUSE THAT TRUSSARDI BUILT

Famous for creating one of Italy's most beloved lines of luxury leather goods, the Trussardi family fashioned a sleek, chic villa on the Mediterranean island of Elba (yes, Napoleon's Elba), an elegant playground built on sky, sand, and sea. By [Paula de La Cruz](#)





INTO THE WHITE: Villa Trussardi was fashioned in Greek island style. Clock-wise from above: a wall with sculptural detail; winged Eros atop the home; layered landscape adds a softer touch.

THE EARLY SEPTEMBER DAY IS QUIET WITH DRY Mediterranean heat. Climbing the road to Villa Trussardi, perched above the town of Marciana Marina on the island of Elba off Italy's Tuscan coast, the rocks seem to evaporate into white clouds of dust; the azure sea is a few hundred feet below.

The main white metal gate of Villa Trussardi opens onto a cement path flanked by rosemary hedges, backed by pink oleanders. Along the path's downward-sloping edge, a natural growth of stone pines crackles in sere wind. The house isn't visible until one reaches the long set of black stone stairs that lead to the main entrance, and, more importantly, to its pool. From the deck, one gets a sense of an easy life full of buoyant pool parties lingering into the wee hours. That's the way it always was, and still is, in fact, since Luisa and Nicola Trussardi purchased the villa in the early 1980s. (Nicola died in an auto accident outside Milan in 1999.)

Originally, the Trussardi residence was a modest house in

the Greek island style, with Santorini-blue shutters and just a few rooms. The Trussardis expanded it, adding scale and a stark touch of Rationalism. If the house weren't softened by nature, it would breathe the loneliness of a de Chirico painting. The wooden deck, large bar, and long table by the pool helps soften the atmosphere and provide a repeating theme throughout the villa: there are long tables where family and friends can gather in all the main indoor and outdoor areas. Luisa Trussardi points out that "both the exterior and interior spaces are very convivial" and always "full of guests, and now, my grandchildren, too!"

But it is the rectangular infinity pool that is the center of the villa's life. It was painted white so that the water inside would easily reflect the shifts in weather and appear all the more brilliant in the context of the white rooms around it. It is flanked on one end by a tall white wall with two bas-relief stucco sculptures by Consagra, one of Italy's leading post-war



ULTIMATE PLAYGROUND

Clockwise from left: A stairwell cuts through the hillside landscape; terraced gardens give way to a tennis court; the villa's hilltop swimming pool and sun deck; one of many works of art found throughout the villa's garden landscape.



sculptors, which seemingly change shapes depending on the position of the sun and the shadows they cast. The top of the wall serves as the edge to a terraced orchard of peach trees, not exactly manicured, but not left to their own devices either.

The living room glass doors open onto the pool deck, but a corner of its flat roof serves an even more important function: it supports a gigantic winged Eros torso by Igor Mitoraj, a contemporary Polish artist based in Italy. The sculpture's smooth white surface absorbs the colors from the water and is incredibly lifelike while maintaining its simplicity. At times, it almost gives the impression that it might just bat its wings and descend for a swim. Winged Eros reigns over the property and is master of the bronze greyhounds that appear on both the pool deck and on a travertine terrace below it, edged by a prolific plumbago, an evergreen shrub. Nicola, Luisa says, chose greyhounds as the symbol of the Trussardi brand for their "elegance, dynamism, and agility" when he

extended the family business from a glove-making company to an empire of lifestyle labels in the 1970s.

The same attention to detail that Nicola exercised in business is seen in the effort he and his wife have poured into their house. Yet no part of its architecture is forced, nor is the garden too controlled. In many places, the wild maquis, a type of Mediterranean vegetation composed primarily of leathery, broad-leaved evergreen shrubs or small trees, is reined in or softened to emphasize the sloped terrain and to create partitions. This is most noticeable on the hedges right outside the main entrance, where bright green myrtle was planted behind a line of grayish-green germander to create a more dramatic drop.

To one side of the house, a narrow path flanked on both sides by hedges of holm oak, rosemary, and myrtle leads to a tennis court built at the center of an amphitheatre. The seats around the court were built from the remains of an



One of many colorful gardens
around the property.



