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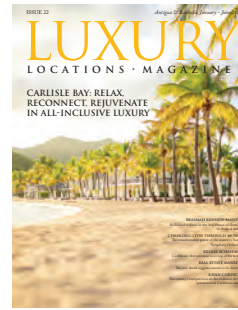


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Sometimes it's the smallest things that create the biggest impacts. Take Antigua and Barbuda. Our tiny but mighty twin isles have produced some of the loftiest achievements, breaking the boundaries of what we previously thought was possible.

Who would have thought that a mum from Antigua who had dreamed of travelling to space since she was knee-high to a gecko would actually do so? Keisha Schahaff's cosmic adventure aboard a Virgin Galactic flight with her daughter Anastatia Mayers saw the pair make history as the very first astronauts from the Caribbean. The wellness coach admitted she had always believed her sky-high aspirations to be beyond her reach. Today, she is inspiring future generations of islanders who dare to shoot for the stars.

Inside this latest edition of *Luxury Locations Magazine*, Keisha tells us how the transcendental trip has irrevocably shifted her perspective and given her a new sense of purpose.

Keisha's is not the only remarkable feat highlighted within these pages.

Last autumn, our national swimming team secured the championship title in a prestigious regional competition for the second consecutive year. Not bad for a team that has traditionally played second fiddle to the sport's stalwarts of St Lucia and Grenada.

Speaking of fiddles, our exclusive interview with renowned violinist Braimah Kanneh-Mason is not to be missed. The 26-year-old underpins the importance of diversity in the classical music arena in which Black players remain woefully underrepresented. He also tells us about his pride in his Antiguan heritage – and his passion for giving back to his grandparents' homeland through the Kanneh-Masons' work with the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Seven years ago, most of the youth orchestra's now 200-plus members had never picked up a classical instrument. Last year they got the chance to travel to London where they played alongside the world famous Royal Philharmonic. Their against-the-odds journey – from a nugget of an idea to the tour de force the orchestra has

become – is also chronicled in this edition.

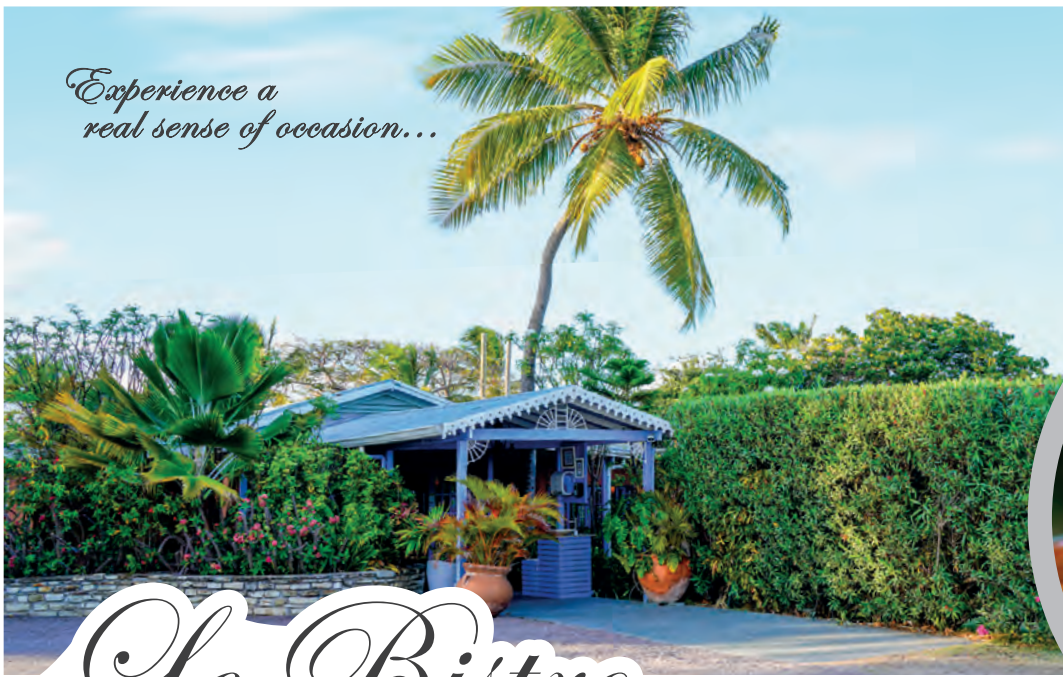
On the subject of music, our regular 'My Antigua' feature puts the spotlight on local steelpan icon Khan Cordice who has been flying the nation's flag for the exhilarating art-form for more than two decades.

Towards the back of this 22nd edition, our property pages showcase an array of alluring homes from cosy waterfront villas to sensational new builds to suit all budgets. For anyone considering buying a property here – and joining our community of extraordinary and awe-inspiring people – read on. You too might just see a dream manifested into a reality. ■



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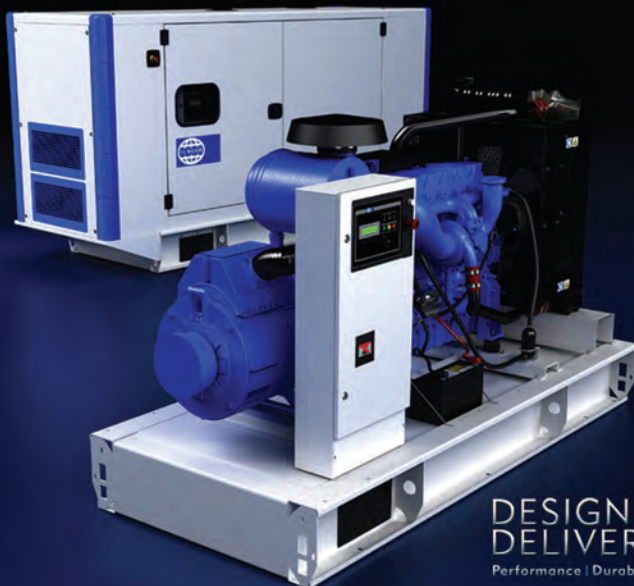


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MEET OUR TEAM



SAM DYSON

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

With both an MBA and law degree under his belt – and a previous profession as a start-up business consultant – Sam's diverse background has set him in good stead for his role at the helm of our multi-faceted operations. A former martial arts trainer with a love for free-diving, Sam believes self-discipline and willpower are the keys to success.



NADIA DYSON

MANAGING DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER

It's almost 17 years since Nadia launched property management business Villa Management, and 15 since its sister Luxury Locations Real Estate was born. Today, the award-winning firm represents some of the most prestigious listings in the country while staying true to the qualities which have underpinned it from the outset – reliability, professionalism and attention to detail.



JOELLE SPENCER

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JOVANNA DECEMBER

Jovanna December's discerning eye has proved invaluable to our operations. She has her hands full assisting with our property management services while also lending her expertise to tending to our guests' diverse needs.

Our offices in the Portofino building, Jolly Harbour, are open Monday to Friday. The team can also be reached by emailing info@luxurylocations.com or calling +1 268 562-8174.

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Whether customer service is in fact a science or an art, one thing is unequivocally true: the affable team at Admiral's Inn & Gunpowder Suites have it mastered. The award-winning, family-run business continues to garner plaudits online for its attentive and friendly staff who consistently go above and beyond.

Set in the heart of 18th century Nelson's Dockyard – a UNESCO World Heritage Site named after the British Admiral who once called it home – this character-filled boutique hotel offers luxurious accommodation, two acclaimed restaurants and a spa.

"Guests frequently say our staff made their holiday," says co-director Astrid Deeth. "They have that personal touch and go out of their way to ensure guests are comfortable, relaxed and enjoying themselves."

The main hotel boasts 18 exquisite rooms, while across the water, inside the Georgian-era Gunpowder House, there are 12 more spacious suites all with stunning harbour views and just steps from the pool. There are also two deluxe garden rooms in a remodelled cottage with private patios.

The serene setting yet close proximity to the hub of English Harbour makes Admiral's a prime location for multi-generational events, vacations and staycations alike. There are activities to suit all age groups and tastes, from enjoying the area's nightlife and unique shops, to exploring its historic sites and hiking trails.

The 1807 former gunpowder magazine features an art gallery showcasing the creations of local artists. Art aficionados can browse the displays before wandering down the stone steps to Boom for lunch.

The laidback poolside eatery offers delectable delights like Thai shrimp cake salad, Antiguan lobster sandwich, jerk baby back ribs, and their famous truffle parmesan fries. Day beds and hammocks make Boom an all-day hangout; day passes to include lunch and drinks are available.

Pillars is loved for its waterfront setting with graceful stone pillars and international food with a contemporary twist. Saturday night is the popular 'Taste of the World' evening focusing on the flavours of a different destination each week, complemented by the sound of a local jazz group. Wednesdays



hone in on the gastronomic delights of the region, complete with a live steel band. Rum tasting evenings allow guests to delve into the history of the Caribbean's iconic liquor.

The atmospheric location keeps guests returning year after year. "The photos cannot compare to the feeling you get when experiencing it in person," one reviewer wrote, adding: "This matched with the room comfort and exemplary hosts make it a truly unique experience." ■

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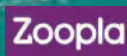


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The latest magazine published by Luxury Locations, on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA), and in conjunction with the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, is the pinnacle of tourism publishing in the Caribbean and will be the in-room magazine for the country's leading hotels. The magazine provides an in-depth view with a unique perspective for those visiting Antigua and Barbuda from those who were once tourists themselves.



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Nadia and Sam Dyson's fleeting visit turned lifelong passion is the essence of 'Discover 365'. With an enriching alliance with the ABHTA, they present a tapestry of the islands' wonders. It's not just a travel guide but a love letter to their adopted homeland, a chronicle of a bond with the islands' rhythms and vistas.

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Your trusty island companion:

With a directory of essential contacts and businesses, 'Discover 365' aims to be more than a guide—it's a companion. And for those who prefer digital, the interactive edition on www.Discover-365.com, complete with offline PDFs and QR-coded videos, ensures the islands are just a tap away.

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Dive deep into the Caribbean's heart, where the tapestry of the West Indies unveils its jewel, Antigua and Barbuda. 'Discover 365' takes you through the Bahamas, the Greater and Lesser Antilles, and into the core of Antigua's heritage.

Island insights:

From the vibrant capital of St John's to the rich tapestry of English and indigenous influences, each fact and figure about the island is a breadcrumb on your journey to discovery. The magazine doesn't just list information; it narrates the story of Antigua and Barbuda.

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'Discover 365' is more than a magazine; it's a passage to the essence of Antigua and Barbuda. It promises not just to show but to convey the symphony of experiences that awaits. Step forth and let this guide be the compass to your soulful adventure on the sun-drenched shores of paradise.



ABOVE: Nadia Dyson with Honourable Prime Minister Gaston Browne



ROCK UP TO THE NEGRONI TERRAZZA

ROOFTOP COCKTAIL BAR IS THE LATEST OFFERING FROM THE AWARD-WINNING ROCKS GROUP

What happens when Rocks Group - Antigua's undisputed architect of luxury hospitality - unites with iconic gin brand Nicholson?

The answer can be found on a breezy terrace atop Roquita (pictured) in the heart of English Harbour.

The Negroni Terrazza is the latest addition to the Rocks Group brand and comprises a laid-back lounge by day and vibey bar by night, serving up killer cocktails. From its prime location above the group's Spanish-inspired tapas and wine bar, this trendsetting space is Antigua's first cocktail-only bar.

Riding on the wave of a Negroni resurgence that is taking the spirits sector by storm, the Negroni Terrazza, which opened in early December, pledges to be this season's hottest social spot. It is serving beautifully blended Nicholson Negronis, Nicholson London Mules, and a select menu of classic and contemporary cocktails that the Rocks Group is known for.

Billed as the original London dry gin, multi-award winning Nicholson was founded in 1736. It was sold in the



1980s but revived by the founding family's ancestors in 2016.

"We are delighted to unveil the Negroni Terrazza to the world in partnership with Rocks Group," said Nicholson's CEO Alex Johns. "As a brand with almost 300 years of history, we wanted to use our experience to create the world's first fully on tap cocktail bar serving Negronis and Negroni Spritzes in a beautiful place.

"What better place to do it than in a brand new rooftop bar on the beautiful island of Antigua? It's an ideal partnership for us."

The Rocks Group has made a name for innovation since bursting onto the country's hospitality scene in 2010 with its signature west coast restaurant Sheer Rocks. Set on a bluff overlooking a panorama of Caribbean Sea, Sheer Rocks is loved for its romantic ambience and Mediterranean-inspired menu. Over the years it has consistently topped industry lists, garnering a slew of awards including Best Restaurant in the Caribbean by the Caribbean Journal in 2020.

Its sister, Catherine's Café, is nestled among the neem trees of Pigeon Point Beach and serves up mouth-watering French-inspired cuisine in a relaxed but elegant setting.

