

ST. BARTHS: *Sweet Solitude*

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Lush tropical landscapes, luxurious amenities, lavish, but cozy cottages, large private verandas surrounded by gardens, ocean views from almost every vantage point. These are just a few of the amazing features you'll find at Le Guanahani on the French Caribbean island of St. Barths.

Situated on top of a peninsula nestled between Marigot Bay and Grand Cul-de-Sac, Le Guanahani offers the romantic setting honeymooners seek, without sacrificing the vibrant atmosphere that St. Barths is known for. Party at Nikki Beach or sip cocktails at the trendy Eden Rock, but then return home to the sweet solitude of Le Guanahani.

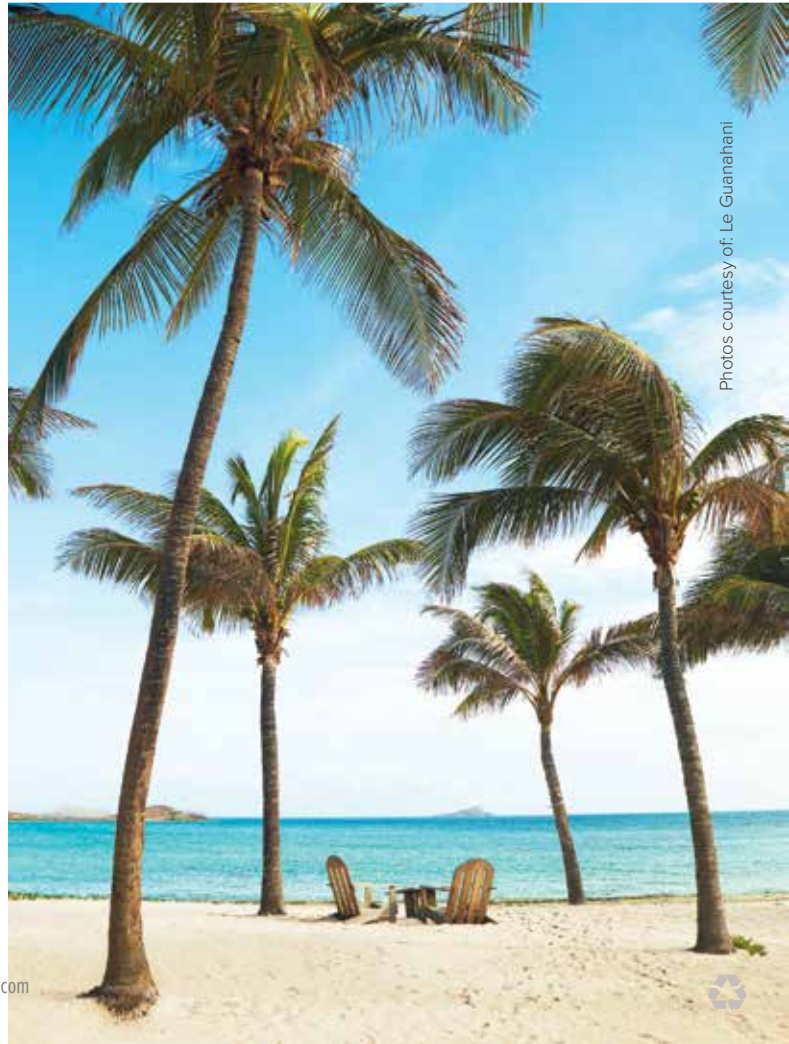
Gentle walking paths lined with bougainvillea and hibiscus meander through the property's 18 lush acres past the multicolored cottages and down to Indigo and Indigo on the Beach – the two casual dining options. In the evening, enjoy a romantic candlelit dinner at Bartolomeo where the chef expertly blends Caribbean and Mediterranean flavors served with an impressive wine list and delightful cocktails.

The cottages were recently redesigned under the guidance of Luis Pons, who married subtle blues and greys with pops of red and yellow. He furnished the rooms with unique pieces that reflect the themes of exploration and travel. For your honeymoon, we suggest a one-bedroom suite with a private pool or, for a truly unique experience, the new Wellness Suite with private access to the spa after-hours.

A visit to the Spa by Clarins is a must for any honeymooning couple. Their menu includes a variety of treatments from across the world including Thai, Shiatsu and Lomi-Lomi, as well as facials, body wraps and hot stone massages. The spa's large, secluded pool is available to all adult guests during their stay.

Le Guanahani is blessed with two parallel beaches – one on the calm lagoon side where you can partake in all manner of water sports and the other with more active surf. Deep-sea fishing, tennis, shopping excursions and snorkeling with sea turtles will keep your time at Le Guanahani as busy as you care to be.

Le Guanahani has the “je ne sais quoi” that makes it an amazing honeymoon destination.



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