VIEW TO A THRILL

Views of the Mediterranean unfold from the villa's pool (far left) and terrace (left). A bas-relief sculpture of an exaggerated rope by Helfried Kodré stands near the villa's tennis court.



existing quarry. Granite from Elba has been a sought-after stone since Greek times, and the Romans used it in the columns of the Pantheon's portico and for parts of the Coliseum. Later, into the 19th century, around the time of Napoleon's famous stay, Elba continued to be exploited for iron, and its forest was burnt for charcoal to extract the metal from the ore. Only its native flora was allowed to flourish freely, and in 1996, Elba was declared part of the National Park of the Tuscan Archipelago.

As with the swimming pool, the tennis court is backed by a retaining wall with a bas-relief of a mammoth rope by Helfried Kodré, a contemporary Austrian artist better known for his jewelry designs. The work is nearly obscured by an ampelopsis vine of brilliant fuchsia leaves. It looks shy, however, in comparison to the overgrown heaths, strawberry trees, myrtle, and butcher's broom cascading like a tidal wave from the top of the wall. On many nights after racquets have long been abandoned for cocktails, the tennis court is transformed into an outdoor arena for music and theatrical performances. Next to the court, in what feels like the driest part of terrain, there is a terraced olive grove with wild carrot and dandelion flowers growing all around them. Luisa added a set of rooms below the tennis court to accommodate even more guests, with its own terrace and lounge chairs. At Villa Trussardi, a terrace is never just that—it is more often the roof of one of the many rooms scattered across different

levels. Every terrace seems to float on the sea below or reach for the jagged edge of pines cutting into the sky.

Walking back to the house, there is absolute silence, except for an occasional Vespa zipping by on a distant road. On this early September day, the family has already returned to Milan, but the echoes of their great times together are present in the photographs that crowd a living room's shelf along a wall-to-wall modular sofa. There are children diving into the pool, friends sitting in the garden, and black-and-white images of generations past. Across the room, a distracted gesso Venus and an unfortunate Greek athlete missing his arms stand in front of wide glass doors, with three tall bald cypresses planted on the main porch outside as their background. A long table with 12 white director chairs stands in front of the statues. The effect of the room is eclectic and Neoclassical, empty for the most part but never minimalist.

Like any self-respecting Italian family, the Trussardis love pesto. They make it often while in Elba, and so they planted many pots of herbs that line the stone walls toward the back of the villa. This is the area where they also have a small *orto*—vegetable garden—of eggplants, tomatoes, and zucchini. From this orto, a path opens toward the woods, hedged with neatly clipped rosemary on one side and the native maquis on the other. Under a large pergola, there is a brick oven, a grill, and, of course, lots of tables to hold informal gatherings. The path continues, lined with live oak topiaries, heaths, and myrtle to one side with the same species left wild along the other until the path disappears into the woods. This small nature walk leads back to the main car entrance designed around a gesso column by Arnaldo Pomodoro, a modern Italian artist whose work focuses on a series of columns and large spheres, mostly in bronze. The Trussardis' garden is not a traditional one: there is no designated piece of ground to display shrubs and trees—instead, the native shrubs were hedged or trained as topiaries to emphasize the architecture and define different spaces along the terraced slope.

A diving board is suspended parallel over the surface of the cool, blue pool, beckoning swimmers to bounce higher and higher before plunging in head first. If only Eros could dive in, too.





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reaches of the Indian Ocean, the 26 isolated atolls and surrounding waters of the Maldives epitomize raw beauty and simplicity. Azure waters teem with marine life, while fringed islets drown in downy sands and rising tides. However, it's the presence of top global resorts that ultimately consummates this Maldivian love affair, facilitating the romance between creature comforts and earth's core elements.

The Maldives' resort formula is simple—each boasts a verdant private island surrounded by a coral reef and endless sand bars, relying on the fundamentals of hospitality, design, architecture, and size to differentiate themselves. Though current law forbids foreigners from purchasing real estate in the Maldives, the resort experience cultivates an unwavering cerebral blueprint, fostering that zen-like state for visitors.

Straddling the equator, the understated luxury of Cocoa Island discreetly rises from the Indian Ocean in the form of 34 marine-chic villas and suites. The exclusively over-water suites take the form of spacious, traditional Dhoni boats, while the more expansive thatched-roofed villas offer penthouse and sub-penthouse equivalents. The suites and villas are spaced a minimum of 24 feet apart, offering well-positioned angles

and noise-canceling distances for privacy. Each private deck begins with Balinese-style day beds, adjacent to the sumptuous outdoor shower, and ends with a series of steps leading to the water.