Rokuni, located at Nonsuch Bay, offers a Balinese-style setting with rustic-chic décor and an Asian-inspired menu from its breezy east coast spot. And Roquita, with its walk-in concept, has a casual feel and a variety of tapas dishes, salads and sandwiches.

What unites them all is exquisite cuisine and exceptional service. The addition of the Negroni Terrazza once again takes the Rocks Group to new heights. ■

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MUSIC AND THE UNLIMITED EXPERIENCE AT ROKUNI

As regular Rocks Groupers will testify, music is a centrepiece for the award-winning company behind Sheer Rocks, Catherine's Cafe, Roquita, Negroni Terrazza, and of course Rokuni.

Live DJs bring the festive feels to Rokuni every Sunday afternoon for their iconic pool parties, Music on the Rocks - the perfect time to kick back here with a cocktail or two. The sounds range from chilled-out vibes to uptempo tunes and the sprawling cliff-front pool deck creates the perfect dance floor.

While all guests are invited to enjoy the DJ beats and sunshine vibes, we suggest upgrading the experience with a day pass for ultimate value. Rokuni Club day passes, introduced over the summer, proved so popular they've been extended into the peak season. Offering unlimited food and drinks, they're available daily, including Music on the Rocks Sundays.

Day passes feature nonstop access to a wide selection of cocktails, wine, and Rokuni menu favourites, for as little as EC\$250 during low season, and EC\$295 during high season. Guests can also opt for the food-only day pass, at a lower rate.

The flavours of Asia at this hip east coast hangout located at Nonsuch Bay. The creative menu is designed for sharing and features options ranging from raw bar dishes like tuna tiradito and fresh oysters to poolside bites like the Rokuni burger, a mouth-watering synthesis of aged beef, miso onion jam, pickles, Asian slaw and sriracha aioli.

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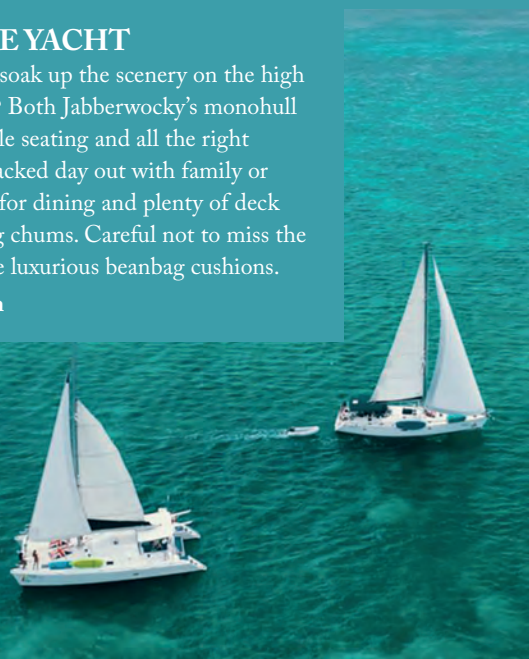
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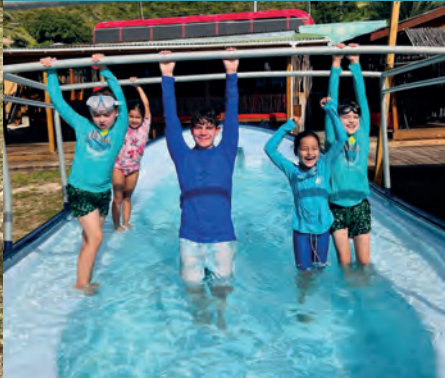




KICK BACK AT JULIA'S

The pool shaped like a ship isn't the only thing our kids love about Julia's on the Beach. The Crabbe Hill-based beach bar also has really, really good food like burgers, shrimp kebabs, jerk chicken, and eggplant parmigiana. If you find you've overindulged, there's an array of sun-loungers and beanbags to relax in afterwards and watch the sun go down.

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"We were head-hunted from BVI to come to Antigua because of our proven track record. One of our Antiguan clients visited the BVI and toured our completed projects," explains managing director Craig Noblett.

Emcs is today one of the Caribbean's leading professional building contractors specialising in ultra-luxury, super prime residences. The company caters to all aspects of the building process - from conceptual project planning and design to completion and everything in between - and prides itself on tailoring its services specifically to a client's needs. Its unparalleled network of professional service providers means it can tackle any kind of high-end development, mobilising resources at short notice and



ensuring optimum delivery every time.

Since arriving in Antigua, Emcs has worked on some of the island's most prestigious projects, including properties at exclusive Jumby Bay, along with homes at Pearn's Point and Sugar Ridge.

Its 400-strong workforce includes highly experienced tradespeople and managers from across the world who are "redefining the meaning of ultra-luxury".

"Our clients tend to be privately funded, extremely knowledgeable and prepared to push the boundaries of construction and finishes," Craig says.

One major advantage Antigua has over

other destinations is geography. Its position as a regional hub translates to direct trade and freight links to all corners of the globe for a faster, easier and more efficient build process.

Craig's own reasons for choosing Antigua are rather more personal.

"I love Antigua - amazing people, amazing close communities," he says. "There's far more opportunity to define yourself professionally and personally here because of the level of responsibility placed on us to make the impossible possible." ■





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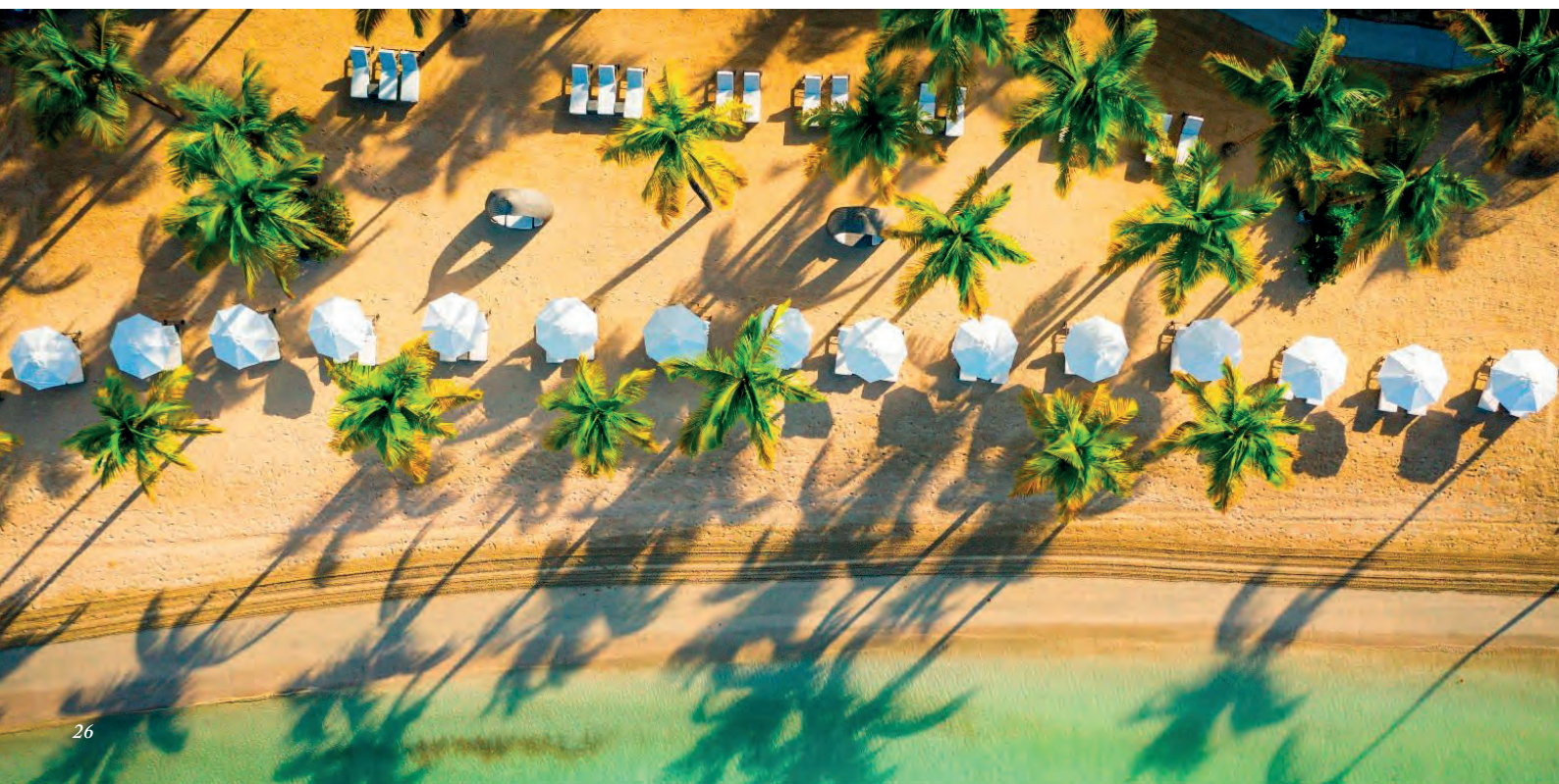


Since its December 2003 opening, Carlisle Bay has accomplished several extraordinary milestones, including welcoming over 653,000 guests, remaining a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World, and boasting an impressive roster of long-standing employees – 29 of whom have been at Carlisle Bay since its very first day of opening, and 118 of which have been with the property for more than 10 years. This year the resort also welcomes back Andrew Hedley as Managing Director. Andrew served as General Manager, joining shortly after Carlisle Bay initial reopening in 2004–2009.

“It is with great enthusiasm that I return to Carlisle Bay,” comments Andrew. “I am very proud to be a part of this stellar team again, and especially grateful to be able to re-join as Managing Director during the resort’s 20th anniversary year, leading the way into the future and looking forward to

new developments for the property on the horizon.”

As a member of ‘The Leading Hotels of the World’, Carlisle Bay consistently strives for excellence. The 87 luxury suites are contemporary design and each have their own private balcony or terrace leading directly to the shore. There is a range of activities on offer, including sunrise yoga, Pilates and meditation sessions, Watersports, world-class sailing, guided rainforest treks, seven tennis courts including two pickle





ball courts, and a state-of-the-art gym with on-call personal training sessions to suit all levels of fitness and experience. The property also features an ultra-chic library, a 42-seat private screening room, four restaurants and a 17,000 sqft spa.

At CARA Organic Beauty Spa, a personalised consultation precedes all treatments which range from luxurious facials to deeply restorative massages. There are also intensive health retreats to restore inner harmony and balance. The spa is proudly partnered with ESPA which takes its knowledge from traditional holistic therapies and combines this with the scientific power of the purest natural ingredients from around the world, developing a range of natural skincare products and treatments.

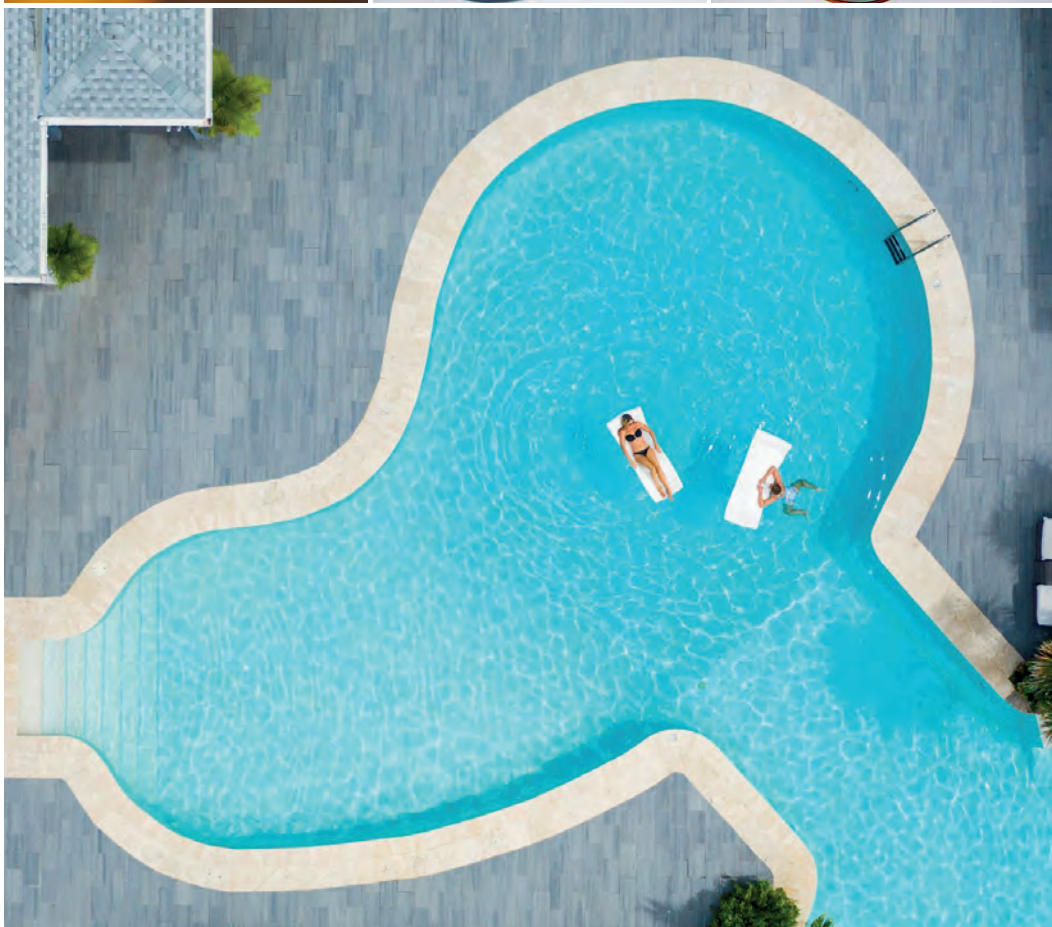
All four restaurants offer a diverse range of cuisines using locally sourced and seasonal produce. The main restaurant and heart of the resort, Indigo on the Beach, is open air, overlooking the sea, serving traditional Caribbean delights with a Mediterranean twist. Hand-carved wooden doors lead the way to Asian-themed East with its exquisite sushi menu and unforgettable dishes inspired by Japanese, Thai and Indonesian traditions. Ottimo, a casual poolside restaurant with wood-fired pizza oven, offers authentic Italian cooking with ingredients taken from the head chef's own herb and vegetable garden. The Jetty Grill, located at the end of the beach, presents local dishes such as saltfish fritters, jerk chicken, and goat water. Children are welcome at Carlisle Bay and will feel cherished by the resort's warm and friendly staff. The on-site Cool Kids Club will keep them busy and engaged, allowing parents to relax and enjoy their stay. ■

