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LE GUANAHANI

67 ROOMS



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Anse du Grand Cul-de-Sac
St. Barts



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On St. Barts, there are, unequivocally, two types of travelers—those who would rather be seen at the island’s bars and night spots than at their hotels, and those who come in search of privacy and relaxation. For the second set, there's Le Guanahani, the island’s only full-service resort—kitted out with a spa, a gym, gardens, and its own restaurant—with 67 rooms and suites spread across the property’s private, 18-acre peninsula. In honor of its 30th anniversary, the hotel unveiled a fresh new look in 2016, following a four-year, \$40 million design overhaul. Every detail has been reconsidered, from the design of the reception desk, with its custom-made luggage chests (a nod to colonial explorers) to the interiors of each room, where handmade furnishings in mahogany and woven straw, inspired by the Panama hat, and vintage prints and maps soften the vibrant yellow, turquoise, and lavender hues of throw pillows and walls.

But perhaps the most interesting transformation can be seen in the hotel’s wellness program, which was fittingly given a refresher of its own; it’s the only place in the Caribbean you’ll find My Blend by Clarins treatments, individually customized to each guest. The spa has also rolled out a menu of skincare and massage services developed by botanist and Body Bliss founder Nick James, like the Relief & Recovery massage (it combines stretches, compressions, and oils infused with arnica and ginger extracts to ease muscle tension), which harness the power of aromatherapy to achieve overall well-being. More active travelers can fit in a morning yoga session led by the fitness staff and get their outdoor fix with complimentary non-motorized water-sports like wind surfing, paddle boarding, and snorkeling, which can also be organized for children through the Kids Club. Fish-focused Mediterranean cooking defines the dining offerings at the property’s three

major eateries, which will be taken a step further in 2017 when the beach-side restaurant Indigo is redesigned from floor to menu. Not to miss: the Cook your Catch program. Head off in the morning with a 7th-generation fisherman to catch Mahi Mahi and Red Snapper, and return to have it prepared anyway you like it by the hotel's head chef. —*Lindsey Tramuta*

Bar Beach Gym Kids_program Pool Spa



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