Design interiors champion the concept of rustic luxury at Cocoa Island, where a juxtaposition of dark and light woods and white accessories complements elements of natural light and the ocean. Simple wooden foot bridges lead to the resort's common areas: the signature Balinese-inspired COMO Shambala spa, the avant garde hammocks suspended from towering palms, the action-packed dive center, and the resort's single restaurant, Ufaa. On a daily basis, Ufaa presents an evolving menu of gourmet South Indian cuisine, Asian specialties, and Mediterranean staples, coupled with vegetarian and low-calorie options.

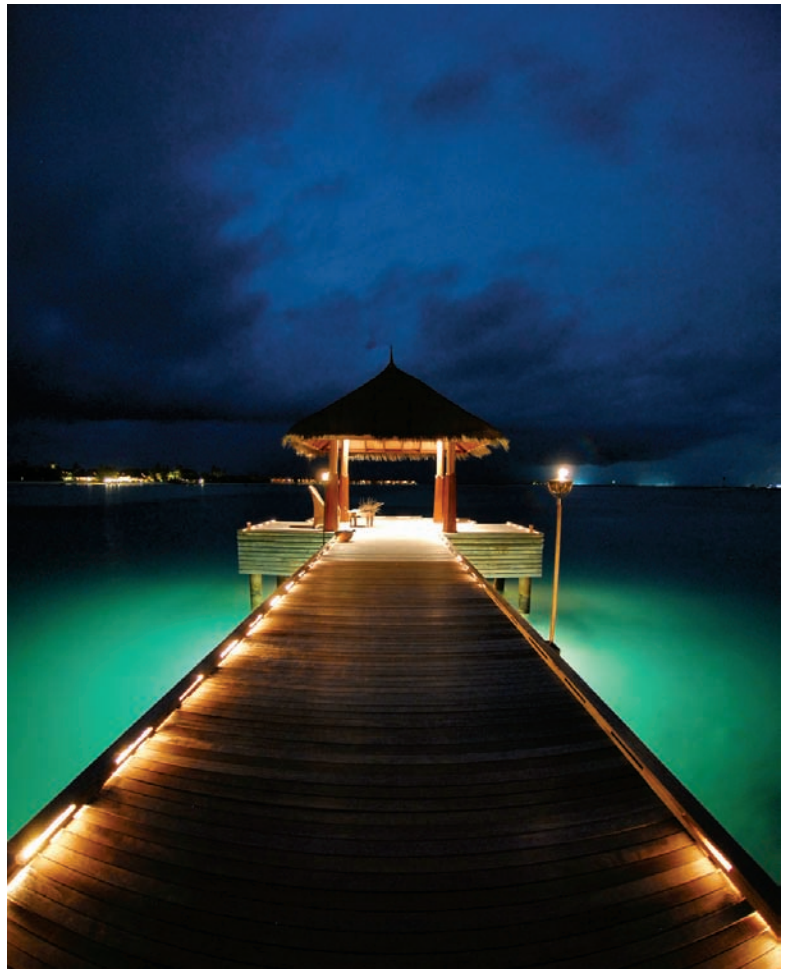
With a maximum of 72 guests allowed at any given time, the intimacy remains uninterrupted throughout Cocoa Island, whether exploring the island's perimeter, encountering a sea turtle on a morning snorkeling excursion, or relishing an outdoor shower. The non-intrusive Cocoa Island team stands at your beck and call, but also at your discretion, avoiding the sycophant style of most high-end resorts.

Indeed, Cocoa Island's soul resides in its amazing staff, yet its pride rests on unparalleled natural endowments. Within seconds of dipping below the water's surface, an intense and ever-changing panorama ambushes your senses. Moray eels, schools of Oriental sweetfish, and blue surgeonfish perform their latest synchronized swimming routines, while a titan triggerfish chases a baby black-tipped reef shark. Here, snorkelers can experience an underwater rhapsody often achieved only through deep-water diving in other parts of the globe.