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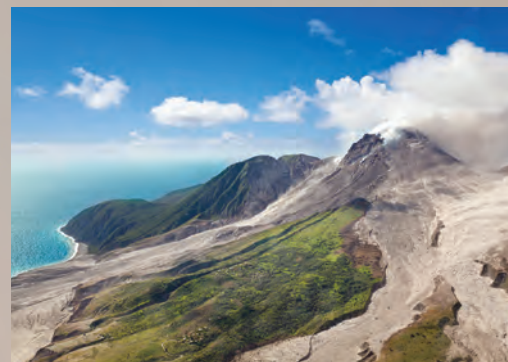
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SO TEAK: QUALITY FURNITURE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

There's no doubt Antigua's abundant sunshine can reap dividends for your health and wellbeing. Unfortunately the sun, coupled with high humidity and tropical showers, can wreak havoc on your furniture.

When decking out a new home, or renovating an existing one, it pays to ensure your prized pieces are tough enough to stand up to the unforgiving Caribbean climes. Not only is it ultimately more cost-effective to choose items that guarantee longevity, it's better for the environment too.

Two years ago, Danish couple Tom and Camilla Barnes gathered up their possessions, and a dollop of Covid-inspired *laissez-faire*, and swapped the vibrant urban scenes of Singapore for the halcyon lifestyle of Antigua and Barbuda.

Happily for the twin island nation's residents, another thing they brought with them was a Singaporean-based outdoor living furniture business which has been in operation for more than 25 years.

The company's Antiguan offshoot SOTEAK is now in its second season and is already proving a hit with islanders nationwide.

Luxury Locations Magazine caught up with Tom to tell us more about SOTEAK's high quality teak and wicker

pieces – and why they're ideal for our sun-soaked environs.

First things first, how did the name SOTEAK come about?

'SO stands for Scandinavian Oriental because the design is modern Danish but built with Indonesian-Oriental quality.

"From living in Singapore we have strong links with designers there who have 25 years' experience in the furniture business. They manufacture in Indonesia and export their items across the world.

"In Singapore, their pieces can be found in many private houses and condominiums, as well as hotels including the Mandarin Oriental, the Four Seasons and the Fairmont, plus a host of restaurants, because they last so well.

"While the company has been going for many years, it is completely new to Antigua."

What kind of items do you provide?

"One of our flagship products is a chunky live-edge solid teak table which we can do in almost any size and with a range of different table leg styles.

"We do outdoor living products, like sofas, loungers and large dining tables with chairs as well as bar stools and side tables. We also have some homeware

pieces, such as lanterns and teak cutting boards. We sell single items straight from our studio on island as well as bespoke and larger custom orders for villas, refurbishments, hotels and restaurants.

"We first brought a few pieces here six years ago when my in-laws bought a family holiday home in Turtle Bay. We have personally used these products in our own homes in Singapore and Denmark as well as Antigua, so we know personally how well they last in harsh environments.

"We wanted furniture that would last forever. We realised that if we had those concerns, everybody else probably did too – and SOTEAK was born."

What makes SOTEAK pieces so durable?

"We use teak because it lasts forever – or at least way longer than you will need it for – and it is termite-resistant.

"The wicker is also very durable. People don't believe me when I say it will last for decades. While other types of wicker get eaten alive in the sun and only last two seasons, ours is polyethylene-based and is completely UV-resistant. You can leave it outside all year round, even in the rain; we personally do and it still looks like new."



What about maintenance?

“Teak naturally greys so to maintain its new look it can be cleaned seasonally with a teak cleaner which we supply, before putting another coat of sealant on it.

“But even without doing that, the wood will still last. You can leave it outside for 10 years and still easily bring it back to its former glory.”

Who are your clients?

“The reaction since we set up business has been great. We have been working with a number of large private villas,



and homeowners from all around the island who are looking to replace some particular items or even upgrade an entire living space. There have been orders from a few high-end resorts and restaurants too.

“We are also doing an entire new luxury house in Barbuda, creating everything including custom beds.”

Where can we see your pieces?

“We have a studio in Falmouth where anyone is welcome to come in and see some of the select pieces we have in stock. Clients can arrange an appointment with me by WhatsApp to suit their schedule if needed. We are working towards also having our available on-island stock viewable online. More details and our opening times can be found on the website, where there is also a comprehensive catalogue including the range of products we can offer, along with our prices.”



Ah yes, the prices. Expensive, right?

“They’re actually more affordable than you might think. Because we bring everything in directly from the suppliers (who are also family friends) there are no middle men.

“You also have to bear in mind that the cost of shipping and taxes are already accounted for, so the prices in the catalogue are final. Taking all the extras into account, SOTEAK works out to 30-50 percent cheaper than importing - plus we will deliver anywhere on island.”

How long after placing an order can we expect to receive it?

“We have some items already in stock which can be bought directly from our studio. But we give a four to five-month lead time for big custom orders. The pieces take 45-60 days to make and roughly the same time again to ship here. Of course, the longer we have the better we can do.”

Do you work with existing homes as well as those under construction?

“Absolutely! We really have a passion for what we do and spending time with clients, helping them choose the ideal pieces to complement their home – whether they’re building or just buying new furniture – is what we do best.

“We are now building our own house in Turtle Bay and I have designed it around our pieces. If you’re creating your dream home, you don’t want to realise

afterwards that if you’d made the living room 10 centimetres bigger you could have had the sofa you really wanted.

“It makes more sense, when spending all that time and money building something really fantastic, to put the exact furniture on the floor plan to start with.

“In our own house, we are completely blurring indoor-outdoor living so the breeze flows straight through, which makes SOTEAK pieces perfect.

“I am happy to work with architects too, so if a client is building a house I can help them plan the furniture around it. I need at least five to six months to get exactly what they want. I love that part of the business and I do that for free to ensure we get it right.”

Business aside, what made you choose Antigua to live?

“We had been coming here on holiday for more than 10 years. Covid accelerated our plans to do something totally different, so we moved straight from Singapore to here.

“The outdoor lifestyle is ideal for kids. But more than anything we liked the ambience. We have been expats for a long time; we have also lived in Japan, Australia and the UK. Settling in all those places was nice but there’s a real intimate sense of community here, so we’re here for the long term now!” ■

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FLORAL REEF ANTIGUA: FOR DESIGNS THAT ARE A CUT ABOVE THE REST



Don't ask Kirsty Knoblauch to "shove some flowers in a vase". There's a good chance she'll be agghast at the notion. Creating customised floral arrangements is an art that involves understanding different types of flowers, how to take care of them and use them texturally to compose a visually appealing masterpiece.

Since Floral Reef opened its doors in October 2022, business has blossomed. The English Harbour-based outfit supplies arrangements and bouquets to homes, offices, sail boats and superyachts, with a special emphasis on wedding florals.

Multiple repeat customers are testament to the company's "incessant pursuit of quality for elegant and artistic creations, varied flower textures and tones", Kirsty says.

"We're original and have an eye for detail. We have great people skills and the ability to interpret and reflect the needs and styles of our clients through bespoke and conceptualised designs.

"We strive to provide high quality flowers with superior design techniques, along with integrity and honesty."

Floral Reef's tropical flowers are procured locally in Antigua, while unique and luxurious blooms are sourced from suppliers in Holland.

"The process of creating a design could be as simple as a single bloom in a beautiful vase, or providing an iconic show-stopping

arrangement. Either way, the design should be emotive and memorable," Kirsty explains.

"For me, there is nothing more inspiring than working with beautiful materials in a creative way. Look around us, from our own gardens to our shorelines to the rest of this beautiful world of florals, inspiration is everywhere."

Kirsty moved to Antigua with her husband and two children from Denver, Colorado, 15 years ago and had worked in the floral industry for many years before taking the plunge to start her own business.

Her wedding designs are a particular source of pride.

"At Floral Reef every wedding is treated as individual as you are – beautiful, classic, timeless or wild," she says.

"We usually encourage focussing firstly on the bridal bouquet as we believe that's where the rest of the wedding florals stem from. Larger scale installation pieces such as large urn arrangements, driftwood arches, and mesmerising centrepieces over the small 'fiddly bits', create a real wow factor to surprise your guests, and give your photographer visual treats to capture."

Flowers are by nature a highly perishable commodity so arrangements don't come cheap.

"It is very expensive to bring flowers to the market, yet alone Antigua. Your average rose is grown in northern Kenya, harvested by hand and rapidly shipped to Holland. It is then bought by the flower wholesaler, who then sells it to Floral Reef," Kirsty explains.

"It is then once again rapidly flown on icepacks aboard British Airways to Antigua, to be prepped, hydrated, arranged and finally enjoyed in a design. Hence the cost of your average cut flower, arrangement or bouquet."

Floral Reef minimises its carbon footprint through the use of eco-friendly materials. Silk, jute, twine, hessian and raffia replace their synthetic counterparts like polyester and nylon. Harmful oasis foam is shunned in favour of chicken wire and 'floral frogs' to hold the designs in place. Kirsty



also uses organic materials to wrap her bouquets and frame her wreaths.

She adds: "We are a thoroughly conscientious business and we understand that floristry is tough on our environment, so we ensure natural resources are preserved to the best of our ability." ■

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A SPARKLING AFFAIR AT CARLISLE BAY

The new tourist season kicked off in grand style at the Carlisle Bay resort when AS Bryden & Sons distributors joined forces with Bottega wines to stage an evening of glitz, glamour and bubbles.

The 'Bottega Gold Event' started with live music and canapes on the beach as the sun went down.

Later, guests enjoyed a divine dinner of four courses, each one expertly paired with one of the Italian vineyard's wines. The event, held at the resort's oceanfront Jetty Grill, culminated with a delicious chocolate pavé teamed with Bottega Moscato Petalo. ■



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This year Ward & Co have been working on exciting new projects in the Caribbean thanks to their showcase, the impressive Villa Papillon. Following soon behind are new projects on Pearn's Point and Jumbly Island with an even more exciting pipeline of wonderful projects to follow.

Blending new-age architecture with a healthy dose of warm tones synonymous with the sand and sea, Ward & Co is able to strike the perfect balance between practicality, comfort, drama and elegance for its clients.

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KEISHA SCHAHAFF: ON TOP OF THE WORLD

BOUNDARY-BUSTING ANTIGUAN ASTRONAUT TELLS LUXURY
LOCATIONS MAGAZINE ABOUT HER NEW BIRD'S-EYE VIEW ON LIFE

Many of us will have gazed up at the night sky and wondered what lay beyond. Very few of us will ever get the chance to find out. For Antiguan wellness coach Keisha Schahaff, those dreams became a reality last August when she and her daughter Anastatia Mayers became the first people from the Caribbean – and the first mother-daughter pair – to travel to space.

Former flight attendant Keisha was on a plane to London when she spotted an advert to win a trip aboard Virgin Galactic in a Space for Humanity raffle. Months later, she was stunned to receive an in-person visit from Virgin Galactic boss Richard Branson telling her she'd won two tickets, typically worth US\$450,000 each. Anastatia, who is studying philosophy and physics at Aberdeen University in the UK, was invited to join her and, at 18, became the youngest person to visit space.

The pair joined a crew of six on the VSS Unity for the 90-minute mission which launched from New Mexico, US. At peak altitude and zero gravity, the astronauts experienced four minutes of weightlessness at 280,000ft (85km).