Farther east in the Malé Southern Atoll, a series of petite islands host three separate Anantara properties: Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa, Anantara Veli Resort & Spa, and Naladhu. All are connected by a small network of footbridges, lagoons, and shuttle boats. Each property flaunts a unique style

LIFE'S A BEACH

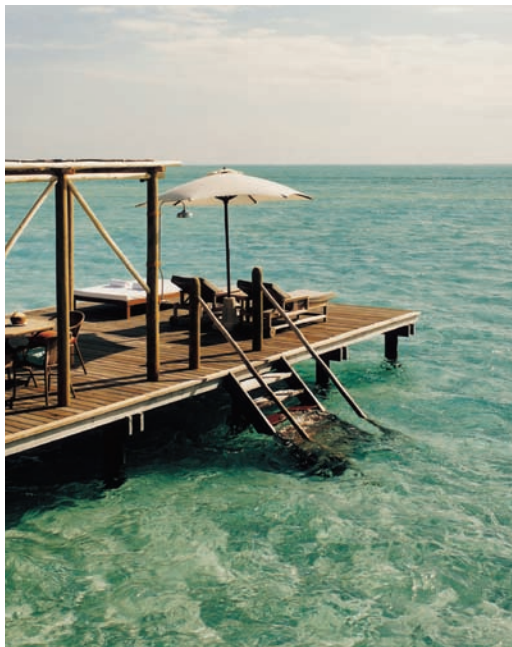
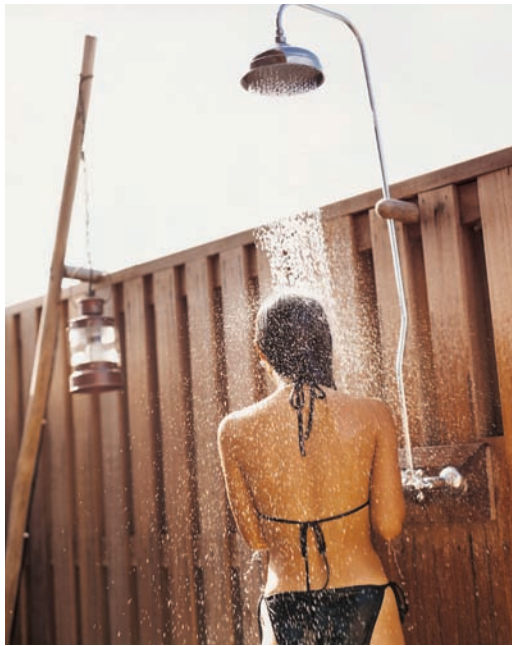
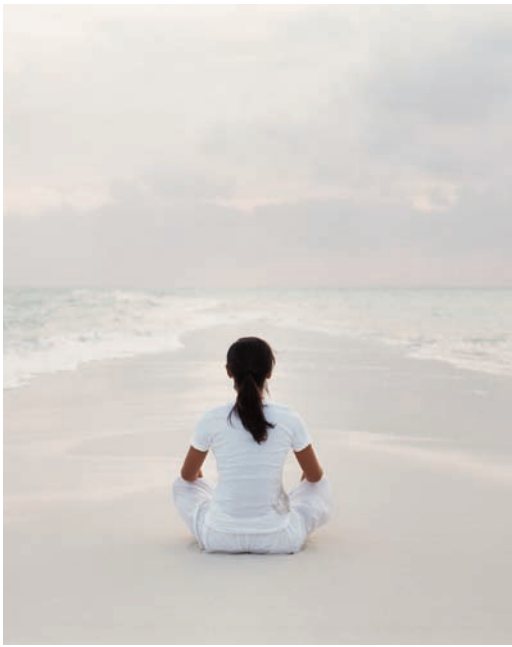
Opposite, clockwise from top right: a hammock at Naladhu beckons; the welcome jetty at Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa; beach chairs and an outdoor dining cabana at Naladhu. **Previous spread:** Overwater accommodations at Cocoa Island.





A fresh and fruity
dessert of rosewater
panacotta caps off a
dining experience at
Cocoa Island's Ufaa
restaurant. Opposite:
In their down time,
resort guests can
paddle their own
boat for some leisurely
ocean exploration.





and appeal. Dhigu's predominantly ocean-front bungalows, Anantara Veli's traditional over-water villas, and Naladhu's immaculate ocean homes suit all vacations tastes.

While Cocoa Island's resorts specialize in unabashed couples' romance and intimacy, the breadth of Anantara's resorts allows for more opportunities for families and couples slightly less keen on a Robinson Crusoe kind of solitude. The Anantara enclave has nine eclectic bars and restaurants, three idyllic swimming pools, and plenty of wide-open spaces for water sports enthusiasts. Kayaking, snorkeling, windsurfing, wake boarding, parasailing, and water skiing beckon at the water activities center, Aquafanatics, where a ground staff organizes Asian cooking classes, local arts and crafts, and land-based sports tournaments. The flagship overwater spa features the dexterity of Thai massage therapists, who indulge guests in traditional and signature treatments over tranquil glass-bottom floors.

In the entire Maldives, Naladhu is the only resort to provide the bona fide ocean home experience, pampering guests with 3,200-square-foot houses perched over the rising tide. The baroque-patterned wrought-iron entrance opens the doors of tropical elegance, combining contemporary minimalism with maritime nostalgia. Antique accessories combine Asian inspiration with European influences. Replacing a central living room with an infinity pool, cool, fresh waters are steps away from anywhere in the house, spilling into the ocean at one end and into the innovative Plexiglass/marble bathtub at the other. Behind the bathing area, a passageway leads to the beautifully landscaped outdoor shower, mirroring the indigenous shrubbery and palm trees that adorn the western perimeter of the infinity pool. On the footsteps of the hardwood floors and meticulously furnished master bedroom, a queen bed hammock sways back and forth, nearly gliding over the water. A thatched-roof dining area and private veranda welcome light breezes while unveiling a panorama of ocean and sky.

Personal butlers readily await the requests and whims of residents in Naladhu's 19

homes, but an overwhelming sentiment of completeness often renders the intended butler services null and void. Given Naladhu's exclusivity, guests are able to use the common facilities and outlets of neighboring Veli and Dhigu, though the reverse does not apply, so guests can easily maintain varying degrees of privacy.

Across the lagoons, at Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa, a festive yet relaxing ambience prevails. Compared to its two neighbors, the property feels busy with 110 villas, live music in the evenings, and the enclave's most popular restaurant, Fuddan Fusion Grill. However, Dhigu successfully stymies the big resort feel by virtue of its design and ample acreage. Service never drops below a five-star level and the property fills a niche for families and couples who enjoy regular doses of human interaction.

PARADISE ISLANDS

Top two rows, clockwise from top left: Beach yoga; a walkway connecting a collection of Loft Villas; one-bedroom villa living room and terrace; an outdoor shower; beachfront R&R; and a villa bedroom, all at Cocoa Island resort. Bottom row, left to right: a spa sala and sunset sailing at Naladhu; and a COMO Villa sundeck at Cocoa Island.

Below: Cocoa Island awaits.

THE DETAILS THE MALDIVES

Cocoa Island: cocoaisland.como.bz, \$680-\$3,990. **Naladhu:** naladhu.com, \$1,555-\$3,230. **Anantara Dhigu Resort & Spa:** dhigu-maldives.anantara.com, \$1,000-\$2,000.



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Because of the complexities of time changes and a lack of airline partners, most online search engines present convoluted, bizarre, and overpriced itineraries to reach Malé, the capital of the Maldives. Therefore, it is sometimes beneficial to break the trip up into two separate tickets: to/from the US to a gateway city and then to/from the gateway city to Malé. The only year-round European gateways to the Maldives are London (with British Airways) and Düsseldorf (with Air Berlin). The principal Asian gateway is Singapore on the top-rated Singapore Airlines, while all other connections are through the Middle East—Dubai with Emirates or Doha with Qatar Airways. Frequent-flyer gurus can easily figure out ways to pay for one or both of these legs with miles, especially using Star Alliance's generous and valuable North America-to-Central Asia routing on Singapore Airlines.

The majority of flights arrive into Malé late at night, requiring an overnight stay in the capital. Offering little of tourist interest, visitors hardly spend more time than necessary in the tiny city, with a short stay at the surprisingly vanguard Holiday Inn Malé. Upon arrival and after immigration (visas aren't required for US citizens), a representative will transport passengers to the Holiday Inn Malé via speedboat; the following morning, a Cocoa Island or Anantara representative will collect you at the Holiday Inn and transport you to isolated, water-bound nirvana. The resorts' private speedboat transfers must be arranged in advance.

Airline tickets and resort prices are much higher during peak season—December to April—when Europeans dominate the azure expanses and rainfall is predictably light. Asian markets are more prevalent in the rainy low season, May to November; but long periods of sunshine still persist during these months.