Keisha tells *Luxury Locations Magazine* about the life-changing experience and her fresh new perspective on the world.



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Visiting space is something most of us will only dream of. How did it feel to be up there?

A feeling of peace, connection, and love; an awe-inspiring and surreal expression of, 'Wow, I'm actually here and doing this'. It was an emotional experience.

What was it like looking back at Earth?

Seeing the Earth's curvature first-hand was a humbling and perspective-altering experience, underscoring the planet's natural beauty and the vastness of the world we inhabit. It was a remarkable and awe-inspiring experience.

How has it changed your life?

Going to space has been a transformative experience that profoundly impacted my perspective on life. The "overview effect" created a cognitive shift in awareness,

leading to a greater appreciation for the planet, a heightened sense of interconnectedness, and a deepened understanding of the fragility of our planet, emphasising the need for environmental stewardship.

I also experienced personal growth through the rigorous training and preparation for space missions, gaining a greater sense of discipline, resilience, and adaptability, which has positively impacted my life.

I feel a renewed sense of purpose and a desire to inspire others. I am also inspired to learn more about space, science, and technology. Additionally, I want to become a pilot, a dream I had when I was a flight attendant over 19 years ago. I will see how it goes.

I want to explore more and see how I can continue on this mission beyond Earth.

We have a place in the cosmos, and I want to see where this goes. I want to explore more, even on our planet, to travel more. This can lead to a broader, more expansive worldview, encouraging individuals to think beyond the confines of their immediate surroundings and consider humanity's place in the cosmos. An enhanced sense of community, a greater appreciation for the value of collaboration, empathy, and understanding in building a more connected and harmonious world.

Your name is now known across the world. What has it been like becoming an international celebrity?

Although I still don't consider myself a celebrity, I feel humble and calm about it and am willing to share my story to inspire others as well.



How do you plan to use your experience going forward?

I want to form a community, build a foundation, and reach out to young adults to share the experience of space, inspiring those who will take space tourism to the next level. We need space centres, star-watching, telescopes, and all space-related items on our island to keep inspiring our youth. I also want to continue spreading awareness of health and wellness, as well as the importance of caring for our planet.

What's next for you both?

For Anastatia, it is to complete university and step into her role in space science. As for me, my place is in space exploration, astrology, astronomy, learning, and coaching retreats, promoting wellness and self-development. It all ties in.

What does your space voyage mean for Antigua and Barbuda?

We can now step up and begin the journey, exposing our nation to space. This is good for our tourism as well. We have unpolluted skies and all conditions for wellness. I'm happy to welcome others to visit me in Antigua.

What's been the most interesting thing you've learned during this incredible journey?

Our interconnectedness and feeling so humble knowing we are so small, living on a living planet. The feeling of peace, trust, and knowing there are much greater energies out there, and we are nothing in the vastness. Stop worrying, be kind, and protect life. ■

As told to Gemma Handy



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ART GALLERY THAT CREATES A SCENE



Gilly Gobinet's enchanting space stirs the senses and captivates the soul

Set among tropical gardens overlooking a seductive seascape, Gilly Gobinet's working Art Gallery offers scenes as pretty as a picture. And that's before one even begins to browse the delightful paintings on display.

Inside, one wall is devoted to an effervescent collection of paintings in acrylic of tropical flora and fauna such as bougainvillea, hibiscus, pelicans and turtles.

Gilly is one of few artists on the island who specialises in watercolours. These adorn the walls in both figurative and semi-abstract styles.

Barely a square foot of Gilly's gallery in Needs Must Circle, Fitches Creek – a short drive from the international airport – has been excluded from this bacchanalia of colour and canvas. Hand-painted murals adorn exterior walls and even the periphery of the swimming pool.

"Inspiration is never lacking when you're surrounded by all of this," she says brightly, gesturing towards her verdant garden and the ocean beyond.

Anyone wishing to browse Gilly's sundry creations will be treated to a full tour of the property, beginning with the gaily embellished hallway before heading

into the bathroom which also houses several pieces. Hundreds more original works in all shapes and sizes, displayed for sale, bedeck the interior rooms, verandah and courtyard. The latter is where Gilly can usually be found at work, brush in hand.

"Most artists are recognisable by one specific style but I am extremely versatile," she says. "I can do anything from cartoons, to delicate pen and ink, to very detailed or loose watercolour and acrylic – practically anything anyone asks me to."

While most of the pieces exhibited are the result of her own impulse, much of Gilly's work is commissioned, particularly her pet portraits for which she donates 10 per cent to local animal charity Dogs and Cats of Antigua. Nearly all her paintings are suitcase-friendly, or can be shipped already stretched or rolled into a tube for convenience. Colourful greetings cards are also available.

British-born Gilly, who has lived in Antigua since 1984, adds: "What I love most is the feeling of achievement when you've created something you love – and you hope others will too." ■



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PEARNS POINT: ONE OF ANTIGUA'S MOST EAGERLY ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUES TO TAKE SHAPE

Pearns Point, a beautiful beach and oceanfront development in Antigua, continues to take shape. All key elements of the infrastructure are in place, its first super luxury residence is completed, one is near completion and five more will start construction in the first half of 2024.

For those who dream of waking up to uninterrupted views across the Caribbean Sea and walking along beautiful deserted beaches, Pearn's Point offers a rare and exciting opportunity to own a property in a prime and unspoilt location.

The community of luxury homes is being built on a spectacular peninsula on the west coast of Antigua, which is joined to the mainland by a narrow causeway. With the feeling of a national park, the peninsula is an area of outstanding natural beauty, surrounded by eight idyllic and secluded beaches. Buyers have a choice of beachfront, oceanfront or ocean view lots, each offering spectacular vistas across the iridescent turquoise sea.

Antigua's property market is booming

Antigua's high-end property has been in great demand since the pandemic; alongside the traditional Antiguan buyers, many high net worth individuals decided to relocate to the island as digital nomads during that time and saw first-hand how easy it is to live and have a base in Antigua.

Traditional high-end buyers continue to arrive from the UK, US and Canada, but there is now worldwide interest from countries as diverse as France, South Africa and Singapore.

Beachfront properties are also in high demand, which has led to a surge in sales at five-star gated developments such as Pearn's Point. The latter has seen over U\$45m in land sales to date.

Building sustainably

Increasingly important to many international buyers is a development's sustainability ethos and practices. It's also a cause close to Pearn's Point owner Albert Hartog's heart. Pearn's Point pays the utmost respect to the island's native fauna and flora, utilising natural resources and locally sourced materials wherever possible and blending them seamlessly with the landscape.

The area consists of over 137 acres of mature landscaping that has been carefully sub-divided into residential lots, a third of which have been sold already.

Local workers and companies are mainly employed in the project's construction, translating to jobs for approximately 50 Antiguan's. Existing roads on the peninsula are now complemented by lush tropical landscaping.

The homes are designed to be energy efficient, reducing power consumption for air conditioning and pool systems. Solar panels will provide a ready source of renewable energy for the residences, keeping energy bills low for owners.

"It's like a national park" says new site architect Richard Hywel Evans whose

'naturally modern' philosophy gives an entirely new angle to Antigua's renowned super luxury villa designs "and it needs preserving as best we can".

The ultimate in natural luxury living

Buyers can design and build their own dream home on their plot or choose to use the developer's new Lot + Villa programme that helps buyers build a pre-designed villa style and make use of the developer's experienced, professional team of architects and contractors who understand international quality levels.

One of the first homes to be completed at Pearn's Point - and one of the designs offered to other buyers - has been designed by internationally renowned designers, Studio Piet Boon, using a mix of local and sustainably sourced materials. Drawing inspiration from the landscape and incredible views of Pearn's Bay, it melds seamlessly into its environment with the white sands of the bay just a few steps away.

This stunning villa is ultra-energy efficient and features six super king-size en-suite bedrooms, a swimming pool, an outdoor kitchen, wine cellar, a media room, a gym and an outdoor yoga deck, all set within large, beautifully landscaped gardens opening up from the terrace onto a magnificent white sand beach.

Depending on the location, all villa lots chosen at Pearn's Point will have access to their own secluded beach or one a few minutes' walk away. All boast fantastic panoramic views over the turquoise ocean.

For those looking for the ultimate in modern luxury, then look no further than a stunning new villa design by London-based, multi award-winning architect Richard Hywel Evans at Studio RHE. Richard's global reputation for building sustainable, bold, and innovative designs precedes him.





With a beautifully natural restaurant slated in early 2024 for the far end of Pearn's Point's main 200-metre white sand beach, community and a central point for owners and guests will be a key attraction for residents. Although private and secluded, a sociable and elegant Caribbean lifestyle is within easy reach for Pearn's Point residents.

Sales and Marketing Director Adam Gobat says: "This really is a rare opportunity to buy a piece of oceanfront paradise that is both secluded yet conveniently close to some of the island's main attractions.

"The restaurants, bars and shops of Jolly Harbour are just a five-minute drive away, the capital St John's is 20 minutes, the airport is 30 minutes, and English Harbour is 40 minutes."

Easily reached from many major destinations, Antigua has long been a playground for thrill seekers as well as those seeking relaxation and retreat. As a hub of international sailing activity, it plays host to some of the world's most prestigious yacht regattas, including Antigua Sailing Week and Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta, where sailing aficionados flock to Falmouth Harbour and Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Its turquoise waters also draw snorkellers and divers alike to its underwater marine life, however, there are plenty of land activities to pursue too, including Cedar Valley Golf Club, competing in the annual triathlon event, zip lining in the rainforest, and of course beach hopping. ■

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THE FUN-PACKED FLOATING BAR SET TO REVOLUTIONISE ANTIGUA'S SOCIAL SCENE



Uploading a video to social media is a surefire way to assess the public's appetite for a new hangout. A swanky restaurant perhaps, a hip nightclub - or even an impossibly cool floating bar complete with water toys, daybeds and a VIP cabana.

When Glen Hector posted a 30-second montage of his two-level, 175-person catamaran under the caption 'who's ready to party', it racked up 64,000 views in just 24 hours. Not bad in a country of less than 100,000 people.

A vision in sleek white and mahogany, D' Party Queen is the hottest new thing on Antigua's social scene and has enough exhilarating features to blow anything else on water out of it.

With three waterslides, a trampoline, and an adrenaline-inducing inflatable 'blob', it's "like a park on the sea", Glen grins.

There's a fully-stocked bar (naturally), a kitchenette with barbecue serving up wraps,

chicken wings and other snacky-type foods, a DJ booth, and bathrooms with flush toilets and changing facilities. Rooftop solar panels power all of the vessel's facilities.

Guests are brought to the boat's Valley Church mooring by tender which runs every 20 minutes from Jolly Harbour.

While Valley Church is its permanent home, D' Party Queen can also be hired for events and piloted to anywhere off Antigua's coast.

"It's multifunctional - people can charter it for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries - and it can be taken to any spot requested," Glen explains.

"We will be open every single day of the year from 10am to around sunset time, or later for private functions. People can come, have fun and enjoy good drinks and music."

The catamaran's lower level offers abundant spaces to eat, boogie or lounge while soaking up the Caribbean Sea scenes. The top deck is accessed by several sets by



KAIKOCONUT
D' PARTY QUEEN

stairs with the very centre home to a plush VIP section with four daybeds, each large enough for four people. This space can be rented for four hours at a time, has curtains for privacy and its own dedicated server.

In tribute to the boat's company name KaiKoconut, coconut will feature in select versions of everything from special cocktails to dishes.

Glen admits he's still a little "overwhelmed" by the arrival of the boat which took two years to build but was conceptualised six years ago.

"I have always wanted something different, something amazing, something unlike anything else in Antigua," he says.

"There is nowhere else on the west coast where you can pull up by boat, jump on and get drinks and food."

Glen is no stranger to the industry. Weeks before D' Party Queen finally made her entry into Antiguan waters late last year, his excursion company Creole Antigua

Tours marked an impressive 20 years in business.

"My passion is building things; I thrive on that," Glen continues. "I designed the boat myself, as I have all my boats, and I actually helped build it too."

"It's been back-breaking and the biggest challenge of my life but the end result has been worth it."

Like all excursion firms, Glen's had a rough ride during the Covid pandemic. Not only was Creole Antigua Tours off the water for months, stifling finances, building was already underway on D' Party Queen.

"We had to stop work shortly after we began. Once we started again, the shortage of materials was immense – we were waiting for some for months. Then there were shipping and logistical issues. It was a very, very gruelling process," he says, the memory of it still clearly evident.

Glen's personal journey to reach this point is a special story in itself.

More than three decades have passed since he left his Dominican fishing village of Scotts Head and moved to Antigua "with just EC\$18 and two mangoes" in his pockets.

The cash was all he owned in the world and the fruit his only sustenance.

He can laugh at what happened next now but it was far from funny at the time.

"I was 16 years old. When I arrived at the airport, the mangoes were promptly confiscated by Customs. I then took a taxi to Potters village to meet the friend who had encouraged me to come to Antigua.

"When we got there, guess how much the taxi charged me?" he says.

"I asked him four times, 'are you sure?' He said 'yes, the fare is EC\$18'."

It wouldn't be the only setback. With no money, no job and a limited support system in a new country, hunger was omnipresent for some time.

"I believe my naval used to meet the

back of my stomach I was so hungry,” he recalls.

A few casual jobs later, Glen found his feet in the hotel industry which gave him extra cash through tips and, later, in the casino in Jolly Harbour which would provide his inspiration.

“I would see the guys going out with their boats and dream of doing the same thing,” he says.

In 2003, Glen’s first commercial enterprise – started with his partner – was born. Creole Antigua Tours began with a 14-person pirogue which enabled holidaymakers to experience some of the island’s lesser known coastal haunts. That small fishing vessel was replaced by a speed boat in 2019, followed by a large catamaran in 2019.

These days, Glen’s riding the waves of his success – while continuing to make them too.

“D’ Party Queen is a huge thing for Antigua. It’s great for locals, their families and tourists,” he says.

“The aim is for it to be a fun place where people all over the world see what Antigua has to offer and choose here to vacation.” ■

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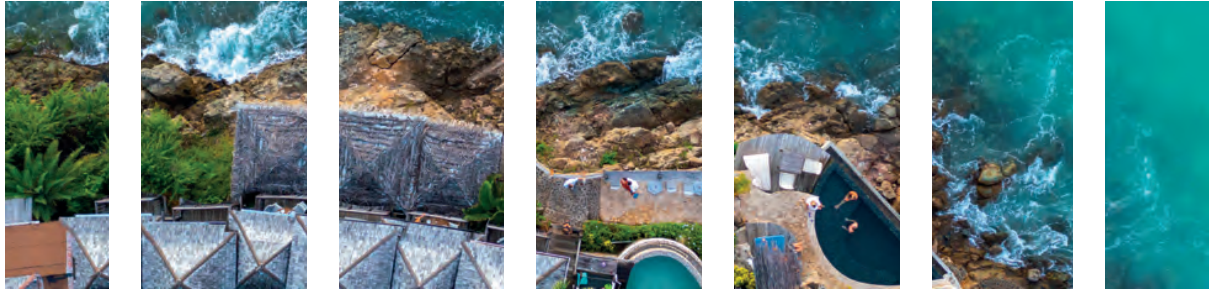


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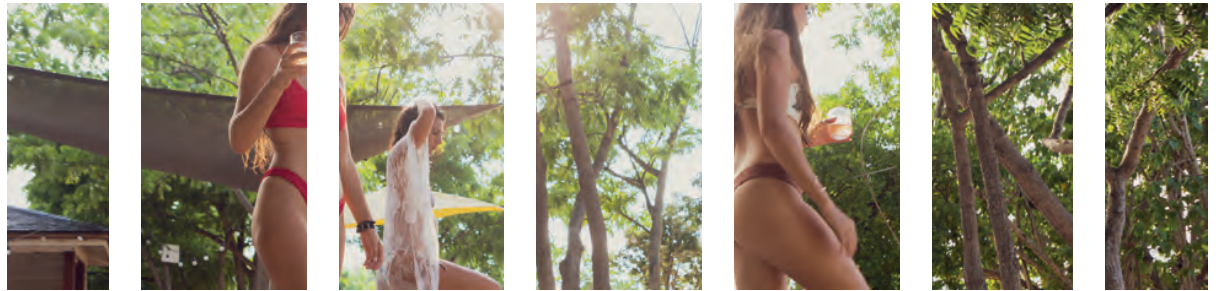
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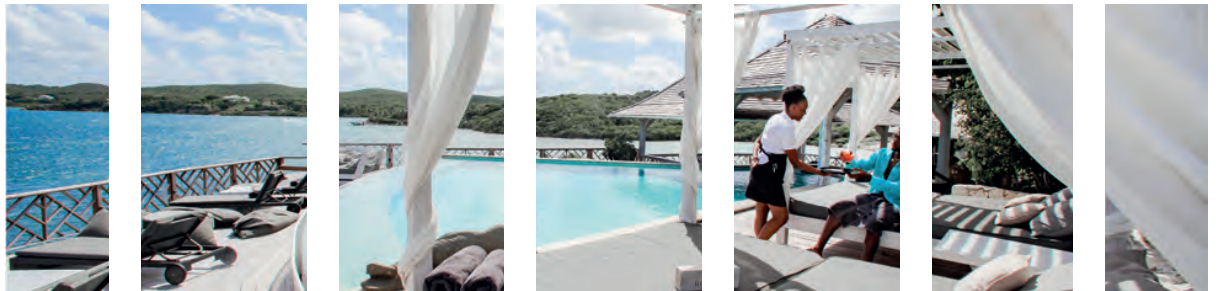


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REGENTS PARK AESTHETICS

BAD INK? TATTOO REMOVAL IS THE LATEST CUTTING-EDGE TREATMENT ON OFFER AT THE ANTIGUA-BASED BEAUTY CLINIC

Let's talk tattoos. Roughly one in three of us has one, around a third of them were an impulsive decision and – if the stats are correct – about one in four is bitterly regretted.

Body art has enjoyed an explosion in popularity in recent years, meaning there are more people than ever who are just as keen to erase it.

Whether it's the name of a former sweetheart now banished to the annals of history, a cartoon character where the sun don't shine, or Chinese script that does not, it turns out, translate to the positive affirmation you were led to believe, tattoos can be as fickle as fashion.

So many will be heartened to learn there is now a remedy available right here in Antigua. Tattoo removal is the latest treatment available at Regents Park Aesthetics in Hodges Bay.

The Harmony XL Pro is a safe, effective, and non-invasive solution for eradicating tattoos of all colours and on all skin types. It works by vibrating and breaking down the ink particles, which are then flushed away by the body's immune system as the area heals. The tattoo fades with minimal risk of scarring or hypopigmentation.

"It's a top of the range machine and most people need approximately six to eight sessions that are done in six-week intervals," explains clinic owner Kay Greveson.

"The number of sessions depends on the age of the tattoo and the type of ink used. It can also be used to remove semi-permanent makeup."

Since opening in October 2022, Regents Park Aesthetics has become a go-to for residents looking for enhancements like Botox, fillers, laser hair removal and lip



augmentation. Exuberant Google reviews testify to everything from "incredibly professional" staff to "top-notch treatments" and excellent results.

One of the most popular procedures is fat-reduction. Non-invasive and with no downtime, FDA-approved CoolSculpting is a form of cryolipolysis that uses extreme cold to freeze fat cells in targeted areas without damaging surrounding skin or tissue.

The body then eliminates the fat naturally over a period of three to four months. It won't help you ditch significant pounds but if you've been battling unsuccessfully to shift a belly pooch in the gym it might just help chisel that waist.

CoolSculpting can be used to target pockets of fat anywhere on the body from under the chin to the tops of the knees,

offering "the results of lipo without the surgery", says Kay.

From its Bay Gardens premises, Regents Park Aesthetics is the only place in the country to offer the innovative procedure and results are permanent provided one's weight remains stable.

Another exciting treatment is the ClearLift Hollywood Facial which uses skin-safe laser technology to resurface the face, simultaneously tackling skin laxity, pigmentation and thread veins, and is suitable for all skin types. It earned its name on account of there being no visible signs immediately afterwards other than a fresh and healthy glow, allowing one to smile confidently in front of the paps.

But regardless of whether you're headed for the red carpet or the farmers' market, most of us will likely be intrigued by



Before, and after three sessions.

something that promises to take years off your face in minutes. Using the Harmony XL Pro machine – suitable for all skin tones – ClearLift treats a variety of age-related skin imperfections including wrinkles, fine lines, sun damage, pigmentation, uneven skin tone and skin laxity.

It’s a little like being “airbrushed”, Kay says.

The wide range of quality personalised treatments also include radio-frequency skin tightening – a non-invasive procedure that fights wrinkles and boosts collagen – and HydraFacials, a medical-grade resurfacing treatment that clears out pores and hydrates the skin.

Another therapy that has proved a hit with local residents is Soprano Titanium

laser hair removal. This nifty device is suitable for all skin tones unlike its competitors.

Regents Park Aesthetics also offers skin peels, micro-needling, jawline sculpting, stretch marks and thread vein removal, and many more.

British-born Kay has been a registered nurse for more than two decades and has worked in the aesthetics field for over a decade. The clinic is the sister business to her acclaimed London operation which has made its name on superlative service and the highest standards of care.

While her on-island staff have been meticulously trained to deliver facials and other therapies, Kay flies in to Antigua every few weeks to do all of the injectable

procedures personally.

In addition to her high-end products and equipment, Kay prides herself on her experience and expertise.

“For every treatment I do, I have completed multiple courses to improve my technique,” she says, adding: “There’s an art to it; you have to have an eye for it. One of the biggest misconceptions is that people think they’ll look like they’ve ‘had work done’.

“But you can have treatments and still look natural – just fresher and younger.” ■

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The Caribbean has long been a refuge for North Americans and Europeans due to its tropical beauty, white sandy beaches and sunny warm weather, especially on cold winter days. This lifestyle paired with the free movement benefits afforded its citizens is a strong driving factor for citizenship by investment in the West Indies.

However, “over the past few years, we have seen our number of applications from North America and Europe grow fivefold”, says Kal Dobbin, Managing Director at Citizens International. “More than a tropical refuge, our clients are deeply concerned with the trajectory of their home countries and therefore motivated to put a hedge in place for themselves and their families. Political decisions, onerous taxation and the desire for a better life, underpin the move to secure a second citizenship, often



described as the ultimate ‘Plan B’. Moreover, when purchasing property in Antigua & Barbuda, there are tax savings to be made should you purchase and later sell, as a citizen.”

Located in the Caribbean, Antigua and Barbuda is one of the top international destinations in the world today. It is the hub of air travel in the region with a new modern

airport, boasts one of the few International Baccalaureate schools in the Caribbean, and enjoys the region’s lowest crime rate and one of its highest GDPs. With a thriving international community, residents can stay connected with daily non-stop international flights and fast, reliable internet connection.

Most countries have immigration programs; however, few offer the immediacy



The Gardens, Approved for Citizenship in Antigua & Barbuda



The Beach Houses, Approved for Citizenship in Antigua & Barbuda

and value of the Antigua & Barbuda citizenship, make for a compelling investment and not least for the lifestyle opportunities that can follow, even if an immediate move is not planned. A second citizenship is not only for ultra-high-net-worth population - depending on the number of family members and whether you choose a government donation or a property investment on which to base your application, citizenship in Antigua can cost as little as \$150,000 USD.

Citizens International is a boutique client services firm headquartered in Antigua for the last 15 years. As Licensed Government Agents, our team spends time assisting applicants from all over the world to successfully apply for citizenship in the Caribbean. Our client relationships extend over many years as we help people looking to cement their economic and personal foothold in a place of true refuge.

Combining together expertise in second citizenship with luxury real estate development, Citizens International works closely with sister company Elmsbridge to find and bring new affluent residents to Antigua. The

company offers several turn-key developments approved for the citizenship, from \$200,000 USD shared ownership options in The Gardens community of 36 homes in Jolly Harbour, to whole ownership of one of ten luxury beachfront properties at The Beach Houses for \$1.5M to \$3.6M USD.

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC

THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

When wet weather and dim light were not enough to deter young classical musicians from ploughing ahead with an outdoor rehearsal, Claudine Benjamin knew they were onto something special.

"It poured with rain and we were going to cancel but then the kids took out their cell phones to use as light to see their music; they were not going to be fazed," she smiles.

That soggy night back in 2018 was one of the first practice sessions for the then fledgling Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra, with which Claudine has been involved since inception.

Adequate rehearsal facilities were still as scarce then as instruments and teachers had been, but the enthusiasm and resolve among the nascent performers exceeded all expectations.

Seven years after its formation, the

orchestra is flying high and recently returned from a trip to the UK which included a landmark performance alongside the mighty Royal Philharmonic.

These days, the orchestra features more than 200 players, most of whom had never picked up a classical instrument before joining, much less grappled with the tricky compositions of Tchaikovsky.

It all started, as the most challenging of feats often do, with a dream.

In 2016, a previously unheard of British teenage cellist called Sheku Kanneh-Mason shot to acclaim after winning the BBC Young Musician competition.

The discovery of his Antiguan parentage galvanised Antigua and Barbuda's High Commissioner to the UK, Karen-Mae Hill, into action. Sheku and his musical family were invited to the islands to perform and assess local appetite for setting up an

orchestra. Overwhelmed by the reception from kids eager to join, organisers were determined to see the efforts through to fruition.

"We didn't have the structure, our technical ability was limited and finding people to teach was a challenge," recalls Claudine, the orchestra's chief operating officer.

"We formed partnerships across the US and UK with charitable organisations and the Kanneh-Masons were instrumental in putting us in touch with the right people.