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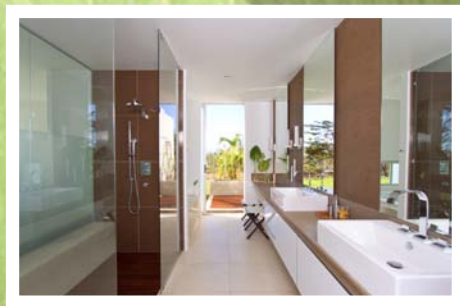
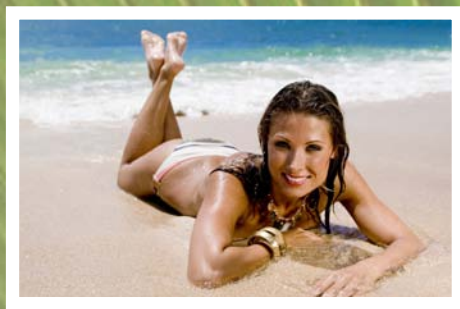
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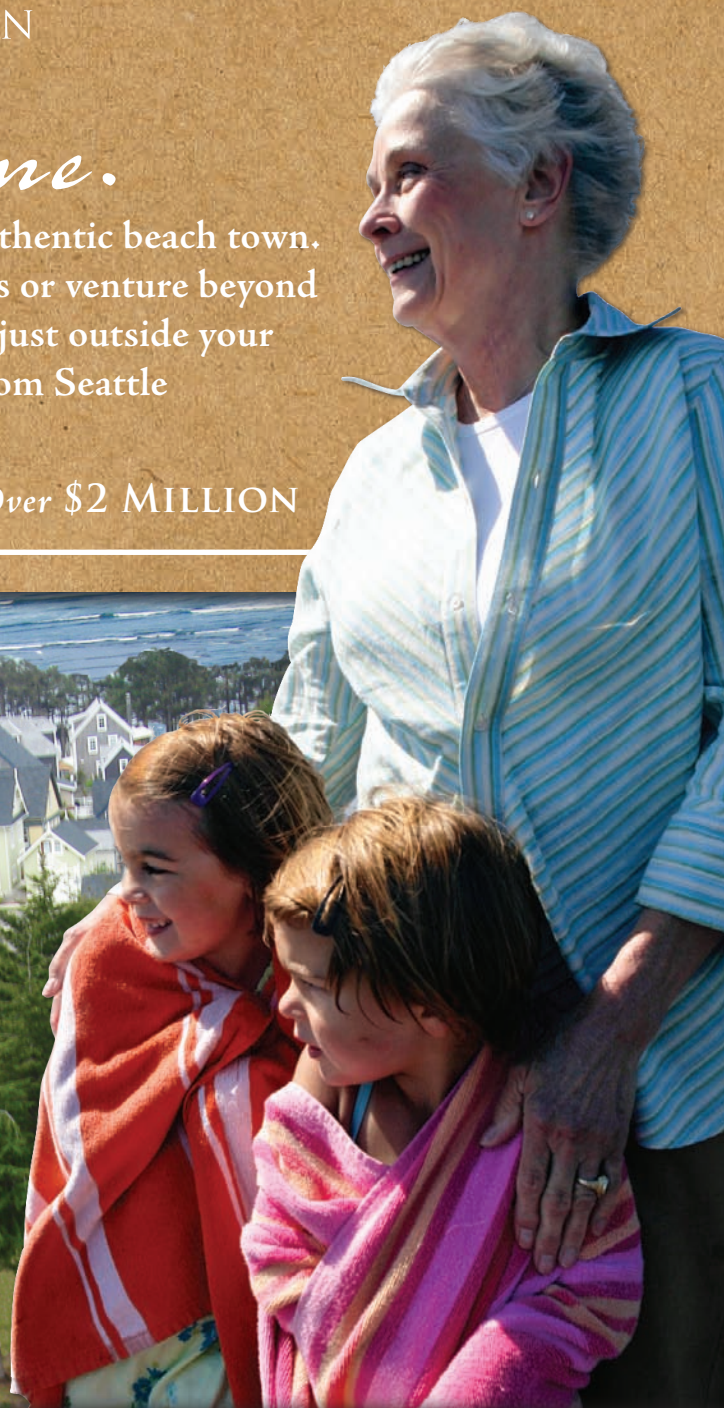
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"Eco-friendly" is a popular term, but what does it mean for your design? I am very much an environmentalist. Natural resources can be preserved by using native plants and more organic materials. Golf courses act as a greenbelt, which are important, as long as they are done correctly. If you leave it up to the average businessperson, they will just build and build.

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