"Everyone saw the value in what we wanted to do which was impact the lives of youngsters through music. The generosity over the years has been phenomenal – as has the level of discipline and appetite we are seeing from the kids," she adds.

Accessibility for all is at the core of the orchestra's ethos. The only requirement to





join is self-discipline. Youngsters with no transport are picked up from home so they can attend practice.

Last October, 41 players got the chance to take part in the UK tour.

“This excursion served as a remarkable catalyst for individual growth and development for each student. Immersed in a diverse array of musical performances and mentored by first-class musicians, the students gained invaluable experiences,” High Commissioner Hill tells *Luxury Locations Magazine*.

“The journey included a prestigious performance opportunity at the Royal Academy of Music alongside the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the Brent Youth Pop Concert Orchestra.”

The youngsters also paid a visit to the Commonwealth Secretariat and the orchestra’s partners, the Commonwealth Resounds, before heading to Oxford.

“The visit to Oxford proved to be equally inspiring, featuring a tour of Oxford University and a captivating concert at the Christ Church Cathedral, accompanied by the talented choristers of the Christ Church School,” Hill says.

A sojourn to Jersey followed where the

children enjoyed an inspiring collaboration with Les Quennevais School, among other things. Back in London, the students wrapped up their trip with a visit to the offices of the exam board of the Royal Schools of Music to learn about future career prospects.

“Despite a demanding schedule and challenging weather conditions, these young musicians exhibited remarkable maturity and a resilient, can-do spirit,” the High Commissioner adds.

“Beyond honing their musical skills, the tour provided them with a broader perspective of the world, one they embraced with enthusiasm.”

Emily James, 15, is one of many of the orchestra’s success stories. She has been playing violin with the group since 2019 and describes it as “really rewarding”.

“We are able to laugh and have fun while still being serious and I’ve made a lot of new friends,” she says. “My favourite piece to play is Hungarian Dance [Brahms]. Even before I joined the orchestra I liked that piece so playing it made me so excited.

“I would tell anyone thinking about joining us to do so; it’s so much fun.”

For 17-year-old trombonist Orlando

Gordon, playing with the orchestra has been “cathartic”.

“There are times when you want to express yourself but don’t have the outlet, and luckily for me I have music as my outlet,” he explains.

“It’s definitely helped with my studies too. When I started with the orchestra it was like a whole different world opened up. I was forced to read and listen more and it just came together to create a different person from who I was.”

Orlando is a firm believer that the talent within the twin isles’ borders could one day see it open its own conservatoire.

For now, the orchestra’s directors are focussing their attentions on establishing a school of music. A one-acre site in Dickenson Bay has been donated to the cause and a blueprint has been drawn up for an eight-classroom facility to teach 150 children.

“So much ability rests in our young people and that’s what we exist for - to create opportunities for them,” Claudine says. “Our purpose is not to entertain but to inspire and impact generations to come.” ■

by Gemma Handy

BRAIMAH KANNEH-MASON: BREAKING BARRIERS

THE ACCLAIMED VIOLINIST SPEAKS EXCLUSIVELY TO LUXURY LOCATIONS MAGAZINE ABOUT HIS WORK WITH THE COUNTRY'S YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTATION

From blues to soul, jazz to reggae, hip hop to calypso, the seminal influence of musicians of colour on almost every genre of music is evident.

The classical arena, however, less so.

Since arriving on the scene nine years ago, the Kanneh-Mason clan have been integral in helping address classical music's diversity problem. The siblings' 2015 appearance on Britain's Got Talent enthralled UK audiences and sparked a chain reaction of success for the group dubbed by notoriously acerbic judge Simon Cowell as the world's most musical family.

Third eldest sibling Sheku would go on

to be named BBC Young Musician of the Year 12 months later, a feat followed by a performance at Prince Harry's wedding to Meghan Markle in 2018.

The fact that the Kanneh-Masons have Antiguan heritage – through their father Stuart – has seen them play a leading role in getting the country's Youth Symphony Orchestra off the ground. In April 2023, they were appointed cultural ambassadors to the twin island nation in tribute to their contributions to young islanders' musical development.

The value of role models who 'look like them' cannot be underestimated, says

violinist Braimah Kanneh-Mason, the eldest son of the seven siblings.

"It's incredibly important," he tells Luxury Locations Magazine. "The importance of representation should not be overlooked. When I was younger I wasn't aware of that."

The 26-year-old says while his father and mother – Dr Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason who was born in Sierra Leone – didn't flinch from teaching their children about painful racial history, they were careful to steer them towards positive role models.

In the absence of Black classical musicians, "they introduced us to other



Black role models to show us we could achieve anything”, he explains.

Martin Luther King, Muhammad Ali and Nelson Mandela featured heavily in the siblings’ upbringing.

Braimah points to cellist Jacqueline du Pré who shot to fame in the 1960s as helping inspire a new generation of female classical musicians.

“You only have to look at how many women took to the cello after her to see representation really does make a difference,” he says. “We believe in the importance of that and it’s very special for us to be Antiguan and to work with the Youth Symphony Orchestra.”

Caribbean music comprised much of the soundtrack to the septet’s childhood.

“That was a big influence; growing up we listened to a lot of calypso and soca,” Braimah says.

Before taking up violin – inspired by elder sister Isata – Braimah played piano, an



instrument he believes is easier to learn due to being able to “see the notes”.

“The act of holding a violin and the bow is a process that takes a while,” he explains.

A graduate of London’s prestigious Royal Academy of Music, he recently spent a year studying at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest.

Asked how long it took to master the famously ticklish stringed instrument, he says he’s still working on that.

“Really it’s an ongoing process. You get to a point where people would consider you as having mastered it, but what you imagine for yourself changes as you grow with the instrument,” he imparts.

“You get to a point where you’re concert ready and you feel a general level of quality but arriving at a point where you feel you’ve ‘completed’ the instrument does not exist.”

Recent years have seen a number of highs for the family, which also includes sisters Konya, Jeneba, Aminata, and





Mariatu.

Among the most pertinent moments for Braimah was the 2020 release of the ‘Carnival’ album, the Kanneh-Masons’ first as a family.

But while some things feel like “milestones” in a conventional sense, the work with the Youth Symphony Orchestra is the most meaningful.

“That feels like a project in which we’ve been able to make some kind of difference. And for me that’s a real personal highlight, one I am proud and grateful to be involved with,” he says.

Giving back to a country with which he has familial links is a special kind of honour.

“Both my dad’s parents are Antiguan so we are half Antiguan and we visited the island a lot to see family when we were younger, so we have always had that relationship with it.

“When we were first invited to come and perform in 2017 by High Commissioner Karen-Mae Hill, it was an honour to be invited by a country you feel you belong to.

“Growing up, we were always very lucky

to receive lots of generous support from people in the form of donations, teaching and their time. Without that we would not have been musicians. Giving of yourself is something we think is important to do.”

Working with the orchestra is “fun” too – and eminently rewarding.

“To see how far they have come over the last few years is incredibly moving, inspiring and a testament to the students themselves,” Braimah continues.

“All the students wanted to learn, were ready to work and listen. Antigua is a very musical place anyway, there’s a huge legacy of music and the students have great intuition and ears.

“I feel they’re now at a point of acceleration which is really exciting.”

One great beauty of the orchestra is its ethos of succession planning, Braimah thinks.

“People who have been in it for a few years are now mentoring younger players. With the work ethic and drive they have, there is no reason why some could not compete for conservatoire places,” he says.

A network of goodwill from across the world – such as the Commonwealth Resounds, Luthiers Without Borders and the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music which supplied instruments, tutors and mentors, as well as invaluable training and support – has been essential to the orchestra’s evolution.

“The reason it works is because there are so many hard-working people volunteering and giving their time – and so much generosity as well,” Braimah adds.

“For the orchestra’s UK tour, the Governor General flew out just to come to one of their concerts; it has great support from the head of state and also the Prime Minister.

“You don’t see that in many places in the world. And it’s another reason it’s progressed so far.

“I am really happy to be involved, and can’t wait to see where it goes.” ■

by Gemma Handy

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GOING FOR GOLD: TEAM ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA CLAIMS VICTORY FOR SECOND YEAR IN REGIONAL SWIM MEET

Top-notch coaches and a highly competitive environment might have provided the foundation to Antigua's swimming prowess. But it's local youngsters' dedication, fortitude and determination to succeed that have propelled the sport to where it is today.

That winning formula was on heady display in November when the national team swept to victory in the 31st edition of the OECS Swimming Championships. Throw in the fact that almost a dozen of the 34-strong contingent were battling a particularly nasty bout of influenza A with accompanying respiratory symptoms and it makes their triumph all the more remarkable.

News that the team had tied with Grenada to claim the title for the second year running sparked jubilant celebrations back home. Those were magnified days later when a judging error was revealed, giving the twin island nation five extra points and an unassailable win.

The event held in St Lucia started out on a

high note, coach Wayne Mitchell told *Luxury Locations Magazine*.

"We got off to a really good start. Right from day one we were dropping records like crazy. The very first day was a 400m freestyle which is quite a gruelling event – you have to be super fit – and we were breaking the OECS record on that," he said.

Several members of the team smashed both national and regional records during the meet.

It's not the first time a country has won the prestigious event for two consecutive years, but if Antigua and Barbuda were to repeat the feat again next year it would go down in history.

Coach Wayne thinks it's a distinct possibility. With several of the country's finest swimmers currently overseas taking advantage of sporting scholarships, throwing them into the mix too could make the team indomitable.

Recent years have seen the sport soar to new heights with the national team defeating





the traditional stalwarts of St Lucia and Grenada. Antigua and Barbuda now boasts the fastest male in the Eastern Caribbean, along with the fastest breaststroker and freestyler.

Wayne credits such success to indefatigable local coaches.

“They have not rested,” he said. “They have educated themselves on the sport and continue to do so. We also have highly competitive swim clubs. We compete in a friendly and fair way but we work hard to beat each other.”

In addition to securing trophies and bragging rights, there are other benefits to be derived.

“Swimming definitely brings out confidence in the kids,” Wayne continued. “We have had some go from being very sheltered and shy to hearing people cheering them on and shouting out their names. They handle it well; they’re great kids and don’t become cocky with it.

“It takes a lot of discipline to do this sport

and because it’s so hard they respect it.

“They also do well academically at school, and later when they go off to university, because they’re used to managing their time well.”

Far from resting on their laurels upon their return from St Lucia, the swimmers were straight back in the pool to prepare for the next meet.

“I could not be more proud of our team,” Wayne said. “I got the flu myself and it really knocked me down; I just can’t imagine having to pull myself up on the block to dive in the water and swim feeling like that.

“They did it and they kept on going. It was amazing to watch; they really wanted it.

“It was 100 percent a team effort and took every single member to get this cup,” he added. “They all put their soul into it and swam with everything they had.” ■

By Gemma Handy



BACCHANAL BLOWOUT: ANTIGUA CARNIVAL IN PICTURES

For many of Antigua and Barbuda's revelry-loving residents, the summer carnival is an even bigger celebration than Christmas. Islanders go all out for the intoxicating 13-day jamboree – and last year's festivities were no exception.

The run-up to the event is almost as exciting as carnival itself with a succession of high-energy, large-scale parties. Carnival kicks off each year in late July with an opening parade, which gives way to an array of nightly live music competitions and more vibrant street parades.

Highlights include steel orchestra contest Panorama, along with the Party Monarch and Calypso Monarch shows which see the nation's musical stars compete for the coveted crowns.

Carnival has its roots in emancipation from slavery almost 200 years ago. The costumes may have evolved over the years but time has done nothing to dampen the heady atmosphere.

Luxury Locations Magazine was on the road to capture the action. ■



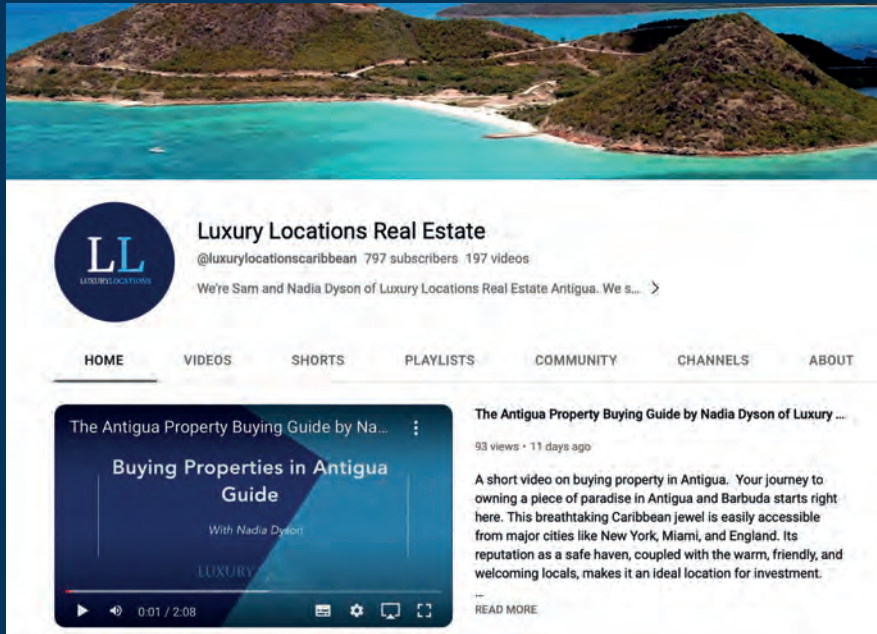


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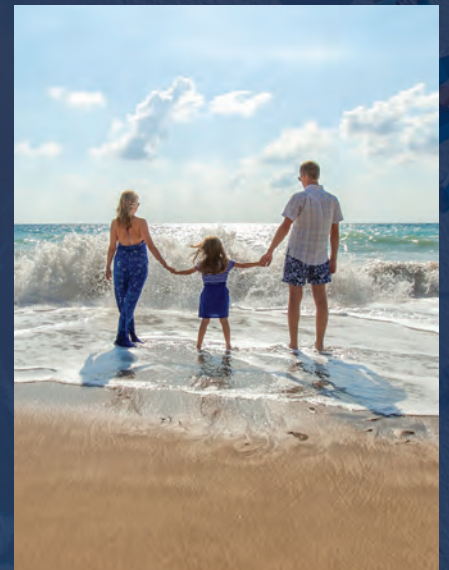
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LATEST FROM THE PROPERTY MARKET: THE YEAR AHEAD SUGGESTS REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL



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The past few years have been a rollercoaster for the Caribbean property market, with global events profoundly impacting trends and transactions. The onset of global lockdowns initially brought the market to a standstill, followed by a significant surge in sales towards late 2021 and early 2022. However, as the financial repercussions of the lockdowns began to emerge, we noticed a gradual deceleration in early 2022.

Today, we're observing a return to normalcy. The market's earlier volatility has subsided, aligning once again with the traditional stability synonymous with Caribbean second homes.

One notable aspect during these fluctuating times was the absence of dramatic price shifts in Antigua. Instead, we witnessed variations in the volume of sales. This pattern aligns with the Antiguan market's historical resilience to global financial shifts, underscoring its uniqueness in terms of price elasticity.

For property owners in the Caribbean, this trend spells significant advantages. Those who can retain their properties, without the urgency to sell, benefit from Antigua's consistent real estate appreciation. Over the past decade, the market has seen a steady annual increase of around five percent, making Antigua an attractive destination for long-term investment and lifestyle enrichment.

Looking forward, 2024 shows promise for continued market vibrancy in Antigua and Barbuda. This optimism stems from easing global interest rates and the launch of new real estate developments locally early in the year. These factors are poised to invigorate both the new sales and resale markets.

If you are contemplating a property purchase or seeking your own slice of Caribbean paradise, reach out to Luxury Locations. Our team is dedicated to guiding you through every step of this exciting journey. ■



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Taking care of your investment

Windies, Sugar Ridge

US\$1,795,000

Island living doesn't get much better than this fabulous three-bedroom villa in the prestigious Sugar Ridge Homes gated community. This classic Caribbean retreat combines traditional charm with modern luxury, showcasing a picturesque design featuring wood shingle roofs, copper gutters, and louvered windows that invite the refreshing island breeze. The property has a luxurious salt water pool, generous gardens and sensational views overlooking the Caribbean Sea. Windies is a short walk from the hub of Jolly Harbour with its excellent amenities.

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Palm Villa, Sugar Ridge

US\$2,100,000



This elegant hillside home overlooking Antigua's resplendent west coast has thoughtfully designed interiors that exude sophistication. With a superb location in the Sugar Ridge Homes gated community, it offers breath-taking views, top-of-the-range fittings and fixtures and is just a short walk from the plentiful amenities of Jolly Harbour. There are two master bedrooms on the main level both with stylish en-suites. The third bedroom situated downstairs also has an ensuite, walk-in closets and doors leading to vast private gardens beyond.

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The Beach House, Falmouth Harbour

US\$2,870,000

Exquisite styling and luxurious furnishings make this brand new show home now up for sale a real showstopper. The well-appointed kitchen will appeal to anyone who loves to cook and forms part of a large, airy open-plan interior. The bedrooms are spacious and equally well presented. Glass doors lead onto a shaded terrace with dining and lounging areas and a sundeck with pool. This property is set in a new four-acre development in Falmouth Harbour that is fronted by its own beach and backs onto the national park. It is a half-hour hike from beautiful Rendezvous Beach while the amenities of English Harbour are just a short drive away.

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Cool Breeze, Harbour View

US\$625,000

Ideally located in picturesque Harbour View, a stone's throw away from bustling Jolly Harbour, this lovely property boasts a tranquil location and easy access to amenities. Cool Breeze spans a generous 2,000 sqft, with sophisticated interiors, high-end furnishings, and attention to detail throughout. There is a large pool, fringed by a sundeck and shaded terraces for dining, relaxing or soaking up the countryside view. This villa comes 'rental ready' and promises excellent returns on your investment.

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Villa 422D, Jolly Harbour

US\$350,000

This villa offers a prime location in the sought-after gated community of Jolly Harbour with its popular bars, restaurants, international supermarket and winsome beach fringing the Caribbean Sea. There's an extended sundeck offering views of the Sleeping Indian Hills, with areas for relaxation and outdoor dining plus a 40ft waterway to create a dock. Both bathrooms have been tastefully refurbished and there is a separate washroom downstairs for guests. Jolly Harbour is a 30-minute drive from the international airport.

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Palm Breeze, Hamilton Estate

US\$365,000

This charming, recently renovated upper floor apartment offers scenic views over Antigua's prized west coast. Palm Breeze benefits from year-round trade winds and a tranquil location yet close proximity to highly rated restaurants, sports facilities and a well-stocked international supermarket. The open-plan interior features a large fully fitted kitchen area with generous dining space and a comfortable lounge. Both bedrooms are well proportioned. There is a nice shaded verandah and shared pool. Jolly Beach is a leisurely 10-minute walk away.

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The White House, Harbour View

US\$475,000

This fabulous four-bedroom villa, positioned in the charming community of Harbour View, presents an ideal opportunity for a discerning buyer looking to invest in Antigua. With its vast sun-soaked deck and private swimming pool, it's a paradise tucked away in a quiet location yet just a short walk from Jolly Harbour. The property is tastefully styled throughout in neutral modern accents, enhanced by high-end fittings and fixtures. Sliding glass doors fill the interior with light and maximise the scenic countryside vistas.

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Villa 432C, Jolly Harbour

US\$345,000

This delightful two-storey villa on the waterfront has a large patio and a fabulous extended lower deck with dock. Both bedrooms have en-suites, the master has a private balcony, and there is an additional guest washroom downstairs. The popular gated community of Jolly Harbour offers excellent amenities within walking distance and is just a 30-minute drive from the international airport. This villa offers a good investment opportunity for holiday rentals and would also make an ideal second home in a family-friendly location.

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Jolly Sunset Villa, Jolly Harbour

US\$435,000

This stylish two-bedroom villa offers exceptional waterfront views and a prime setting in the quiet north finger of desirable Jolly Harbour. A secluded white sand beach is just a short walk away, as are all of the area's first-rate amenities which include an international supermarket, golf course, gym, medical centre, bars and restaurants. The open-plan ground floor includes a fully fitted kitchen with stylish granite countertops, breakfast bar and contemporary appliances. Glass sliding doors lead onto a private patio. There is also a finger pier for docking a boat.

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Villa Sandcastle, Jolly Harbour

Price on request

This sensational villa occupies a prime spot on tranquil North Beach, yet is within walking distance of bars, restaurants, an international supermarket, sports facilities and a medical centre. Exquisitely styled, it has an array of indoor and outdoor spaces offering places to relax, work or socialise. Villa Sandcastle has an infinity pool overlooking the Caribbean Sea and its interior is air-conditioned throughout. The property also has a boat house/lift and 90ft sea wall. It is an ideal second home or rental investment.

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Pelican House, Jolly Harbour

US\$950,000

Set in the exclusive gated community of Jolly Harbour, this lovely detached property comprises two identical three-bedroom apartments. Each one radiates comfort and elegance, and has a sprawling open-plan living area that creates an airy and spacious environment.



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Sea Breeze, Jolly Harbour

US\$525,000

This spacious new build home features clean contemporary lines and comes complete with all built-in appliances. Envious location on exclusive Harbour Island. Furniture package available at additional cost, along with customised dock.

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Galleon Beach, English Harbour

US\$1,600,000-US\$2,000,000

Galleon Beach with its beautiful calm waters and long stretch of golden sands is an idyllic tropical getaway. There are three one-acre plots available, each offering direct beach access. The area is surrounded by lush vegetation and wooded headland at the entrance to Nelson's Dockyard, a UNESCO world heritage site and protected area, making it an unsurpassed location for an exceptional home.

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Villa 229C, Jolly Harbour

US\$485,000
 This beautiful waterfront property in the desirable South Finger locale of Jolly Harbour has undergone meticulous refurbishments simultaneously enhancing its aesthetics, functionality and space. Extra-large windows maximise the glorious harbour views. There is an extended deck for al fresco dining or relaxing, plus a finger dock and boat lift. Coupled with its ideal location in a gated community with abundant amenities, Villa 229C presents an excellent investment opportunity.

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Harbour Residences No 2, Jolly Harbour

US\$649,000
 This townhouse-style property with private pool occupies a prime spot on exclusive Harbour Island within the gated community of Jolly Harbour. The spacious interior features clean contemporary lines and neutral accents, complemented by state-of-the-art fittings and fixtures. There is an extra room which could become a fourth bedroom, office or gym.

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Moon Ridge, Nonsuch Bay

US\$3,950,000
 Located in secluded, unspoiled Nonsuch Bay on Antigua's peaceful east coast, this two-storey property is a vision in fine contemporary design. Shaded balconies offer superb views of the tropical coastline. Generator room, two cisterns, terrace and infinity pool, outdoor bar and dining area.

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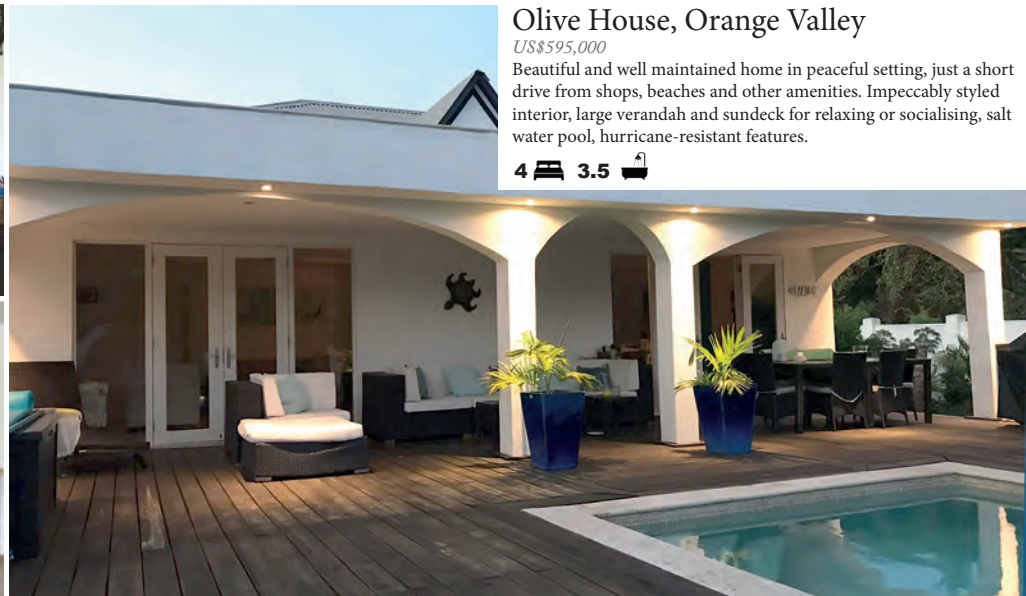


Lakeside, Orange Valley

US\$595,000

This spacious villa has an enviable location near one of Antigua's finest beaches. The upstairs open-plan living area boasts excellent sea views. Lakeside is approved under the government's citizenship by investment scheme entitling the buyer to apply for an Antigua and Barbuda passport.

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Olive House, Orange Valley

US\$595,000

Beautiful and well maintained home in peaceful setting, just a short drive from shops, beaches and other amenities. Impeccably styled interior, large verandah and sundeck for relaxing or socialising, salt water pool, hurricane-resistant features.

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Beach Walk Villa, Jolly Harbour

US\$485,000

A charming, fully refurbished end of terrace waterfront home in a desirable location. Open-plan living area leads to partially shaded terrace overlooking the sea. Gated community setting, air-conditioning, walking distance to beach.

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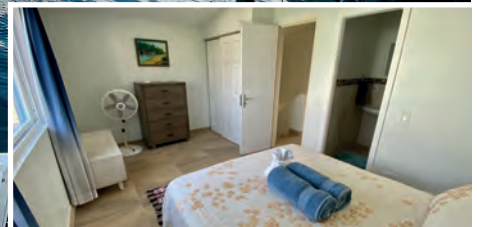


Villa 428E, Jolly Harbour

US\$380,000

This waterfront property has been fully refurbished throughout. The ground floor is open-plan with a new fitted kitchen. Glass sliding doors lead to the partially shaded terrace, perfect for al fresco dining or just admiring the marina views. Master bedroom has a private balcony.

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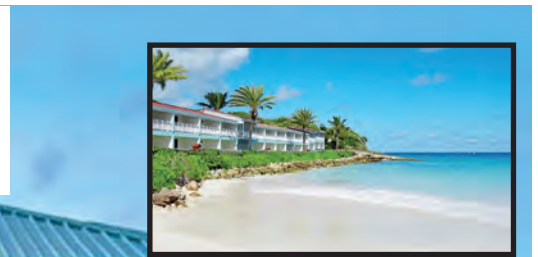


Verandah land, Verandah Estates

From US\$400,000

This gated community on Antigua's east coast boasts fabulous bay views from its hillside location. Three-bedroom homes with pools are US\$450,000, and two-bedroom properties with pools are US\$400,000. The sights and sounds of Long Bay are within walking distance. This development is approved for citizenship by investment.

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Jolly Harbour hillside land

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The Beach House, Jolly Harbour

From US\$2,500 a night

A stunning location on world-famous Jolly Beach is just one of the benefits this exceptional property has to offer. The first-rate amenities of the gated community of Jolly Harbour are all within walking distance, including international supermarket, golf course, bars and restaurants, medical centre and pharmacy. There are three beautiful en-suite bedrooms and a spacious living room which opens out to a vast outdoor area with al fresco dining, sofas for lounging and an infinity-edge pool. The Beach House is fully equipped with high-end fittings and fixtures throughout.

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Mild Sunshine, Jolly Harbour

From US\$325 a night

Impeccable contemporary styling gives this stunning new two-bedroom villa its edge. Set in the sought-after gated community of Jolly Harbour, the property is within walking distance of bars, restaurants, sports facilities, an international supermarket, pharmacy and clinic. The owner has spared no expense in kitting out Mild Sunshine with modern features and appliances including a dishwasher, microwave, and Nespresso coffee machine. The living room has wall-to-wall glass doors to maximise the harbour views, best absorbed from the delightful waterfront terrace.

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Blue Haven, Jolly Harbour

From US\$680 a night

This beautiful new property is set on the waterfront within the gated community of Jolly Harbour which has an abundance of amenities. The partially-shaded verandah with BBQ and dining area, fringing a large private pool, is ideal for soaking up the harbour views. Blue Haven is air-conditioned and expertly styled in contemporary tones throughout. The master bedroom has a super king-size bed, en-suite and private patio area with table and chairs. The white sands of Jolly Beach are just a short walk away.

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The Lookout, Sugar Ridge

From US\$900 a night

This spectacular new villa is located within the exclusive Sugar Ridge community, benefiting from both a peaceful setting and close proximity to amenities. The shaded verandah, pool, sundeck and gazebo all boast stunning views overlooking Jolly Harbour and the aquamarine waters of the Caribbean Sea. Inside there are four en-suite bedrooms and a large open-plan living area that opens on to a spacious terrace. This exceptional property is exquisitely styled throughout.

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La Vie Est Belle, Jolly Harbour

From US\$575 a night

Set steps from the water in the heart of the desirable gated community of Jolly Harbour, this sensational detached villa offers the utmost in comfort and privacy. The spacious open-plan living area features a well appointed kitchen, dining area and lounge. Glass doors lead onto a large sundeck and private pool with sunset views. Each of the bedrooms is beautifully styled and has an en-suite. The property's prime location – a short walk from the beach – grants easy access to abundant amenities including a supermarket, medical centre and popular restaurants and bars.

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Villa 218G, Jolly Harbour

From US\$250 a night

Bright and pleasant villa in a sought-after location, close to beach and amenities. Spacious waterfront deck with BBQ grill and sun-loungers. Air-conditioning, WiFi, sea views.

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Villa 218E, Jolly Harbour

From US\$215 a night

Set just 100 metres from beautiful Jolly Beach, this lovely villa sleeps six in total with a double sofa bed in the living room. Bars, restaurants and international supermarket are within walking distance.

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Sunshine Villa, Jolly Harbour

From US\$250 a night

Lovely waterfront villa with sea views, a short walk to the beach and close to local amenities. Stylish interior, modern appliances, air-conditioning, WiFi, extended terrace overlooking harbour.

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Elysium Fields

From US\$3,500 per night

A four-bedroom villa in a sleek contemporary style complete with luxury fixtures, fittings and furnishings. Elysium Fields fringes the pristine shores of Jolly Beach with amenities a short walk away.

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Sugar Mill, Galley Bay Heights

From US\$2,150 per night

Providing over 10,000 square feet of living space spread over four levels, this luxurious villa complete with Jacuzzi and infinity pool is the jewel of Galley Bay Heights. It not only has spectacular views of Deep Bay and beyond, it is also the only villa in this development with private beach access.

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Villa Sandcastle, Jolly Harbour

From \$2,000 a night

This sensational villa is tucked away on tranquil North Beach. Exquisitely styled, it has an array of indoor and outdoor spaces offering places to relax, work or socialise. Infinity pool, stunning views, air-conditioning, WiFi.

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Palm Breeze, Hamilton Estate

From US\$355 a night

This lovely upper-floor apartment has been recently renovated, offering a luxurious blend of comfort and natural beauty. Located within walking distance of Jolly Harbour, its amenities and stunning beach, the property is set on a private road with off-street parking and has a large shared pool.

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Villa Sunset, Sugar Ridge

From US\$675 a night

This is an exceptional villa overlooking an expanse of Caribbean Sea offering the stunning nightly views which lent it its name. Villa Sunset has outdoor dining and living areas, a pebble-tiled infinity pool and three king-size bedroom suites, each linked to the main pavilion by covered terraces for added privacy.

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Villa Papillon, Jolly Harbour

From US\$6,000 per night

This new six-bedroom villa complete with pool, gym, and yoga deck boasts excellent views from its elevated Reeds Point spot. Villa Papillon is a tranquil retreat that benefits from close proximity to all of Jolly Harbour's amenities.

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Calabash, Harbour View

From US\$355 a night

Calabash is set in a peaceful residential community within walking distance of Jolly Harbour's plentiful amenities and white sand beach. It has a large pool, sundeck and verandah. The spacious interior is fully air-conditioned and there is a large well equipped kitchen.

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Villa 248E, Jolly Harbour

From US\$325 a night

This super stylish villa has been totally refurbished to a luxurious standard and is located in a family-friendly gated community, just a 30-minute drive from the international airport. It offers scenic harbour views, is fully equipped with contemporary appliances and is within walking distance of the beach and amenities.

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Villa Utopia, Harbour View

\$355 a night

Well-maintained detached villa with spacious sundeck, swimming pool, and shaded verandah with dining table for eight. Villa Utopia has a quiet residential setting with bars, restaurants and beaches within walking distance.

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Villa 238A, Jolly Harbour

From US\$250 a night

Well-presented and beautifully styled waterfront villa within walking distance of beach. There is an extended deck from which to soak up the marina views, and a shaded terrace for outdoor dining. The villa is air-conditioned, and has WiFi and a fully fitted kitchen.

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The White House, Harbour View

From US\$357 a night

Well-kept single-storey villa a short walk from Jolly Harbour. The interior is clean and spacious with glass doors leading onto a shaded terrace, sundeck and pool. The White House is a 30-minute drive from the international airport.

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Villa 222C, Jolly Harbour

\$300 a night

Recently refurbished two-bedroom villa with modern fixtures and fittings, large sundeck with loungers and outside dining table. Air-conditioning, barbecue, WiFi. Five-minute walk to Jolly Beach.

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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

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16. Donkey Sanctuary
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KHAN CORDICE

*“Giving back is
where I see
my legacy”*



Steel orchestras have undergone a metamorphosis since their humble roots almost a century ago when they were considered the devil’s music. Back then, the discordant sounds of rudimentary ‘instruments’ like hubcaps and scrap metal were a far cry from the highly technical drums of today. These days, local schools, churches and resorts alike can be heard hammering out the quintessential sound of the Caribbean. Multi-award winning musical maestro Khan Cordice – the country’s Director of Culture – has been at the forefront of the scene for more than two decades. Here, the 33-year-old from Point and Villa talks to *Luxury Locations Magazine* about giving back to the nation he loves, his hopes for the art form’s future – and the intoxicating feeling of being on stage.

How has pan evolved over the years?

A lot. It’s much more accepted now than it was even 20 years ago; there are people from what we might call the elite classes playing who would not previously have been associated with it. There’s still work to be done improving our young people’s music literacy but, thanks to school programmes, many of them are now going off to study music.

Internationally, there has been so much innovation, for example in Switzerland and Japan; now we even have electronic versions of the instrument.



You’ve done a lot of work with the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra. What’s been the best part?

Seeing the growth of young people. The orchestra is filling a void we have had for a long time. It encourages excellence among young people and focus on music outside soca and calypso, while introducing them to instruments other than pan. The most warming part is seeing the number of young people wanting to join.

You have quite a name for arranging winning compositions for the national Panorama competition. How many times have you claimed the title?

I have nine wins out of 12 times participating for arranging. If you include just playing, then plenty more.

Who do you attribute your success to?

I have an amazing wife; she’s incredibly hard working and she keeps me grounded. I also have two daughters, aged seven and three. But my mum, Naomi Isaac, who passed away in 2015 from breast cancer, has been easily the most supportive person I’ve

had in my life. I would look down into the audience and see her there.

My mum was my main advisor on the songs I chose for Panorama and she wasn’t a musician. I’ve always felt I must be able to appeal to the layman so I would bounce ideas off her. Panorama always featured a lot of 70s and 80s songs and in 2015

I wanted to change the landscape. I presented ‘Sand to the Beach’ to her by Menace [Antiguan soca star]. She said, this is a new song but I think I like it; you can do some damage with this.

We buried her a week before the competition. So unfortunately she wasn’t there to see us win, but that one was all for her.

What’s your favourite thing to do when you’re not working?

That’s rare. Every week, I try to carve out time for my family. My older daughter is good at calling me out and saying, daddy you need to come and spend some time. I don’t really go to bars and clubs, that’s not my thing. I prefer to be at home or by a neighbour’s place playing dominoes.

How does it feel to play with a steel orchestra on stage?

The very first experience is the most exciting – and the most nerve-racking. My very first time was in 2002. I remember hearing a count to start the tune and then applause – I remember nothing in between. There’s just a burst of energy that comes over you.

If you hadn’t been a musician, what might you have done?

As a child I wanted to be a doctor or a lawyer – or a police officer like my father. Later on I was

very much into accounting and economics, which I have an associate degree in. But music has been at the forefront of my life, and I started travelling, representing Antigua. Otherwise I would probably have been some sort of counsellor for young people.

How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who gave back; that’s where I see myself leaving a legacy. There were so many people that contributed to where I am today that meant I never had to spend a dollar to get there. I feel a need to give back, especially to the underprivileged. The reason I am here, as Director of Culture but also as one of the internationally renowned steel pannists from Antigua, is because of everyone who gave their time.

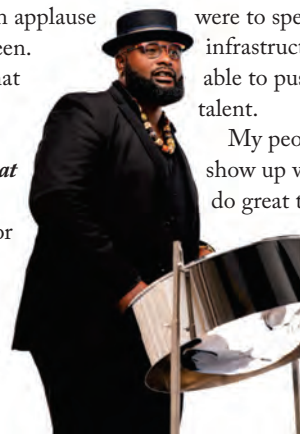
I’ve been teaching steelpan community classes since I was 14 or 15. I teach seven a week, including an adults class on Friday evening. After a long week I look forward to spending that time with them; I call them my children but some could be my grandparents. Seeing them grow has been a delight for me.

If tomorrow I leave this world, I want to feel I assisted in the development of the next generation so that steelpan can live on for another 80-plus years.

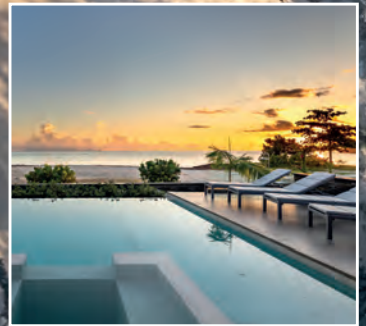
What makes you proud to be Antiguan?

I’m still in awe at the amount of international successes we’ve been able to get; my people are extremely gifted. If we were to spend a bit more on grassroots infrastructure from a young age, we’d be able to push out even more international talent.

My people are one of a kind – they show up when needed and we’re able to do great things with the little we have. And I think we have the prettiest flag in the world. ■



As told to Gemma Handy



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